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PENTECOST POTENTIAL

FOR PERFECT LOVE

June 13, 14, and 17, 2020

"You remind me of your father." If you had a loving relationship with your earthly father, you will likely see that as a high compliment. That was our Heavenly Father's plan. He created Adam and Eve in His image. Do you remind people of your Father?

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 243

Oh, Worship the King

Soloist (Saturday & Sunday 7:45 am)

**Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above;
Oh gratefully sing his pow'r and his love,
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy, space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

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 Who is like our God, a God who pardons sin and forgives transgression?

C **He is a Father who does not stay angry forever but delights in showing mercy.**

M He has compassion on us treading our sins underfoot

C **and hurling all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**

M Brothers and sisters, because of Christ, we are confident that God is a gracious and forgiving Father. Let us, therefore, confess our sins to him and ask for his mercy.

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.**

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.**

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**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray:
Father God, you have enriched our lives in every way in Christ Jesus.

C **We are grateful for your love and compassion, for your Word and sacraments, for the peace and the hope you speak into our lives.**

M Sin and Satan are continually working to destroy us. Keep us strong to the end so that we will be blameless on the day our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

C **Lord, we find great comfort in knowing that you are faithful.**

M We pray in the name of 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

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

The perfect love shared by like-minded believers is only possible through the love of the Father, who sent his Son to redeem us, and the Holy Spirit, who draws us together in the one true faith.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! (*John 20:31*)

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

After the Gospel, the following words are spoken:

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

SERMON

Genesis 1:26-28

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C **Strengthen us through increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. During this time of civic unrest, we pray that you would open our ears and hearts to hear the hurt and pain that our fellow citizens are experiencing. Grant us and our national, state and local leaders wisdom and patience to respond appropriately. Protect both those who protest and those who serve as law enforcement officers. Grant peace and rest to our nation. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Soloist (Saturday & Sunday 7:45 am)

**Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving --
May his will in us be done!**

**Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.**

**Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.**

CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

PREACHER *Pastor Pete Panitzke*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 15, 2020

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	10:00 am 10:30 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Ministerial Team Meeting
WED	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service <i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i>
THURS	6:30 am 7:00 pm 10:00 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Annual Voters' Meeting (Sanctuary) Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
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.

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 Relationship – Genesis 2 – June 21
Potential for Restoration – Genesis 3 – June 28



WEDDINGS

Daniel Frawley and Samantha Bartel were joined in marriage on Saturday, May 24. Brian Loomis and Elizabeth Bannenberg on Saturday, May 30. May the Lord bless and keep these couples as they live in unity with Christ.

BAPTISM

Jaxson Craig Gebhard, born April 29, 2020, son of Justin and Crystal (nee Fischer) Gebhard, was baptized in a private ceremony on May 31, 2020. May the Lord bless and keep Jaxson all his days.

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr (hospice care at Care-Age in Brookfield), Fred Liermann (hospice care at Autumn Leaves in Franklin), Mildred Waedekin (Zilber Hospice), Dorrette Probst (home hospice care), [Karen Bartes \(Waukesha Memorial\)](#), Marlene Sobczak (rehabbing at daughter's house), and Jeanne Steinbrecher, Roger Musack, David Timm, and Robert Witte have been discharged from the hospital.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please contact one of our pastors or use the contact form at the bottom of our website at www.stpaulmuskego.org. We have a team of dedicated prayer warriors ready to pray for you. If you would like to keep your prayer requests confidential among the pastors, check the applicable box.

PICK UP THE MESSENGER

If you haven't received a copy of The Messenger. Copies are available on the table in the lobby. The Messenger includes the annual ministry plan proposal that will be voted on Thursday, June 18 at the Voters' Meeting in the sanctuary.

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 preemie" 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/ 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.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

KIDS CLUB LESSONS OVER THE SUMMER

Kids Club family resources are being 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.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

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.

WISH LIST

The items listed below would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items 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	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
iPads for PreK Classrooms	\$5,000	\$2,300	\$2,700
Photo Feature Walls for church lobby and Trinity Café	\$4,000	\$1,875	\$2,125
Church Signage Updates	\$6,373	\$0	\$6,373
Church Family Room Furniture Updates	\$8,850	\$3,003	\$5,847
Martin Luther College Tuition Grant	\$4,000	\$1,350	\$2,650

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. Next year we anticipate two students from St. Paul's and three from Garden Homes enrolled at MLC.