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FATHER'S DAY
PENTECOST POTENTIAL
FOR PERFECT RELATIONSHIP
June 20, 21, and 24, 2020

As children of the heavenly Father, we enjoy doing the work he's given us. A great relationship with our Father in heaven empowers us to have a great relationship with others around us.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 194, vv. 1-4

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

Dear Father, endless praise I render
For soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender,
For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on ev'ry side
And freely for my use supplied.

I praise you, Savior, whose compassion
Has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation;
You bore the cross triumphantly,
Brought me from bondage full release,
Made me your own, and gave me peace.

Glory and praise, still onward reaching,
Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done
Is worked by grace divine alone.

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

M In his great love for us, our heavenly Father has blessed our lives with the gift of relationships with friends and family members. It is his intent to bring great spiritual and physical blessings to his people through these relationships.

C **Yet, instead of living within these relationships with a selfless, giving love, we allow our selfishness to mar God's perfect design.**

M Jesus knows our weakness. He knows our sin. We are not worthy of the selfless love he displayed for us on the cross. Let us, therefore, humble ourselves before him and confess our sin.

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY



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 The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE 194, v. 5

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

**Shall I not then be filled with gladness?
Shall I not praise you evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness,
Although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear,
Your endless love is ever near.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we commend to your care the many valuable relationships with which you have gifted us in our lives.
- C **May these relationships be built on faith, virtue, godly wisdom, moderation, patience, love, and respect.**
- M May we become vessels for your life-giving love within these relationships,
- C **that all may have the opportunity to see and hear of your great love for them**
- M through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
- C **and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 1:9-18

John sees a vision of Jesus in all his holy, grace-filled splendor.

⁹I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

¹²I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man,^[a] dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-10

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁵Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to God!

CONFESSIO OF FAITH

The 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.**

HYMN 538

The Church's One Foundation

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.**

**The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.**

**Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

SERMON

Genesis 2

Pastor David Kuehl

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Adam and Eve

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth^[a] and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams^[b] came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷Then the LORD God formed a man^[c] from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground — trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²(The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin^[d] and onyx are also there.) ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush.^[e] ¹⁴The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam^[f] no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs^[g] and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib^[h] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."

²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Father, we come before you today humbled and in awe of your grace and mercy. We thank you for your perfect design for the family.

C **We are sorry that in so many ways our sinfulness and selfishness corrupt your beautiful design.**

M Lord, we pray specifically for fathers and fatherhood across our land. Your Word clearly instructs fathers to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

C **Thank you for the men who are leading according to your statutes. We pray that you will continue to use these men to lead their families and other men.**

M Strengthen the fathers of our nation. Continue to empower churches, organizations, and individuals to invest in fathers and fatherhood for the sake of our children.

C **Lord, our heavenly Father, we confess that without your love and leadership we are lost.**

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 may follow.

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 501

Our Father, By Whose Name

**Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,
In love divine you claim Each fam'ly as your own.
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which your people dwell.**

**O Christ, yourself a child Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled You did to manhood come.
Our children bless in ev'ry place
That they may all behold your face
And, knowing you, may grow in grace.**

**O Holy Spirit, bind Our hearts in unity,
And teach us how to find The love from self set free.
In all our hearts such love increase
That ev'ry home by this release
May be the dwelling-place of peace.**

CLOSING PRAYER

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 22, 2020

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i>
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study The Bridge Communion The Bridge Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Congregational groups can 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.



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 Restoration – Genesis 3 – June 28

WEDDING

Matthew Zeng and Morgan Shevey were married on Friday, June 19, 2020. May the Lord bless and keep Matthew and Morgan as they live in unity with Christ.

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), Beverly Scharf (St. Luke's), Lois Stichmann (Waukesha Memorial), and Marlene Sobczak (rehabbing at daughter's house).

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.

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. 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."

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.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

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 at 7:00 pm. Members and guests! Text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236, email at nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org, or register on the back of your Connection Card. Remote view options are available.

DIVORCECARE SUPPORT GROUP

DivorceCare, a Christ-centered 13-week program which includes video segments, group discussion, and personal Bible study will begin Tuesday, July 7, 6:00-7:30 pm, in school classroom #8. Feel free to join anytime throughout the 13 week sessions to find help, discover hope, and experience healing. Please contact Kristen Miller at (414) 422-0320 or kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org to register.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

ST. PAUL'S HOSTING GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT SIMULCAST

We all have influence. Our families, our churches, our businesses, and our communities need your influence now more than ever.

- COVID-19 – How are we to deal with the continuing effects of COVID-19? What are our next steps?
- Racial Inequality – What can we do to lead the way as Christians to bring healing to a divided nation?

The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day event featuring 15 world-class, diverse faculty members. The simulcast will be held in the Trinity Gym to allow for maximum social distancing. Register now for only \$99. Go to StPaulMuskego.org/GLS. Enter promo code INSPIRE2020.

“BE QUICK TO LISTEN; SLOW TO SPEAK” (James 1:19)

What can we do to be a source of healing to our nation? The first step is to listen and learn.

- To better understand Black History, we recommend a six-part PBS special called “African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross.” Here is a link: <https://www.pbs.org/show/african-americans-many-rivers-cross/>.
- To better understand the challenges law enforcement officers face, consider attending a Citizens’ Academy with once-per-week evening sessions that mirror the training officers receive. You can register for the next available course on the City of Muskego website.

HELPING FATHERS SERVE THEIR SAVIOR

As we honor fathers today, we wish to highlight two resources that can help fathers and husbands.

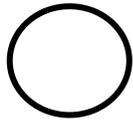
- The Family Church Message Series: Watch this series to help you understand your role as the spiritual leader of your Family Church. <http://stpaulmuskego.org/past-messages/family-church/>
- Marriage Lab – Grace for Marriage: This is online resource St. Paul’s has purchased to help our couples strengthen their marriages. Log in at: <https://marriagelab.graceformarriage.com/>. The username is: SPMUSKEGO1234 and the password is: Muskego_2020

ONLINE SMALL GROUPS

The COVID-19 shutdown has resulted in an explosion of our gospel ministry to every part of our nation. We would like to help serve these members at a distance by developing online small group Bible studies. If you would be interested in joining a zoom small group, email Pastor Pete at ppanitzke@stpmuskego.org.

AWAKE AND ALIVE.COM—ONLINE JUNE 19 AND 28

Join the Awake and Alive Zoom Group for 18-25 year olds at 5:30 pm on Friday, June 19. Then on Saturday, June 28, Pastor Kent Reeder will lead the online Awake and Alive gathering. *"If your church gave you permission to reach, try, learn, create, and go - and to do all this without having to worry about being judged for the result - what could God accomplish in you?"* Young adults - the church needs your energy, creativity and passion and we want you to be part of this conversation. Registration is free and more details can be found at awakealive.com



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Begin your time together sharing a cherished memory about your father or father-figure from your life.

2. This week's message explores how God has always been and continues to be a faithful Provider. What is something that you can always trust God will provide in your life?

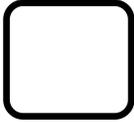
3. In a paper he presented at a pastoral conference a number of years ago, Prof. Daniel Deutschlander made the point that four sets of relationships are established as being "good" by the time we reach the end of Genesis 2:
 - 1) that between God and Adam and Eve,
 - 2) that between Adam and Eve,
 - 3) that between Adam and Eve and nature, and
 - 4) that between the individual and self.

Where do you find evidence for all four of these relationships in chapter 2?

4. Read Psalm 23 together and discuss if and/or how God has provided these things in your life?

5. Stewardship might be the best word for our response to God's faithful provisions. React to this definition of stewardship: *"Stewardship means that life is a big ship loaded with a rich cargo of products to be delivered to many people in many places. God is the Owner of the ship, but I am the captain. Everything I have aboard—all my possessions, my talents, my health, my strength, my personality, my privileges, my money—everything is a cargo to be delivered. God has entrusted it to me for his people in every place. I don't own what I possess; I owe it. God has made me the captain of his ship, his steward, his caretaker, and it's my job to bring the ship to port and discharge the cargo. Everything I have aboard is for delivery."*

6. Close your time together discussing what you can do this week to show thankfulness to God for all he's provided you in your life.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Pentecost Potential – God Is the Perfect Provider

Genesis 2

Introduction: Genesis 1 reveals God as powerful Creator and Genesis 2 as tender Provider.

Part 1: God provides a beautiful home.

- Six times in Genesis 1 God says that creation is “good” and once “very good.”
- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was Adam and Eve’s *“altar of worship to the Lord God.”* (Luther)
- God uses the “thorns” of life to humble us and lead us to repentance (2 Corinthians 12:7).

Part 2: God provides an honorable responsibility.

- Stewardship = the work of caring for God’s things
- *“God always takes a calculated risk when he gives a gift—that we’ll love the gift more than we love the Giver.”* (Daniel Deuschlander)
- God is the Owner of everything, but he puts the responsibility of caring for everything into our hands.

Part 3: God provides a compatible companion.

- Adam wasn’t meant to be alone.
- God provided a companion for Adam compatible to him in every way.
- We need relationship(s)—with God and with each other.
- What Adam and Eve lost when they sinned God has restored in Christ.

Conclusion: May we repent and render to God our thanksgiving and praise.

My Next Steps

Memorize Psalm 24:1: *“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”*

Read Genesis 3 to prepare for next week’s message on *Pentecost Potential—for Restoration.*

Note the four relationships established by God as being “good” by the end of chapter two of Genesis: 1) between himself and Adam and Eve, 2) between Adam and Eve, 3) between Adam and Eve and nature, and 4) between the individual and self - *“Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame”* (2:25). All were destroyed by sin but have been restored in Christ.