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HIS PAIN OUR GAIN

HIS HONESTY

March 30 and 31, 2019

*Peter had a blind spot. He couldn't see that he was overconfident. Jesus was honest with him and warned him. We have blind spots too! Who will be honest enough to warn us?
And who will help us when we are unable to see God's forgiving love?*

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 338

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

M The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Dear friends, Jesus warns us, "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak" (*Matthew 26:41*).

C **Like Jesus' disciples we become weary in the battle. We lean on our own strength. We fall prey to the devil's temptations.**

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.

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

HYMN 376, v. 1, 4, 6

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

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| <p>1. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!</p> | <p>4. Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.</p> |
| <p>6. Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.</p> | |

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Let us pray.
God of grace and mercy, you gave Jesus into death for us. For the sake of his perfect life and innocent death, you count us righteous.
- C **May your great love for us work faithful love in us.**
- 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**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 4:1-12, Bible page 4

It's only one generation after the Fall when one brother murders another. What a testimony to the depravity that sin brought to the human heart!

VERSE OF THE DAY

M All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed (*Isaiah 53:6*).

SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:14-25, Bible page 1132

The good I want to do, I do not do. The evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing. Who will rescue me from this body of death?

HYMN OF THE DAY 116

In the Hour of Trial

SERMON

Luke 22:54-62, Bible page 1057

Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

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 (*Sunday*)

Amazing Grace, Handbells
arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

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 the 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 387
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Drawn to the Cross
Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

SONG OF SIMEON

O 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 dwell;
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 *Darik Mischke*

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. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at nstrobel@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. 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of April 1, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	1:00 pm	Blood Drive hosted by our Lutheran School
	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	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith 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 with Holy Communion
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by Stoney Creek Adult Community (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)
	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel (Main Church)
	9:00 am	Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
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)
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (School Classroom 8)
	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	

BLOOD DRIVE—MONDAY!

Our Lutheran School is hosting a blood drive through the American Red Cross on Monday, April 1, 1:00-6:00 pm, in the Grace Room. For an appointment call 1-800-red-cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome too! Help save lives!

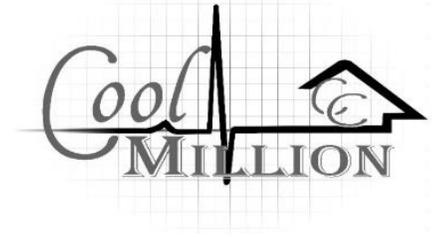


ST. PAUL'S NEWS

THE COOL MILLION UPDATE – THANK YOU!

St. Paul's President Mike Grimes and Pastor Panitzke are worshipping at Garden Homes Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 31, to present the fifth of our \$10,000 Cool Million tithed gifts!

Thank you for your generous gifts that have brought us to the half-way mark of this effort! Your gifts will make a difference for generations to come here at St. Paul's and in places around the world!



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.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, Donald Kirst at Elmbrook, Theresa Raduege at Autumn Leaves in Franklin, and Marlene Sobczak at Linden Grove Mukwonago. Bernie Elger and Randall Martin have returned home.

ATTENDANCE

1135 attended last weekend's worship services. 475 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 on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm or Sundays at 8:30 am. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org.

SUNDAY MORNING 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 through the end of April.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our upbeat, interactive, and fun 3K to grade 8 ministries begin at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the school. Enter the school through the Trinity Cafe. Clearly marked signage will direct you to your child's check-in and room location.

ASK AN ATTORNEY – SPONSORED BY CHRISTIAN FAMILY SOLUTIONS

You are invited to a free seminar where you can ask questions of Attorney David Nommensen on Wednesday, April 3, 11:00 am, at Stoney Creek Adult Community. Please RSVP to Maureen at mstertich@wlcfs.org or (262) 345-3550. You may submit your questions ahead of the seminar to info@wlcfs.org or (262) 345-5542.

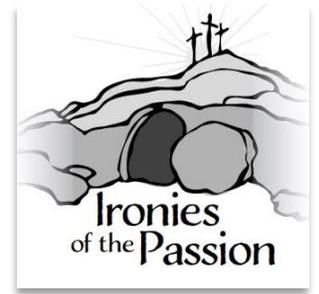
CHURCH CEMETERY WREATHS AND ARRANGEMENTS

It is that time of year to remove all Christmas wreaths and arrangements from the cemetery. After March 30, they will be placed behind the historic church. Please contact Dan Navarrete at (414) 422-0541 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 spoken during Jesus' passion, comments that surprise us because of who said them or that they have a meaning so different than what the speaker intended. We are enjoying guest preachers each Wednesday.



SOUP SUPPER HOSTED BY STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY

Stoney Creek Adult Community will be hosting Wednesday's soup supper. Enjoy a warm meal among friends, April 3, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. Many of our members enjoy living at Stoney Creek. For more information visit www.stoneycreekmuskego.com or ask a host at the soup supper.

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.

April 7	His Justice
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 a provided envelope 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, and 10:45 am
	Easter at The Bridge	10:15 am

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

DIVINE CALL NEWS

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NEWS—LARGE KINDERGARTEN

We are blessed to have 30 children enrolled in next year's kindergarten class and, because of that, we are choosing to have two kindergarten classrooms next school year. With that decision we will be working together with our synod leaders to call a local kindergarten teacher for one year. If you know of a Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod teacher who may be a great fit for this call, please contact Principal Fitzsimmons by April 8 at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, in preparation for our April 16 call meeting.

MISS NICOLE GLODOWSKI DECLINES DIVINE CALL

March 25, 2019

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

After prayerful consideration, the Lord has led me to return the call extended by St. Philip's Lutheran School. Thank you for your prayers during this time and the opportunity to consider both ministries. I believe the Lord still has many opportunities for me to serve Him here in Muskego.

Please keep St. Philip's in your prayers as they prepare to extend their next call.

In Christ's Service,
Miss Nicole Glodowski

MR. MIKE WESTENDORF ACCEPTS DIVINE CALL

March 25, 2019

Dear friends at St. Paul's.

It is with great joy that I announce to you that God has given me a peace and excitement to accept the call to full time ministry as Resident Musical Artist/Director of Video Production at St. Paul's that you have extended to me. Since 2007, I have lived much of my professional life with college aged young adults as a meteorologist and director of operations at Innovative Weather at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, while also maintaining a strong connection to music and ministry through the local church and throughout our synod. As both of these vocations have been blessed by God, the time has come for me to focus more intently on one of these two worthy causes. In this season of life, I am excited to take what God has deposited in me to become a greater blessing to His church, helping empower more people to reach those who do not have the hope that we have in Christ.

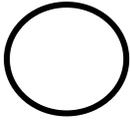
Because of the need to complete the training of a very young staff at Innovative Weather, I will begin my transition to full time ministry later in the fall. I would ask you to join me in praying for Innovative Weather and the staff, students, and administration. I will continue to work with the ministry team at St. Paul's in my current capacity and with eager anticipation of that switch to full time later in 2019.

All of us who know Jesus have incredible stories of God's faithfulness to tell and share with others. My family and I are praying that God would continue to make a place for people at St. Paul's in Muskego who don't have the hope of Jesus. And through God's people, we would be a place where people want to come home to their Father's arms. To God be the Glory!

Mike Westendorf

MRS. CHRISTEL STRUTZ DELIBERATING THIRD GRADE CALL

Mrs. Christel Strutz is deliberating our call to teach third grade in our school. Mrs. Strutz currently serves as a third and fourth grade teacher at St. Paul's in Cudahy. Please keep Mrs. Strutz in your prayers as she prayerfully considers this call.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. It is officially spring! What kinds of hopes and ambitions do you have for the [slightly] warmer weather and longer days we're having?

2. Pastor's message today was about blind spots. Do you have any funny or scary blind spot stories from your days in driver's ed?

3. What kinds of things do you imagine might fall into someone's spiritual blind spot? What makes these things so hard to acknowledge or see?

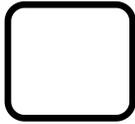
4. Although this week's message focused on Peter's actions as an example, nearly every historic figure in the Bible struggled with spiritual blind spots - Jonah's resentment towards the Ninevites after they repented, for example (Jonah 4). How many others can you come up with as a group? (Be sure to talk about their blind spots).

5. Now it's time to get personal: what about you?
 - What types of things might be considered a blind spot for you?

 - Do you have anyone in your life that you can ask for help in seeing these blind spots and partnering with you to keep you from tripping over them?

6. Read Psalm 139 and Zephaniah 3:17. What do these words mean to you as you consider your blind spots?

7. Close your time together in prayer, asking God to help us look past our guilt and shame to see our mighty, loving Savior's face in all things.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

His Pain—Our Gain Honesty

Luke 22:54-62, Bible page 1057

Blind spots =

Peter, a mirror to our spiritual schizophrenia.

Our lack of spiritual understanding – Who are we l_____ to? The world? Our reason? God?

Our lack of self-understanding – Never say n_____.

Peter, a roadmap to our spiritual demise.

Putting ourselves in harm's way – We cozy up to the fire of t_____.

Walking through the open door – It sounds/feels so r_____.

The path is so predictable – Why do we continue to take it? Sin makes us s_____.

Peter, a testimony to God's unending grace.

Peter's story is not about Peter – It's about God and his g_____.

We imagine God's disappointment and anger – In Christ all sin is forgiven and f_____.

Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Absolution – “My love for you does not c_____.

God's compassion fans the flame of faith – Not “I messed up! My Father is going to k_____ me!”
but “I messed up! I better c_____ Dad!”

Next Steps

- **No secrets.** Read Psalm 139. What fears does this psalm awaken in you? What comfort do you find in these words? If you were talking to Peter after his temptation, how might you use them to encourage him?
- **It's all about grace.** Think of someone you know who struggles with guilt or shame. What are some specific things you can say to that individual that will help him/her better grasp the height, the depth, the length, and the width of God's grace? Look for an opportunity to share them with that person this week.
- **An honest set of eyes.** Who in your life loves you enough to point out your blind spots? Once you pluck up the courage, ask that person to give you an honest assessment of what they think you are not seeing about yourself and your life.