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PENTECOST POTENTIAL

CREATED WITH POTENTIAL

June 6, 7, and 10, 2020

In the beginning, through the collaborative work of the triune God, the beauty, intricacy, and complexity of this world was called into existence. God's potent Word created the potential for everything that can and will be.

BELLS AND WELCOME

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.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M O Lord, our God, who is like you? You pardon sin and forgive transgressions.

C **You redeem our lives from the pit and crown us with love and compassion.**

M You do not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquity.

C **As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

M Confident of your forgiving love in Christ, we humble our hearts and confess our sins:

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 193

Come, Now, Almighty King

Soloist

Come, now, almighty King; Help us your name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Congregation

**Come, now, incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and your people bless, And give your Word success;
Grant us your righteousness, Savior and Friend.**

Soloist

Come, holy Comforter; Your sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Your sev'nfold gifts impart; Now rule in ev'ry heart;
Never from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r.

Congregation

**To the great One in Three Eternal praises be
Forevermore!
His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see
And to eternity Love and adore.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.
Almighty God, you fill the heavens. The earth is your footstool. You are awesome in power.
You are perfect and holy. And yet you fill our cup to overflowing with your love and grace.
We confess you:

C glorious, eternal Trinity.

M We worship you:

C divine, majestic Unity.

M Defend us in our faith, until that day when we will see you face to face,

C knowing even as we ourselves are known.

M You live and reign, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

We are created new in Christ. The old is gone; the new is here!

GOSPEL

John 1:1-5

Without the collaborative work of the triune God, nothing was made that has been made.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

SERMON

Genesis 1

Pentecost Potential – Created

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Athanasian Creed

M Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

C **Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

M Now this is the true Christian faith:

C **We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

M For each person — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — is distinct,

C **but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

M What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

C **The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

M yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,

C **but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

M In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty;

C yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

M So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

M So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

M For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

C so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

M The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

C The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

M So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

C And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

M so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

C Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

M It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith:

C We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

M He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

C equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

M and though he is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

C for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

M He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

- C** He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- M** At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.
- C** Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.
- M** This is the true Christian faith.
- C** Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

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.

CLOSING HYMN 195

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Congregation

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Soloist

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.**

Congregation

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

CLOSING PRAYER

- M Let us pray.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we have found in your Word and in your assurance of love and forgiveness the rest that you have promised.
- C **Refreshed, renewed, and revived, we are ready to work in your kingdom.**
- M We gladly take on this burden, for it is no burden at all for those who live in your love.
We worship and bless you now and forevermore.
- C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 8, 2020

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	10:00 am 10:30 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Ministerial Team Meeting
WED	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Open Forum (Trinity Gym) Traditional Worship Service <i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study Open Forum (Zoom Meeting)
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) St. Paul's School Graduation Service— extended family only
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service The Bridge Worship Service Traditional Worship Service

Congregational groups can begin to use our buildings. Please inform Tammy in our church office (tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org) that your group is resuming scheduled activities so that your activity is seen on the calendar, your meeting space is reserved, and we can ensure staff is available for cleaning. We ask that all groups respect social distancing guidelines and wear masks as much as possible.

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

The church administration office, located in the school building, will be open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm during the summer. As always, if you ever need to reach a pastor or someone on our staff you may use the contact information below.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020!

The entire St. Paul's family says, "Congratulations and God's blessings!" to the 8th and 12th grade graduates in the Class of 2020 who are part of St. Paul's congregation. Our St. Paul's Lutheran Elementary School graduation service will be Thursday, June 11, at 6:30 pm. Attendance is limited to extended family of the graduates.

8 th GRADE GRADUATE	SCHOOL GRADUATING FROM	SCHOOL ENTERING FOR 2020-2021
Evan Clark	Fox River – Waterford	Waterford High School
Kailee Cook	Park View – Mukwonago	Mukwonago High School
Logan Eirschele	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Colin Foley	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Muskego High School
Bailey Gallagher	Park View – Mukwonago	Mukwonago High School
Sofia Garofani	Muskego Lakes – Muskego	Muskego High School
Christian Guhr **	Prattville Junior High – Prattville, AL	Prattville High School
Bradyn Horn	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
Samuel Kneser	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Waukesha West High School
Aiden Krause	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
Ashton Krause	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
Sophia Lepke	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Autumn Metzger	Muskego Lakes – Muskego	Muskego High School
Mason Mroczenski	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Muskego High School
Jack Olson	Muskego Lakes – Muskego	Muskego High School
Sara Potter	Frank Lloyd Wright – West Allis	West Allis Central High School
Alyssa Randolph	Muskego Lakes – Muskego	Muskego High School
Hailey Ristow	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Jackson Rossmann	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Eddie Rynders	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Schuyler Santos	Fox River – Waterford	Waterford High School
Jacob Schenkel	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Muskego High School
Kierstin Schlevensky	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Muskego High School
Allie Schneck	Greendale – Greendale	Greendale High School
Dominic Schnier	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
Nathaniel Sperber	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Megan Tweedie	New Berlin West – New Berlin	New Berlin West High School
Preston Vahovick	Lane – West Allis	Nathan Hale High School
Brooke Weber	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Henry Westphal	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
** Christian's parents are in the United States Air Force and currently stationed in Prattville, Alabama.		

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ON NEXT PAGE

12 th GRADE GRADUATE	SCHOOL GRADUATING FROM	PLANS FOR FALL OF 2020-2021
Taylor Antoniewicz	Muskego High School	Waukesha County Technical College <i>Early Childhood Education and Teaching</i>
Savanah Balcerak	Muskego High School	Belmont University – Nashville, TN <i>Exercise Science/Physician Assistant</i>
Katie Becker	New Berlin West High School	University of Wisconsin – River Falls <i>Equine Science</i>
AnnElise Glaze	Wisconsin Lutheran High School	United States Air Force Reserves and Institute of Beauty and Wellness – Milwaukee <i>Cosmetology and Esthiology</i>
Olivia Guerten	Greendale High School	University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh <i>Ultrasound Science</i>
Alexander Gunther	Muskego High School	Entering Workforce
Brandon Henneberry	Muskego High School	Undecided At This Time
Nathanael Hintze	Luther Preparatory School	Martin Luther College – New Ulm, MN <i>Pre-Seminary Program</i>
Noah Hirtz	Muskego High School	Entering Workforce <i>Plumbing Apprenticeship</i>
Erik Kain	Muskego High School	Temple University – Philadelphia, PA <i>Actuarial Science</i>
Elizabeth Koch	Franklin High School	Trine University – Angola, IN <i>Biology and Teaching</i>
Ryan Manzara	New Berlin Eisenhower High School	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater <i>Business</i>
Jacob Meyer	Wisconsin Lutheran High School	University of Minnesota – Minneapolis <i>Statistics, Sports Management, and Spanish</i>
Samantha Newell	Muskego High School	Undecided At This Time
Logan Nowak	Mukwonago High School	United States Air Force Reserves <i>Sports Medicine</i>
Kimmy Remschak	Whitnall High School	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse <i>Environmental Science and French</i>
Maxwell Salmon	Muskego High School	United States Navy <i>Nuclear Program</i>
Melissa Schneider	Muskego High School	University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh <i>Business</i>
Lydia Tretow	Muskego High School	University of Minnesota – Minneapolis <i>Entrepreneurial Management</i>
Ian Tweedie	New Berlin West High School	Waukesha County Technical College <i>Electrician Apprenticeship</i>
Amanda Veley	Muskego High School	University of Wisconsin – Madison <i>Actuarial Science</i>
Zachary Wranovsky	Wisconsin Lutheran High School	University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire <i>Music Composition</i>

Class of
2020

Trust God's promise to you... ***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”*** (Jeremiah 29:11).

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

PENTECOST POTENTIAL

The Holy Spirit who was active at creation is also active in our lives. During this Pentecost season, join us in studying the origins of the world and the power of God that is at work in us.

Potential for Perfect Love – Genesis 1:26-28 – June 14

Potential for Perfect Relationship – Genesis 2 – June 21

Potential for Restoration – Genesis 3 – June 28



HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr (hospice care at Care-Age in Brookfield), Fred Liermann (hospice care at Autumn Leaves in Franklin), Mildred Waedekin (Linden Grove New Berlin), Dorrette Probst (home hospice care), and Marlene Sobczak (rehabbing at daughter's house).

VOTERS MEETING AND OPEN FORUMS

Our annual voters' meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The Messenger, which includes the annual ministry plan, is available on the table in the lobby. There will be two open forums: In person on Wednesday June 10 at 6:00 pm in the Trinity Gym and a Zoom meeting on June 10 at 8:00 pm.

JUNE FAMILY IN NEED

A St. Paul's family was blessed with a little boy early in April. He was born premature at 27 weeks. By the grace of God, he has no major medical issues so far, just the "normal premie" things that come with being born three months early. He will most likely stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for nearly three months. Even after insurance, the medical bills are starting to add up. The family started a Facebook Fundraiser page that has received nearly \$15,000 in gifts toward a goal of \$20,000. If you would like to give a gift to help this family as they care for their newborn son, mark your gift, "June Family in Need," or go to [StPaulMuskego.org/Give/](https://stpaulmuskego.org/Give/) to give online using the "Friends in Need" line and indicate, "June Family in Need."

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE – BIBLE BASICS AND YOU

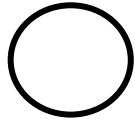
Pastor Nate Strobel is leading our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*—Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. YouTube recordings are available for every class. It's not too late to join. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

KIDS CLUB LESSONS OVER THE SUMMER

Keep Christian education going during the uncertain weeks ahead. **Kids Club family resources** will be produced every week over the entire summer. There will be a weekly lesson, videos relating to the lesson, videos of songs to sing, and additional lesson activities for the kids to do on their own and/or as a family. All of this will be posted on the church website like it has been all year. Let's all stay connected to Jesus over the summer.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

We are pleased to announce that our child care center re-opened Tuesday, May 26. We currently have openings in the infant room and also for children who are 3 years of age whom will move to 3K in the fall. Please contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org for more information.

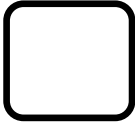


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

1. Share highs and lows from the previous week. Where did you see God loving and protecting you in your busy life?
2. This week we're looking at the incredible beginning God gave our world. When you consider the creation account, what kinds of questions do you have? (i.e., Do you ever wonder which specific animal God created first and what that types or markings that specific animal had?)
3. Read 2 Peter 3:8. How does this verse help us understand how creation was done in six 24-hour days?
4. How do you respond to friends or family telling you that they don't know if they believe that the universe was created in six literal days?
5. Read the creation account (Genesis 1:1-31) together. Make note of each verse that stands out as evidence that God is the perfect planner. (Hint: See God forming first and then filling.)
6. Close by praying the words of verse one from hymn 188, "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid."

*Creator Spirit, by whose aid the world's foundations first were laid,
Come visit ev'ry humble mind; Come, pour your joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free; May we your living temples be. Amen*



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Pentecost Potential – Created – Genesis 1

Introduction: Where do we come from? Where are we going?

Part 1: God is the only Creator.

- Since God was before creation, he is the eternal Creator.
- **בָּרָא** = to form out of nothing
Bara
- After God created the building blocks of time, space, and physical elements, he created life.

Part 2: God is the Lord of time.

- “What is impossible with man is possible with God” (Luke 18:27).
- **יוֹם**
Yom = time period; when used with a number = 24 hours
- What would take us thousands, even millions, of years, God can do in a day (2 Peter 3:8).

Part 3: God is the perfect Planner.

- After he formed the foundation, God built the house of three rooms—sky and ocean (waters above and waters below) and dry land.
- After he formed the foundation and built the house, God filled them.
- God’s eternal plans included you. He knew you before creation, loved you to the cross, and claimed you to be his own in your baptism.

Conclusion: We’ve been created—twice. To God be the glory!

My Next Steps

Memorize Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Read Genesis 1:26-28 to prepare for next week’s message on *Pentecost Potential—for Perfect Love*.

Meditate on Genesis 1 and see how beautifully God reveals nine of his characteristics in creation: 1) eternal, 2) almighty, 3) transcendent, 4) omnipresent, 5) personal, 6) good, 7) triune, 8) orderly, and 9) wise.