

HIS PAIN OUR GAIN

HIS COMPASSION

March 16 and 17, 2019

Throughout his ministry, Jesus experienced resistance and rejection. Yet in that wound we see the depth of his compassion. The harder our hearts become, the more powerfully his heart beats for us.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 379

Amazing Grace

BAPTISMS (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

Hymnal page 12

Ariya Victoria Palenski, born August 1, 2014

Amelia Jade Palenski, born May 23, 2017

Ariya and Amelia are the daughters of Mark and Brittany Palenski

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

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, God's Word speaks of humanity's universal condition:

C **There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who is good, not even one** (*Romans 3:10-12*).

M The struggles, the difficulties, the pain and sorrow of this life, and, finally, the greatest enemy, death, are all the result of our sin. Rather than forsaking us to an eternity of misery, Jesus, God's Son, had compassion on us. He became one of us. He carried our sin, so that he could free us from sin and its consequences forever. Let's heed God's call, therefore, to humble ourselves before him and confess our sin.

All **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY



M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer and Praise

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE 343, vv. 3-4

Christ Is this World's Light

**Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!**

**Give God the glory, God and none other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
Give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
Glory to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Father, in your great mercy you do not treat your people as they deserve.

C **May your words of love and compassion in Christ strengthen us and gives us hope.**

M We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Hosea 11:1-9a, Bible page 905

In fatherly love, the Lord laments the unfaithfulness of his people. Though his heart is broken, his compassion is aroused, and he promises not to treat them as their sins deserve.

ANTHEM (Sunday 9:15 am)

Part of the Plan, St. Paul's Pre-K students

PSALM OF THE DAY (Saturday and Sunday 7:45 am)

Psalm 103, Hymnal page 105

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love.

SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 3:3-9, Bible page 1227

The Lord's judgment is coming. He is not slow in keeping his promise. He is patient, desiring that all come to faith and are saved.

HYMN OF THE DAY 372

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

God So Loved the World, *Brass Ensemble*
arr. by Todd Marchand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M We pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M We pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M We pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful, even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

CLOSING HYMN 112

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

CLOSING PRAYER

M Let us pray.

Jesus, your great love for the world moved you to take on our human flesh and blood. You were determined to go to the cross to bear our sin and guilt.

C **We stand in awe of the sacrifice you made for us. As we go out into the world, make us strong to do your will and to live for your glory.**

M We pray, Jesus, in your name. You live and reign with the Father 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

POSTLUDE (*Sunday*) **Were You There?**, *Brass Ensemble*
arr. by Al Schumacher

ORGANIST (*Saturday*) *Darik Mischke*
(*Sunday*) *Carol Nelson*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of March 18, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Nomination Committee Meeting (Church Library)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 9)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
7:30 pm	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Church Balcony)	
WED	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	3:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by WLHS mission trip participants (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	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)
	6:30 pm	<i>Financial Peace University</i> (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Pickleball League
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel (Main Church)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	8:00 am	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Faith Room)
	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 Holy Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service	



St. Paul's

Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Bruce Marggraf, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, Dick and Jane Sternberg.

HOSPITALIZED

Randy Martin is at St. Luke's. Bernie Elger is at Linden Grove New Berlin, Lois Guhr at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, Theresa Raduege at Autumn Leaves in Franklin, and Marlene Sobczak at Linden Grove Mukwonago.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church equipped with a silent pager system to alert parents if any need arises. A worship host will be happy to direct you to the nursery if needed.

ATTENDANCE

931 attended last weekend's worship services. 429 attended midweek Lenten services.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW JESUS BETTER

Pastor Nate would love for you to join him while he walks through the basics of what the Bible teaches and how it relates to God's promises for you Tuesdays at 7:00 pm or Sundays at 8:30 am. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org.

MARCH/APRIL GRACE ROOM SERIES

Join former WELS Pastor Dan Kolosovsky as he leads a study of the reliability and trustworthiness of the Bible based on 2 Peter, Sundays at 9:15 am.

LEARN ABOUT OUR SOUTHEAST ASIA MISSIONS

The Dorcas Society will be hosting Anne Press from Christians Forward, a Christ-centered humanitarian relief organization, to speak about our church body's mission efforts in Southeast Asia. Join the discussion on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ENROLL

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open for our 3K to 8th grade Lutheran school. School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons would love to give you a tour of our school facilities and answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. You may also register online at www.stpmuskego.org/tads.

CLASS OF 2019 – LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS

St. Paul's will be celebrating our teens graduating from junior and senior high school this spring. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, with the following:

Class of
2019

- What school are you graduating from?
- What are your plans for fall 2019? 8th grade graduates - what high school? 12th grade graduates - what college, branch of military, or area of work?

THE COOL MILLION

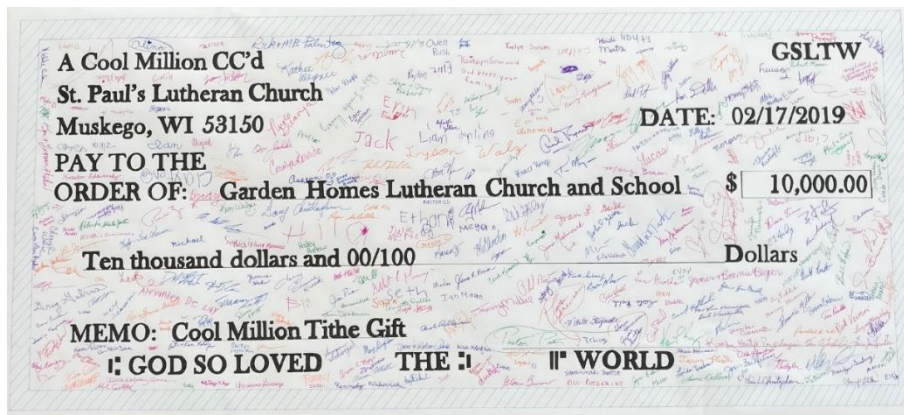
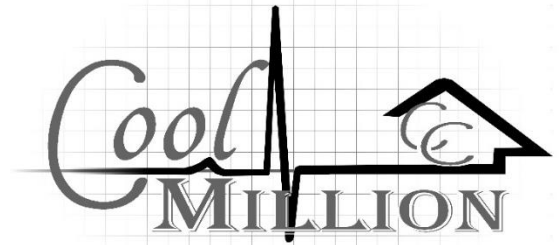
COOL MILLION – CAN'T SIGN THE CHECK YET!

St. Paul's President Mike Grimes and Pastor Panitzke will be worshipping at Garden Homes Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 31 to present the fifth of our \$10,000 Cool Million tithe gifts. (The first three went to support Costa Maya Ministries in Mexico and the fourth to support our Malawi mission partner's exploratory work in Uganda.)

Our current total is \$485,217. We need nearly \$15,000 in the next couple of weeks to reach \$500,000 so that we can sign a real check! We are also in the process of signing contracts for summer work:

- Completion of the HVAC work in the school (so the entire school will be air conditioned and have a reliable heating system).
- Refinishing the Centennial Gym ceiling and installing new lights.
- Reroofing the Centennial Gym and the church.

To accomplish these tasks, we need \$825,000 by the end of the summer. Thanks in advance for every gift given in response to God's great compassion toward us in Christ. Mark your gift clearly "Cool Million" or give online at StPaulMuskego.org/give.



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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

DONATE YOUR SOLES FOR JESUS

Soles for Jesus is a Milwaukee based organization that is dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus by distributing shoes to the under-served people in sub-Saharan Africa. 452,000 shoes have been sent all over Africa since 2010, setting individuals one step ahead on the path to a better quality of life.



One in two people live in extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. HIV has devastated the region, and in wake of this epidemic there are millions of orphans struggling to exist on their own. The number of orphans in Africa that need the basic necessity of shoes is astounding – over 20 million. Shoes lower the risk of injury and infection and are a gift that lasts for years, not only as a reminder of God's love but also as catalyst to a better quality of life.



This will be the third year our school will be holding a shoe drive. This year we will also have a donation drop off location here at church. Just bring your new or gently used shoes between March 23 and April 7 to the church lobby during worship times. (Please - no boots, heels, or flip flops) For more information about *Soles for Jesus* visit www.solesforjesus.org. Thank you for your continued partnership in sharing the unconditional love of Jesus!

OPENINGS ON THE ST. PAUL'S STAFF

JOIN OUR CLEAN TEAM

We are looking to fill a second shift part-time flex position to cover 8-16 hours of weekly work. Our staffing model has the flexibility of working anywhere from a 3-hour shift to a 5-hour shift. The work schedule is flexible with some shifts starting later into the evening hours to accommodate those with busy day-time schedules. If interested in learning more, please contact Church Administrator Randy Fink at rfink@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext.120.

JOIN OUR EVENT STAFF

We are currently hiring a part-time employee to join our event staff team. Hours vary, usually short shifts of three hours or less. Signup for the events that work for your schedule. Duties include welcoming guests to the community events on our campus, overseeing events, and assisting with questions as needed. For more information contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294.

JOIN THE BRIDGE NURSERY TEAM

Do you love kids and find joy in the thought of improving the worship experience for our guests to The Bridge? We are currently hiring a part-time childcare provider for The Bridge nursery. Hours are 10:00 – 11:30 am, two Sundays per month. For more information contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE PLAY

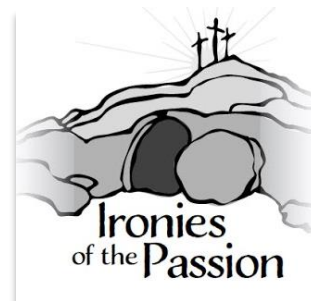
St. Paul's will be hosting two volleyball tournaments in the next couple of months for men and women. The tournaments are intended for competitive teams. Details and registration forms are available for the men's tournament at the Welcome Center or at www.stpaulmuskego.org. Details and forms for the women's tournament will be available soon. Contact Cindy Proeber at Cindy.proeber@accuratedesign.com with questions.

LENT AT ST. PAUL'S

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES—3:30 AND 7:00 PM

Join us as we continue to walk with Jesus through the critical hours leading up to his suffering and death. We are looking at statements full of irony that were said during the passion, comments that surprise us because of who said them or that they have a meaning so different than what the speaker intended. We will be blessed with a guest preacher each Wednesday.

- the power of God as he uses his enemies to accomplish his plan.
- the wisdom of God that appears so foolish to others.
- the mercy of our God who will allow nothing to hinder his saving plan.



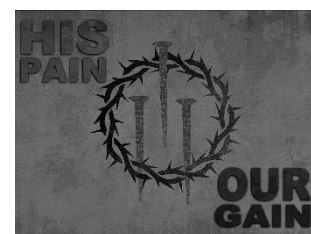
SUPPORT TEENS AND MISSIONS AT THIS WEEK'S SOUP SUPPER

This week's soup supper will be hosted by Wisconsin Lutheran High School mission trip leaders and participants. Free will offerings will support this outreach effort. Enjoy camaraderie and a warm meal while supporting a great cause Wednesday, March 20, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room

SUNDAYS OF LENT – HIS PAIN OUR GAIN

"Christ for us." That is the summary of the Christian message and the focus of our Sunday Lenten series. Everything he did, everything he suffered, was for our benefit. During the Lenten season, our goal is to find rest for our souls in this simple truth: Christ for Us.

March 24	His Submission	April 7	His Justice
March 31	His Honesty	April 14	His Joy



EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby if you would like to purchase one or more of the flowers that will beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be beautify the church for all Easter services and may be picked up after the 10:45 am Easter worship service. Payment should be made out to St. Paul's, placed in the provided envelopes marked, "Easter Flowers," and placed in the lock box provided.

EASTER FOR KIDS – SATURDAY, APRIL 13

St. Paul's annual Easter For Kids will be Saturday, April 13, 9:00-11:45 am, at the school. This event is for children ages 3-12. The morning will feature singing, games, crafts, a puppet show, the Easter story, and more. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at www.stpaulmuskego.org. If you'd like to help, contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the Connection Card.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

April 18	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion	3:30 and 7:00 pm
April 19	Good Friday	1:00, 3:30, and 7:00 pm
April 20	Easter Vigil *	5:00 pm
April 21	Easter Sunrise *	6:00 am
	Easter Festival	7:45, 9:15 & 10:45 am
	Easter at The Bridge	10:15 am

DIVINE CALL DELIBERATIONS

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED TO MRS. CHRISTEL STRUTZ

The St. Paul's Ministry Board has extended a call to Mrs. Christel Strutz to teach third grade in our elementary school. Mrs. Strutz currently serves as a third and fourth grade teacher at St. Paul's in Cudahy. Her husband, Randall, is a teacher and head coach of the varsity girls' basketball team at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Please keep Mrs. Strutz in your prayers as she deliberates this call.

MS. NICOLE GLODOWSKI DIVINE CALL RECEIVED

Last week, our fourth grade teacher, Ms. Glodowski, received the news that St. Phillip's Lutheran School in Milwaukee has extended her a divine call to teach third grade. Ms. Glodowski wrote the following letter to the congregation:

March 12, 2019

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

I am writing to share with you that I have received a call to teach third grade at St. Philip's Lutheran School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is a blessing to have the opportunity to evaluate both my call here at St. Paul's and the call extended by St. Philip's. I ask that you please keep me in your prayers as I consider where the Lord would have me serve. I would appreciate any comments or input that you may have regarding my ministry. I am confident the Lord will lead me to a decision in the weeks ahead.

Your servant in Christ,

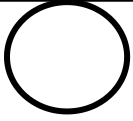
Nicole Glodowski

MR. MIKE WESTENDORF DELIBERATING DIVINE CALL

Mike Westendorf is deliberating a divine call extended to him by our Ministry Board to serve in a position called "Resident Musical Artist and Director of Video Production." Mike currently leads part-time as the coordinator of The Bridge and contemporary services. Please keep Mike and his family in your prayers as he prayerfully considers this call.

JOIN US ONLINE!   

- **Watch Live:** Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am @ www.thebridgemuskego.org, Facebook @ The Bridge at St. Paul's, and You Tube @ The Bridge Church Muskego.
- **Sermon Videos and MP3s:** An archive of sermons is available at www.stpaulmuskego.org as well as on each platform above.

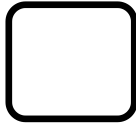


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Have you committed to "giving up something for Lent" this year? If so, discuss that experience with your group. What is the purpose of giving something up for Lent?
2. This week's message really drills down into the extravagant nature of God's love for us all. Share an example of a time that you have experienced extravagant love, either from God or a fellow human.
3. Re-read the sermon text (Luke 13:31-35) together. If a 5-year-old child asked you what these verses had to do with God's love for us, what would you say?
4. Why do you suppose it is so hard for many people to accept that God loves them?
5. In the sermon text as well as other key places in scripture, Jesus encounters hypocrisy. Read Matthew 23:28 for Jesus' definition of a hypocrite. What evidence do we have in scripture that proves Jesus loves even those with a tendency towards hypocrisy?
6. This message series, "His Pain - Our Gain," reminds us that his amazing gift of salvation came at a terrible cost. Does this reminder more often cause you to feel 1) guilt or 2) gratitude?
7. Do you know of a person who has lost hope and is struggling with believing God's gift of love is for him/her? Close your time together in prayer for these people.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

His Pain – Our Gain

See the Compassionate Love of Jesus

Luke 13:31-35, Bible page 1046

- I. See a love that takes him to his certain death.
- A. The Pharisees are an example of h_____ = trying to cover up one's true motives with a show of right
 - B. Painting entitled *Religious Hypocrite*
 - C. Jesus publicly defies King Herod by calling him a “f_____,” a cunning and conniving rascal.
 - D. Jesus' g_____ wouldn't be met until he reached his d_____ and r_____ in J_____.
- II. See a love that grieves for those who reject him.
- A. God's own people r_____ the very One whom God had sent to save them.
 - B. Jesus longs for the s_____ of the world (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4).
 - C. If we are lost, it's not G_____ fault; it's o_____ fault.
 - D. Jesus has done everything necessary for our s_____.
- III. See a love that gives hope to those who are without hope.
- A. Why hasn't God given up on us?
 - B. God comes to us in his W_____ and s_____.
 - C. God promises never to let us d_____ or let us g_____ (Hebrews 13:5).
 - D. Weasel in the hen house

My Next Steps

- **Read** Luke 22:39-46 in preparation for next week's message on *His Pain – Our Gain*.
- **Memorize** Hebrews 13:5 – “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
- **Arrange your schedule** to attend this week's Wednesday midweek Lenten service.