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THE JOURNEY THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

A Journey with a Faithful Guide

May 25, 26, and 29, 2019

How did we ever get around before Google maps? In our Gospel Jesus promises a guide for the journey. He will send his Holy Spirit who will teach us all things and bring us the peace that Jesus came to secure. He will be our guide to keep us on track and constantly show us the best way forward.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 617

Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored

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



C A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Dear God, our Father, we recognize that Satan is trying to trip us up in any way he can. He wants to rob us of the precious comfort of believing that we are forgiven and loved in Christ. He tempts us to root our identity in the approval of this world instead of in the truth of who you, Father, created and redeemed us to be. In the weakness of our sinful nature, we all too often choose to believe his lies. You assure us that freedom is found in confessing our weakness and sin and seeking your forgiving love. And so, Lord God, we come to you today and confess our sin.

C **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.**



All

Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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 A - men.

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

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 265, vv. 1-3

This Is the Feast of Victory

This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

M Heavenly Father, we cannot possibly make our spiritual journey alone.

C **Keep us connected to your Word and sacraments, so that your Spirit may take more firm control of our hearts and lives.**

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



C A - men.

FIRST LESSON**2 Kings 6:15-17**, Bible page 368

Like Elisha's servant, there are times in life when the road ahead has obstacles that we can't imagine overcoming. At those times may God's Holy Spirit give us eyes to see God is fighting for us.

SECOND LESSON**Revelation 3:14-22**, Bible page 1239

Jesus' words to the church at Laodicea are a powerful example of how the Holy Spirit often speaks to us hard truths we need to hear. Without God's loving rebuke, we would be lost.

HYMN 145**Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won****SERMON****John 14:23-29**, Bible page 1081*Pastor David Kuehl***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*)**The Trumpet Shall Sound**, by G. F. Handel*Jill Mitchell, Trumpet**Bruce Boziel, Trombone***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****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.

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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, and now we confess that you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, are one God and one Lord, and we acknowledge you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



OH CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 6.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 377
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**Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
Built on the Rock**

CLOSING PRAYER

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST *Nicole Greanya*

FREE WILL OFFERING FOR OUR TEACHERS LEAVING US

Mrs. Theresa Kirchoff and Mrs. Jessica Vanderhyde will be stepping down as teachers in our school. As is our custom at St. Paul's we will be giving the congregation the opportunity to express their thankfulness and appreciation for these teachers through a free will offering. Today we will gather an offering for Mrs. Vanderyhde. Thank you for your generosity last weekend for Mrs. Kirchoff and in advance for your generosity today!

RECOGNITION OF OUR CALLED WORKERS

We humbly thank the Lord for the called workers through whom he has chosen to bless our congregation and school. We celebrate the milestone years of service of the following individuals:

Dr. Joel Nelson - 40 years in the ministry
Mr. Randy Fink - 20 years in the ministry

Mrs. Sharon Klopf - 10 years at St. Paul's
Miss Nicole Glodowski - 5 years at St. Paul's

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, entitled *Following the Promise*, to provide an overview of our teachings. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org to find the session that works best for your schedule.*

*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 pew in the left center section is 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 May 27, 2019

MON

Memorial Day

TUE

9:30 am Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
 9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study (Faith Room)
 10:00 am Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
 10:30 am Ministerial Team Meeting
 7:00 pm *Following the Promise* Bible Study (Faith Room)

WED

8:15 am St. Paul's Lutheran School Junior Olympics (St. Paul's Campus)
 9:30 am *Mommy and Me* (Faith Room)
 4:30 pm Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
 7:00 pm Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

THURS

6:30 am Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
 8:15 am St. Paul's Lutheran School Closing Service (Main Church)
 10:00 am Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
 6:30 pm Lutheran School Graduation Service (Main Church)

FRI

4:30 pm Hulbert/Elver Wedding Rehearsal in Franklin

SAT

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
 4:00 pm JT Hulbert and Brett Elver Wedding Ceremony in Franklin
 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
 9:45 am The Bridge Holy Communion
 10:15 am The Bridge
 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

The church administration office, located in the school building, will be open 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday - Friday, beginning May 31 until school resumes on August 21. The office is closed on Memorial Day and July 4. As always, if you ever need to reach a pastor or someone on our staff you may use the contact information below.

YOUR MINISTERIAL STAFF Office (414) 422-0320

Pastor Jeffrey Bonack	Ext. 119	jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org	Worship
Mr. Randy Fink	Ext. 120	rfink@stpaulmuskego.org	Church Administrator
Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons	Ext. 118	sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org	School Administrator/Principal
Pastor David Kuehl	Ext. 121	dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org	Member Care and Engagement
Dr. Joel Nelson	Ext. 145	jnelson@stpaulmusekgo.org	Youth and Adult Discipleship
Pastor Peter Panitzke	Ext. 122	ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org	Ministerial Team Leader
Pastor Nate Strobel	Ext. 293	nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org	Resident Missionary
Mrs. Sally Wallner	Ext. 294	swallner@stpaulmuskego.org	Community Outreach Coordinator

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WEDDING

Tyler Polzin and Savannah Christopherson were married on Saturday, May 18, 2019. May God bless Tyler and Savannah in their life-long commitment to each other together with Christ at the center.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, Gary Ives at the VA Hospital, and Audrey Wefel at Virginia Rehab and Health Center. Dorothy Wardin is in home hospice care. Lucille Krebs, Skyler Kreger, Baby Dawson Lindner, and Debra Witte have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

1067 attended last week's worship services.

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING RECAP

Creed Darling was elected and Josh Fink re-elected to at-large positions on the Ministry Board, and Steve Wranovsky was re-elected as secretary. Congregation President Mike Grimes thanked out-going board member Brian Tonn and those who had agreed to be nominated. Other Ministry Board members are Ron Guhr, Steve Meyer, and Treasurer Kevin Krueger. The new Ministry Board members will be installed Sunday, June 2 at the 7:45 am service.

All five resolutions regarding Gift Trust Fund and Legacy Fund distributions were approved. The April treasurer's report included the good news that we have nearly caught up with our projected offering receipts (just \$5,300 behind), and that our tuition and fees receipts are well above plan, with the result that we appear very likely to end the fiscal year on June 30 with a positive cash flow. Mortgage Fund gifts are about \$2,000 behind plan for the year. Cool Million gifts total about \$530,000.

The 2019-2020 Ministry Plan was approved. The April edition of The Messenger outlines details of the Ministry Plan. Pick up a copy at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

COMING YOUR WAY JUNE 11

Following the Promise is a class designed to challenge us in what we think we know, introduce us to the world's only Savior in Jesus, and take us on a journey from creation to the cross and to the halls of heaven. Join Pastor Nate for a look at the basics of what the Bible teaches and how God's promises relate to you on Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15 pm, for 12 weeks. Members and guests! Text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236, email at nstrobela@stpaulmuskego.org, or register on the back of your Connection Card.

MR. KURT STEFFEN CALL DECISION

Mr. Steffen has declined his call to serve at Bethlehem Lutheran School in Menominee Falls in order to continue serving as our 6th-8th grade math and physical education teacher and vice-principal. We pray for God's continued blessing over Mr. Steffen and his ministry to our students and families here at St. Paul's.

MR. JEFF WETZEL CALL DELIBERATION

Mr. Wetzel, our 5th grade teacher and 3rd-5th grade instructional team leader, is deliberating a divine call he received from First Lutheran Church and School in La Crosse to serve as their next principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher. Please keep Mr. Wetzel in your prayers as he deliberates where he could best serve the Lord at this time in his ministry.

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MAKE WEEKLY WORSHIP A PART OF YOUR SUMMER PLANS!

Our worship times will remain the same during the summer. If you are gone over the weekend, join us for worship the following Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The Bridge is also live on Sundays at 10:15 am at TheBridgeMuskego.org. Watch or listen to the weekend message within 24 hours of the service at StPaulMuskego.org.



- **Pentecost United**

A four-week series beginning June 9. We will tackle the issue of division within the Christian Church. Why is division present? Are we causing division? Must there be division?

- **Grace Wins**

A 10-week series, studying the first half of Paul's letter to the Romans. When we see our sin and failure, sometimes it is hard to believe that "Grace wins every time."

JUNE FAMILY IN NEED

The request to help a St. Paul's child receive a service dog has already been filled by a generous donor family. Funds received beyond this initial gift will be placed into our Friends in Need fund to provide additional help to this family or others in need. Thank you for faithfully fulfilling our God's command: "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (*Galatians 6:10*).

WISH LIST

The Wish List contains items that would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's but are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. If you would like to give toward a Wish List item, clearly mark your envelope, "Wish List," with the item title, or give online at www.stpaulmuskego.org/give.

Item	Stretch Goal	Received	Need
Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$ 2,000

Martin Luther College Tuition Assistance Grant

This grant will provide tuition assistance for our members and members of Garden Homes Lutheran Church, our sister congregation, who are attending Martin Luther College preparing to become pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. Currently 6 students from St. Paul's and Garden Homes are enrolled at MLC. We have reached our initial goal of \$4,000. Our stretch goal would be an additional \$2,000. Please give any gifts this week online at [StPaulMuskego.org /give](http://StPaulMuskego.org/give) because the deadline to receive the gifts is June 1.

JAMMIN' ON JANESVILLE COMMUNITY OUTREACH – JUNE 7

We are excited to be a light to the community at Jammin' on Janesville on June 7, 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Our booth will be located between Firestone Tire & Auto and Serendipity Redesign. One of The Bridge bands will be performing near by, with a game and smiling faces to tell about our church and school to the community. Stop by and say hello! Volunteers for the time slot of 6:15-7:45 pm would still be helpful. Mark the back of your Connection Card and you will be contacted by Community Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner or contact Sally directly at (414) 218-5197 or swallner@stpaulmusekgo.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Muskego Woman's Club together with the Blood Center of Wisconsin will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, June 4, in the Grace Room, 1:30 – 6:30 pm. Appointments are strongly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Schedule your appointment with Luann at (414) 916-9650 or with the BCW at 1-800-BEAHERO and ask for the Muskego Community drive held at St. Paul's.

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A LEADERSHIP SUMMIT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

On August 8 and 9, The Global Leadership Summit will be telecast live in HD to over 500 locations nationwide. St. Paul's will be one of the live telecast locations this year for the first time. Visit globalleadership.org to see the line-up of speakers already committed. St. Paul's receives a discounted rate of \$89 before June 25; \$119 after June 25. Register at StPaulMuskego.org/GLS with priority code PV2019.

AWAKE AND ALIVE – JUNE 9

Awake and Alive is a ministry serving college students, young professionals and anyone in the 18-25 generation and their leaders. The purpose of Awake and Alive is to inspire hope-filled young adults to live confident and fearless in who they are in Christ and share that hope with their world. The big summer kickoff happens here on the grounds of St. Paul's on Sunday, June 9, at 5:00 pm. Visit awakealive.com for more information and to register.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER INFANT OPENING

Our Child Care Center has an opening in the infant room. If you are pregnant and need child care arrangements, contact Child Care Director Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, for a tour and answers to all your questions.

READING BUDDIES THANKS YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Reading Buddies is a weekly reading program in which an adult partners with a child to listen and at times read together to encourage a love for reading. This year we were able to have about 30 reading sessions for a total of 430 hours of one-on-one reading time for Kindergarten through 3rd grade in our school. This is about 6.5 hours per student over the course of the year – what a blessing! Reading Buddies meets each Wednesday from 9:45 until 10:45 am in the Trinity Café. If you are interested in being a regular or substitute Reading Buddy for the next school year, please contact Mr. Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320.

Our Reading Buddies this year: Kristen Abramowski, Kim Bohmann, Carolyn Bourdo, Karen Braun, Pat Doll, Stan Grunewald, Lynda Guhr, Jim Haag, Kathleen Haag, Carol Hudy, Mark Iczkowski, Linda Jahns, Katlyn Kelly, Tracy Kneser, Krissa Knetzger, Luke Kubsch, Helen Lynch, Joanne Malinowski, Lindsay Mertz, Tamara Mancuso, Charis Meyer, May Neubauer, Karen Obrien, Sue Oakes, Diane Paschke, Melissa Petersen, Catherine Peterson-Lehr, Dianne Plugge, Sue Raap, Aleah Reuling, Carrie Rynders, Joan Spaulding, Dan Sperber, Jessica Sughroue, Wendy Thiele, Meagan Ward, Kim Weber, Kathy Werner, and Jamie Zellmer.

MAY / JUNE GRACE ROOM SERIES: A CASE FOR FAITH

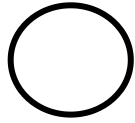
Why does God permit evil? Why do some prayers seem to go unanswered? Why has God allowed the church to engage in brutality and hypocrisy? Tough questions demand convincing answers. Using video segments by journalist, Lee Strobel, as he journeys across the country challenging philosophers, theologians, and ordinary believers to defend their faith, St. Paul's member and leader, Mr. Jim Haag, will challenge Grace Room participants to discover what Jim's small group did when they went through the book *A Case for Faith* together. This Bible study will meet Sundays through June 23, in the Grace Room at 9:15 am.

UNDER THE CANOPY HOSTS

Under the Canopy is a time to gather for coffee, juice, and treats under the canopy of church after Sunday services during the summer months, June 16, June 23, July 7, July 21, and August 18 are available to host. Contact Tammy Miller at (414) 422-0320 ext. 111 for more information and to reserve your date.

STONEY CREEK OUTING

Stoney Creek Adult Community will be traveling to see *That's what I call Rock 'n Roll* at the Fireside on June 27. Call Activities Director Anita at (414) 422-4686 to reserve your spot. Deadline to sign up is May 28.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share highs and lows from the previous week and begin your time together in prayer.

2. Read John 14:23-29.
 - a. How does Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit as a "reminder" for the disciples relate to our confidence in the inspiration of the New Testament?

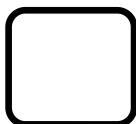
 - b. What do you think Jesus meant by saying that he doesn't give peace the way the world gives it?

3. Read 2 Kings 6:8-23.
 - a. Why was Elisha at peace in contrast to his servant?

 - b. How does "seeing" what Elisha saw give you peace?

4. The Hebrew word for "peace" is "shalom." It is translated "Everything is all right" in 2 Kings 4:26, spoken by a mother even though her only child was dead. Read Psalm 23 together. What words and phrases allow you to experience God's peace, God's assurance that "everything is all right."

5. On this Memorial Day week, close by listing all the individuals the group knows who are serving in the military, as well as those who may continue to deal with the wounds of war, whether they be physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds. Close with a prayer for these individuals and the Lord's Prayer.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Journey with Jesus at Peace with God

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled and Do Not Be Afraid

John 14:23-29 (Bible page 1081)

Introduction: Review the world's sad record at peace.

1. Jesus doesn't give to you as the world gives.

- a. Jesus spoke his words to a t_____ and f_____ band of disciples.
- b. Where have you been looking for peace?
- c. No solution offered by the w_____ will provide a real, lasting, and deep sense of peace.
- d. Our natural restlessness stems from a faulty relationship with G_____.

2. Jesus gives you the best peace in the world.

- a. The one thing that keeps us from being at peace with God is s_____:
--the sin with which we're c_____ (original sin)
--the sins that we c_____ (actual sins)
- b. There's n_____ we can do about our sin (Psalm 49:7; Ephesians 2:8, 9).
We're "a_____ from Christ" (Galatians 5:4).
- c. Jesus' death p_____ for our sins; his resurrection p_____ it (Romans 4:25).
- d. J_____ paints a picture of God's garbage bag of sin (14:17).
- e. The Holy Spirit uses the message of peace to g_____ us on our journey with the risen and living Jesus.
- f. Painting: "Peace" in the midst of the storm.

Conclusion: May the peace of God guard your hearts and minds in Christ.

My Next Steps

Memorize Romans 4:25 – "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."

Read Luke 24:44-53 to prepare for next week's message on *A Journey that Gives Meaning to Life*.

Commit to spending time each day with the Holy Spirit as he assures you in God's Word that in Christ you have the best peace in the world.