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LIKE US IN EVERY WAY

SERVANT OF ALL

March 25 and 26, 2017

A mother wants the best for her sons. What parent doesn't? But greatness in Jesus' kingdom comes only by becoming a servant of all. Is that what we really want for our children? Is that what we want for ourselves?

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 238

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

M In the name of the Father and of the Son and + the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M Dear friends, we were once enemies of God, lost in sin, without hope in this world. Because of our sin and rebellion we deserved nothing less than God's eternal wrath and punishment. But Jesus stepped up to the plate, took our place, knowing that, in doing so, he was going to face unimaginable suffering and pain.

C **We, on the other hand, are afraid to take risks for the sake of the gospel. We want to keep our lives safe. We cling to comfort. We build barriers to protect ourselves. We choose the easy way.**

M Fully aware of the gravity of our spiritual weakness and the eternal consequences of our sin, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

All **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C **Amen.**

RESPONSE HYMN 114, vv. 1, 2

Christ, the Life of All the Living

**Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe --
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Thou, ah, thou hast taken on thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, before the world began, in mercy you chose to send your one and only Son into this world.

C **He took on our human flesh and blood, so that he would live the life we cannot and die the death we deserved.**

M Though he was tempted in every way as we are, he did not sin.

C **Teach us to lean on you for the strength we need, especially when we are called to suffer. Deliver us from the corruption of sin, and make us more like Jesus.**

M We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C **and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:1-10, Bible page 1132

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Jesus has accomplished salvation by meeting the righteous demands of the law in our place. We now have a new spirit which is led by the Holy Spirit.

PASSION HISTORY VIDEO

Matthew 27:27-42; *Jesus suffered for us.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 428

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

SERMON

Matthew 20:17-28, Bible page 987

Pastor Peter Panitzke

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

Only Always, *Pastor Jeffrey Bonack*
The Lamb, *Handbells*
arr. by Sheryl Hansen and John Behnke

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

O holy, holy, holy

Lord God of pow'r and might,

Your glory, earth and heaven

In countless ways recite.

Hosanna! Come and save us,

Lord God of hosts on high,

And in your grace and mercy

Receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest!

How truly blest is he

Who in God's name is coming

To set his people free!

He comes to bring salvation

And with his blood outpoured,

Deliver us from bondage—

Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 6.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 117
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O Dearest Jesus
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

SONG OF SIMEON

Lord, now let your servant
 Depart in peace, assured:
 For I have seen your promised
 Incarnate, saving Word —
 A Light that will enlighten
 All gloom where Gentiles dwells;
 The brilliant, crowning glory
 Of those in Israel!

All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever three in one;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.

CLOSING PRAYER

- M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) *Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Carol Nelson*

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

*We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Our membership course, *Following the Promise*, is held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. Please contact Pastor Peter Panitzke at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org to register.*

*If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of *Christian Worship* to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.*

The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pews in the right center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of March 27, 2017

MON	10:00 am	No Lutheran Pre-K or Elementary School – Spring Break Begins Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>The Story Bible Study</i> (Grace Room)
TUE	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i> (Faith Room)
WED	3:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by the the Dorcas Society
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study (Stoney Creek Adult Community)
	7:00 pm	Ministry Board Meeting
	7:00 pm	<i>Financial Peace University</i> (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Pickleball (Trinity Gym)
FRI	5:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal of Connor Andrew and Rachel Eggert
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	1:00 pm	Wedding Ceremony of Connor Andrew and Rachel Eggert
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home and Betty Worachek at Tudor Oaks. Norman Miller is rehabbing at Mukwonago Linden Court and Marlene Sobczak at New Berlin Linden Grove. Emma Benke is at Wheaton Franciscan in Franklin. James Beyer, baby Lucille Bruch, Karen Grenie, Marilyn Miller, and Kim Sandvick have returned home.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Rick Drobka, Shelly Eggert, Namine Eiche, Daniel Holtz, Dan Italiano, Dawn Jahns, Merle Johnson, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, and Jeanne Steinbrecher.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

1216 attended last weekend's worship services. 445 attended Wednesday Lenten worship services.

EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center if you would like to purchase one of the flowers that will beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be placed at the altar for all Easter services and may be picked up after the 10:45 am Easter worship service. Payment should be placed in the provided envelopes marked "Easter Flowers" and then placed in the envelope slot in the Welcome Center.

DIVINE CALL RECEIVED

March 22, 2017

Dear members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,

A humble greeting to you from the hollow of our gracious Savior's hand!

On Sunday, March 20th, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Howard's Grove, Wisconsin, together with the prayerful guidance of the Holy Spirit, has extended a divine call to me to serve as their 7th and 8th grade teacher, as well as to lead their school as the principal.

All calls are unique and special, and I give each one their due diligence. I realize I received another call earlier this school year, and many of you reached out to me then; but I would ask that if you feel so moved to speak to me again, please take the time to do so. Each call is different, and asks individuals to use different God-given gifts. If you feel moved to speak to me again, I welcome your thoughts and insight!

I am humbled, once again, to be able to deliberate where the Lord would like me to serve His earthly kingdom. I would ask for prayers for my family, myself, and for my ministry here at St. Paul's Muskego while I determine where the Lord would have me serve.

In HIS humble service!

Mr. Jeff Wetzel

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Cell Phone: 414.651.5611

MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

The latest newsletter from Missionary John Holtz from Malawi is available at the Welcome Center. Pastor Holtz is a son of our congregation. For about 15 years, gifts from St. Paul's members have proved approximately one-third of the cost of his ministry. Now Pastor Holtz has declined his call to serve Living Water Lutheran in Wind Lake. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless Living Water.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

April 13	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion	3:30 and 7:00 pm
April 14	Good Friday	1:00, 3:30, and 7:00 pm
April 15	Easter Vigil *	5:00 pm
April 16	Easter Sunrise *	6:00 am
	Easter Festival	7:45, 9:15 and 10:45 am
	Easter at The Bridge	10:15 am

* The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunrise services will be identical.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Do you have questions about the Christian faith and what our church teaches? Following the Promise is a Bible introduction study of the truths of Christianity and prepares an individual for membership at St. Paul's and is a great place to have your questions answered! Pastor Pete Panitzke leads the class on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Register by contacting him at (414) 350-1436 or ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org or by marking the back of your Connection Card.

GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

Join St. Paul's member and former pastor, Dan Kolosovsky, to see how God the Holy Spirit has equipped us with many spiritual gifts so that each of us can successfully preach the gospel in a seemingly endless variety of God-pleasing ways. Join the study Sundays through May 7 at 9:15 am.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

The Martin Luther College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Kermit Moldenhauer, will present a choral concert *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in New Berlin on Friday, March 31, at 7:00 pm.

LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Our projected kindergarten enrollment for next year is 30 children, divided into two classrooms. Five of these children enrolled as a result of our decision to participate in the School Choice program. For this we give thanks! Our Pre-K enrollment is already above 60 for next year. We are especially thankful for several new 4K children joining us next year. We have more room in both 3K and 4K.

Every week another family or two reaches out to Mr. Fitzsimmons asking about our school. If you or someone you know would like to visit our Lutheran school, please contact Mr. Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. He would love to give you a tour. You may also enroll directly at www.stpmuskego.org by clicking on TADS in the left menu column.

Five current K-7th grade families and one new 4K family were able to apply for and will now benefit from the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. That application window closed this past Monday. The Wisconsin Choice Program application window continues through April 20. Income guidelines are available at the Welcome Center. Generous tuition assistance packages are also available apart from School Choice. We don't want the cost of tuition to keep your children from the wonderful Christian education at our school.

SERVING OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

EASTER FOR KIDS IS COMING!

- Saturday, April 8, from 9:15 to 11:45 am in the Trinity Gym and Café
- 3-12 years old (3K- 6th Grade)
- Easter basket craft, Easter cookie decorating, Bible study, games, snacks, and fun!
- Register on the church's homepage at www.stpaulmuskego.org, complete the back of your Connection Card, or contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

EASTER FOR KIDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Additional helpers are needed with on-site registration and supervision. If you have a couple of hours available on Saturday morning, April 8, we could sure use your help. Contact Dr. Nelson or mark the back of your Connection Card to express interest. You will then be contacted with the specifics. It's all very easy and fun.

CLASS OF 2017 DATA NEEDED

St. Paul's will be celebrating our teens who are graduating from junior and senior high school in the Class of 2017. If this applies to your son or daughter, please let Dr. Nelson know the following ASAP: What school is he/she graduating from? What are his/her plans for fall 2017? For 8th grade grads, what high school? For 12th grade graduates, what college, branch of the military, or work area? Please forward this information as soon as possible to jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

TUG

TUG teens, get ready for some fun opportunities ahead! First, come have a great night of games at our first Tourney of Games, this Sunday, March 26 from 6:15 to 9:15 pm. Team up and let your game playing skills be seen and heard! There will be pizza and drinks for post and pre-game energy as you battle for a sweet prize. On April 23, TUG is inviting teens 8th grade and older and their parents to Miller Park as the Brewers take on the Cardinals. Tickets are \$20 per person. Sign-up in the church lobby. Please have money to St. Paul's no later than April 13. If you are paying by check, please make the check out to St. Paul's.

HELP IMPROVE OUR MINISTRY TO TEENS: SURVEY ON WEBSITE

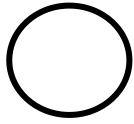
Two short surveys are on the home page of our church website at www.stpaulmuskego.org. One survey is for teens to complete and the other is for parents. The goal is to obtain feedback that will be useful for the development of better ministry programming to teens in the congregation and community. Thank you for taking the time to participate.

NURSERY STAFF FOR THE BRIDGE

The Bridge service has grown to the point of needing hired nursery staff each week. We currently have two staff people who alternate covering the nursery on Sundays at the main church and are hoping to arrange the same for the Bridge. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Voting will take place on our campus on Tuesday, April 4, in the Trinity Café. We are looking for individuals who would like to donate cookies and water or a couple hours of their time to serve at this outreach event. Please sign up on the sheets at the Welcome Center or contact Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

Like Us In Every Way – Service with a Sanctified Smile!

CHECK IN: Is your small group taking some time each meeting to share individual “highs” and “lows” since you last met, and then praying about these things? If not, please consider it.

1. RECALL:

- Tell of a time when you received either absolutely incredible or shockingly horrible service from a company of some kind or one of its representatives.
- Why do you remember this service experience so well?
- Do you think you deserved something other than what you got? Explain.

2. READ: Matthew 20:17-28

- In the NIV translation of this text, this heading appears: “Jesus Predicts His Death a Third Time.” Why do you think Jesus needed to be so repetitious?
- After Jesus tells everyone what is going to befall him, “Mrs. Zebedee” a.k.a. Salome, advocates for her boys, and we get the sense it was a bit urgent. How might Luke 9:51-56 and Mark 3:17—passages about her sons—give us some clues as to the DNA driving Salome?
- What about Salome’s request should be applauded? What about it should be abhorred?
- If you are a parent, tell of a time when you spoke up for your child? Were you right to do it?
- Lest we are too hard on Salome, how do Mark 15:40 and Mark 16:1 offer another perspective?

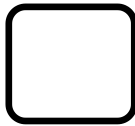
3. REVIEW:

- What does the fact that Jesus did not give Salome (and her sons) a “Get thee behind me, Satan!” comeback tell us about his servant heart?
- How is Matthew 20:25-28 a demonstration of servant Jesus taking advantage of a servant-leadership teachable moment?
- Why should Mark 10:45 and Philippians 2:6-8 drive every disciple of Jesus to his/her knees?
- How does Ephesians 2:10 provide further evidence of God’s servant heart for his children?

4. REFLECT: Allow the way to your great work to be guided by his great sacrifice.

PRAY: Brother, let me be your servant. Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony.
Born of all we’ve known together—of Christ’s love and agony.

Richard Gillard



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

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Matthew 20:17-28, page 987

“Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

1. Which cup to choose?

- a. The bigger cup for greater _____?
- b. The bigger cup for greater _____?
- c. Let _____ choose the cup!

2. What is your cup?

- a. Jesus knew his cup included _____ and _____.
- b. Know your cup includes _____ and _____.

My Next Steps

- **Seek to better understand your cup:** Read “The Table of Duties” at the end of Martin Luther’s Small Catechism. Copies are available at the Welcome Center or Google “Table of Duties WELS.”
- **Confess your failure to drink your cup:** “What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them? I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities [that is, am I drinking the cup Jesus has given me] as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome?” (*Christian Worship*, Personal Preparation for Communion, page 156)
- **Claim the power of the Lord’s Supper to drink your cup:** “I will make a new covenant... I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts... I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more” (Jeremiah 31:31-34).