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**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**ORDINARY PEOPLE - EXTRAORDINARY GOD**  
**GIDEON'S GAFFE**  
June 10, 11, and 14, 2017

*Gideon (inadvertently) makes an idol. Throughout history no one in his right mind tried to lead the church astray. But, in the midst of dealing with turmoil, it happened. What idol(s) have we inadvertently made today?*

**PRESERVICE (Saturday)**

**Church Sonata in F, Wind Ensemble**  
*by W.A. Mozart*

**I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, Wind Ensemble**  
*arr. by Douglas Smith*

*(Sunday)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty, Handbells**  
*arr. by Hal Hopson*

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**HYMN 193**

**Come, Now, Almighty King**

**M** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M** Father, Son and Holy Spirit, on this Trinity Sunday we come before you in awe. You deserve all honor and glory and praise. But we have failed you miserably. We have not loved you with all our heart and all our soul. Putting ourselves first, we have not kept your commands. We are guilty of big sins and private sins only you can see. But you are a loving God who invites us to come to you with contrite hearts. We now humbly ask you to forgive our sins.

**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.**

**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**

**M** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

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.

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!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Let us pray.  
God, you are our Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and our Creator. You provide for all our needs of body and soul. You guard and protect us from all evil and danger. You sent your one and only Son to redeem us from sin, death, and hell.
- C **Father Almighty, you are love. You love us with an all-embracing, everlasting love.**
- M Jesus, you are the Christ, his only Son, our Lord. You led a perfect life to fulfill your Father's commands completely. You died on the cross in our place to remove the barrier of sin between us and the Father. You reign with the Father from on high. You will come back for us on Judgment Day and take us to live with you forever in heaven.
- C **Jesus, our Redeemer, you are the peacemaker. You bring everlasting peace between us and God.**
- M Holy Spirit, you have called us by the gospel, enlightened us with your gifts, sanctified and kept us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. As dear children of God, we look forward to eternal life with you in heaven.
- C **Holy Spirit, you are the giver of life. You plant and nourish saving faith in our hearts so we may have everlasting life.**
- M O Triune God, you deserve our all—our everything. Keep us grounded in your Word so we do not inadvertently create idols and stumbling blocks that would keep us from faithful, dedicated lives of worship and service for you. We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

**2 Corinthians 13:11-14**, Bible page 1166

*Paul closes his letter to the Corinthians with the encouragement to live in unity and in the love and peace of the Triune God.*

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 150**, Hymnal page 122

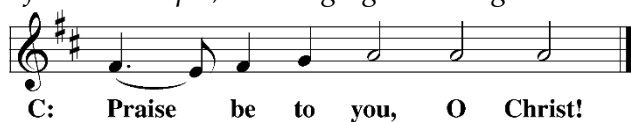
*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.*

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 28:16-20**, Bible page 1000

*Jesus gives his disciples their marching orders: to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## HYMN OF THE DAY 444

**If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

## SERMON

**Judges 8:22-35**, Bible page 247

*Pastor Jeffrey Banock*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**Athanasian Creed**

*This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith.*

*The section of the Athanasian Creed included here is the portion that confesses the Bible's teaching about the Triune God. This portion serves as a very fitting confession of faith for Trinity Sunday. A translation of the entire text of the Athanasian Creed may be found on pages 132-133 in Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal.*

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

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

**Now this is the true Christian faith:**

**We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,**

**Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

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

**but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,**

**equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

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

**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;**

**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,**

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

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;  
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,  
so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

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

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

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,  
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

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

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,  
but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,  
so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God,  
and one God worshipped as three persons.

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

#### OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)  
(*Sunday*)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Wind Ensemble**  
**The Lord's Prayer, Handbells**  
*by Albert H. Malotte, arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski*

#### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (*Proverbs 9:10a*) Without you, Lord, we are nothing and can accomplish nothing. You deserve all respect and honor. Lord, empty us of our pride, our worry, our lack of faith. Fill us with your Word that we can hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Give us an attitude within that may be a help and not a hindrance to those around us, especially those entrusted to our care. Make us humble warriors who boldly do your will to your glory and for your people.

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

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.

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.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In perfect unity with his Son and the Holy Spirit, he is the source, guide, and goal of our lives now and always. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, 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 9.*

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**Father Most Holy, Merciful, and Tender**  
**Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices**

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

## Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

M Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTSERVICE (Saturday) **Through the Love of Christ, Our Savior**, Wind Ensemble

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl

ORGANIST (Saturday) Carol Nelson

(Sunday) Kathy Bremer

(Wednesday) Nicole Greanya

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 12, 2017

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room)</i>
<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Dorcas Society Picnic (Grace Room)
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:45 pm	Stoney Creek Bible Study (Stoney Creek Adult Community)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>FRI</b>	6:00 pm	Nygaard/Bennett Wedding Rehearsal (Main Church)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	3:00 pm	Robyn Nygaard and Alex Bennett Wedding Ceremony (Main Church)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

\*\* Summer Office Hours for St. Paul's Church and School — Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



## Multimedia Ministry

- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDJT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit [timeofgrace.org/waystowatch](http://timeofgrace.org/waystowatch) or call the Time of Grace office at (800) 661-3311.
- **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
- **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org) and [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)
- **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org)



# EASTER EVERY SUNDAY: 2071

Why 2071? This is the number of people St. Paul's could potentially reach with the gospel of Christ every Sunday.

The Holy Spirit blessed us with 2071 in worship on Easter Sunday. Church consultants suggest that your Easter attendance is a congregation's potential for gospel outreach.



## To reach 2071 we are praying.

- **The Ministerial Team is praying:** This summer we are hoping to contact every member to let them know that we care about them and ask for prayer requests. The entire team is spending an hour in prayer every Monday as we pray over these requests.
- **We are asking you to pray.** Jesus promised, "Ask and it will be given to you." Jesus said, "Nothing is impossible with God." So we are asking you to be part of the Easter Every Sunday prayer team to receive three short prayers each week to keep this effort in your prayers. Mark your willingness to join this team on the Connection Card.

## To reach 2071 we are inviting.

- **The Ministerial Team is inviting** every member to make that "Easter every Sunday" commitment to worship every weekend.
- **We are asking you to invite.** Our message series beginning Father's Day, June 18 weekend is **Prayer is Powerful (#prayerispowerful)**, a study of the Lord's Prayer and Bible accounts that illustrate each petition.

## Take a postcard home with you and pray over it.

- For strength to make that worship every weekend commitment.
- For an individual you can invite to worship to grow in faith with you.

## 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 in the Faith Room.*

*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. The first pews in the left center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail.*

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## ST. PAUL'S CALLS RESIDENT MISSIONARY

Last Sunday the Holy Spirit led our congregation to extend a call to Pastor Stephen Kuehl of Powell, Ohio, to serve as our Resident Missionary. Pastor Steve is a nephew of our Pastor David Kuehl. As Resident Missionary he will seek to connect with the many guests who come to our campus. The Staff Duties Chart is available at the Welcome Center for you to see how his duties would fit with the rest of our church staff.

Pastor Kuehl is married to Charis and they have two girls - Nora (3) and Vera (15 months). He was born in Denver, lived in Colombia for five years, from age 5 to 9, while his dad was a missionary there, and then grew up in Hartland, Wisconsin. Charis also has "world mission blood." Her father is Dr. Steve Witte, the President of Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong.

Now Pastor Kuehl has the task of deliberating the call here to St. Paul's, his current call, as well as a third call to Grace Lutheran in Yakima, Washington, a small congregation very similar in size to the one he is currently serving. He received this call two hours after being notified of our call. May the Holy Spirit guide him to know where his gifts will be most beneficial in God's saving plan.

## PASTORS KUEHL AND PANITZKE CELEBRATING 35 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

The Worker Care Committee invites the congregation to celebrate the 35 years Pastor Kuehl and Pastor Panitzke each have served as pastors in Christ's kingdom. At the worship services on Sunday, June 18, we will recognize both pastors for their faithful years of service. You will have the opportunity to greet them and share your sentiments during the Under the Canopy hosted by the Worker Care Committee.

## SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

If you have small children (4 years old and younger), you might appreciate being able to focus on the sermon without interruption. We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. A silent pager system allows childcare providers to alert you to any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions. The nursery closes 10 minutes after the service, so please pick your child up promptly.

## HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home and Karen Helm at The Lutheran Home. Marlene Sobczak and Brandon Mars have returned home.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: James Beyer, Mary Ann Boldt, Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Shelly Eggert, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Connie Johnson, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Marvin Pellmann, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Jake Strande.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

857 attended worship services last week.

## AWAKE AND ALIVE — JUNE 11

Awake and Alive is our ministry to the 18-25 year-old-generation in southeast Wisconsin, encouraging a closer relationship with Jesus and each other. Sunday, June 11, is the first of three events being held this summer. More information on Awake and Alive events may be found at [www.awakealive.com](http://www.awakealive.com).

## USHER FOR SATURDAY WORSHIP

We are looking for additional ushers for the Saturday evening worship service. Even if you could only usher one Saturday a month, it would be very helpful. Contact Greg Lenser at (262) 332-7370.

# GIFTS TO GOD

## WISH LIST

Wish List items are above and beyond our budgeted expenses. If you would like to contribute, clearly mark your gift "Wish List." You may also give online at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org).

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
School Exterior Window Replacements	\$55,000	\$262	\$54,738
Trinity Gym Floor to Ceiling Room Divider	\$13,000	\$1,170	\$11,830
Permanent Wall Addition to School	\$5,600	\$5,982	Fully Funded
Chairs for Church Lobby	\$3,200	\$3,200	Fully Funded
<i>The Power of the Praying Parent</i> Father's Day Gift	\$2,000	\$1,700	Fully Funded

## SUMMER WINDOW REPLACEMENT

\$44,000 has been given to replace 4 windows in the school building. The remaining 2 classrooms and the Centennial Gym remain to be funded at a cost of \$55,000. If all windows are replaced at the same time, we will be given a significant discount. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

This fund provides our members with an opportunity to encourage continuing education through special gifts. Through the government's Title II funds and our congregational budgeting process, we provide for the professional development of our teachers, but there are more workshops and courses that our teachers would like to attend. Our goal is to provide an additional \$500 per teacher or \$7000 per year. Gifts of \$2,359.33 have been given to date. If you would like to contribute, mark your gift clearly, "Teacher Professional Development Fund."

## TEXT TO GIVE

Often we say that we want to make our offerings our first priority as a testimony to God that he is #1 in our hearts and minds. An easy way to make that happen is to use Text To Give. You can now make a contribution with text! Simply send a text message to 414-316-6733 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: \$25). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or credit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Text To Give is one of the fastest, easiest ways to give. Questions regarding this new method of giving may be directed to St. Paul's Accountant Becky Wetzel at (414) 422-0320, ext 112.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

We continue to have families in need of financial assistance to provide their children with a Christian education at St. Paul's Elementary School or a WELS high school. Contributions can be made via the blue offering envelope provided in your envelope packet or our church's website at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org),



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.

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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## THE FIRST STEP: CLOTHED IN CHRIST IN BAPTISM

Our first step toward a stronger faith is a one-hour personal visit and study on baptism. Schedule this First Step visit with Pastor Pete by marking the Connection Card.

## THE SECOND STEP: FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

Never done a Bible study? This is the perfect place to start. God was planning for you before the creation of the world. God's first promise to you is found in the first chapters of the Bible. In this 13-week study, we follow that promise through the Bible and see how it impacts our lives. This also serves as a preparation-for-membership Bible study. Register with Pastor Pete or on the Connection Card.

## THE THIRD STEP: WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE NEXT FALL

Jesus said, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). We Christians want to know "every word that comes from the mouth of God," but the Bible is an imposing book with so many characters and covering so much time. The third step in our core curriculum is a 30-lesson course taught every year to help you become more familiar with the Bible and prepare you for a life-time of Bible reading and spiritual growth. We are just shy of the minimum class size of 40 people. Express your interest on the Connection Card.

## MILAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE

Pick up the latest newsletter from our Resident Missionary John Holtz, a son of our congregation, who is serving in Malawi, Africa. This month he talks about funerals being a great means of evangelism in Malawi. Thank you for your continued generous financial support of the mission work being done in Malawi.

## GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY

Join Mr. Jon Eiche as he leads the study *The Theology of the Cross* on Sundays through July 9 at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. This study is based on the excellent book of the same name written by retired WELS Professor Daniel Deutschlander.

## TEENS UNDER GOD (TUG) BEGINS NEW SEASON

Teens Under God (TUG) will launch a new format, location, and time. Sunday, June 25, is the first session and will run from 6:30 til 8:00 pm in the Trinity Café. Come and see what TUG 2017-18 is all about. Contact Dr. Nelson with questions at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or text (414) 750-2586.

## SCHOOL OF EARLY LEARNING JOB OPENING

St. Paul's School of Early Learning (SOEL) is our childcare and early educational ministry at St. Paul's. We are currently in need of an outgoing, energetic person who loves to make a difference in the lives of young children. We are in need of a few substitute teachers/aides to cover vacations/sick days, etc., especially during the school year (September-May). Experience in childcare or a related field is preferred. We offer a competitive hourly wage and a pleasant working environment.

If interested, please contact SOEL Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or (262) 470-0465, or [kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org) for more information. You may also stop by the SOEL office for an application. We're located off the east entrance of the church.

## UNDER THE CANOPY HOSTS

Available dates for this summer's Under the Canopy are July 2, July 16, and August 20. This is a great chance to share information about your organization with the congregation while meeting new people. Please contact David Weise at (262) 271-3093 or [dweise@aol.com](mailto:dweise@aol.com) to reserve your date.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017

The entire St. Paul's family says, "Congratulations and God's blessings!" to the 8th and 12th grade graduates in the Class of 2017 who are members and friends of the congregation. May the Lord move all of you to follow the same advice that Paul gave to the young Timothy: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES

GRADUATE	JUNIOR HIGH GRADUATING FROM	HIGH SCHOOL ENTERING FOR 2017-18
Kyle Aggen	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Luke Bara	St. Paul's Lutheran	Muskego
Jacob Becker	New Berlin West	New Berlin West
Kyle Blomdahl	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Jaiden Blundon	Forest Park	Franklin
Rose Bonack	St. Paul's Lutheran	Waterford Union
Brandon Chapman	Whitnall	Whitnall
Elizabeth Eilertson	St. Paul's Lutheran	Mukwonago
Evan Eirschele	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Isabella Garofani	Bay Lane	Muskego
Alex Gawlitta	St. Leonard's	Muskego
Emma Johnson	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Isabelle Kennedy	St. Paul's Lutheran	Muskego
Christopher King	St. Paul's Lutheran	Muskego or Whitnall
Gwendolyn Kolesari	St. Paul's Lutheran	Muskego
Samuel Lanham	St. Paul's Lutheran	Muskego
Caden Lawonn	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Taylor Loftis	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Aaron Longhenry	Lake Denoon	Muskego
Alexis Manzara	New Berlin Eisenhower	New Berlin Eisenhower
Molly Mars	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Audrey Mazziotti	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Nathan Miller	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Sydney Mueller	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Arie Proite	Bay Lane	Muskego
Alexis Randolph	Bay Lane	Muskego
David Rynders	Bay Lane	Muskego
Caleb Schneider	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Elijah Shevey	St. Paul's Lutheran	Luther Preparatory
Alaina Tomczak	St. Paul's Lutheran	Muskego
Melissa Tonn	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Kennedy Vahovick	Lane Intermediate	Nathan Hale
Isabella Veit	St. Paul's Lutheran	Muskego
Allison Veley	St. Paul's Lutheran	Muskego
Alexis Weber	St. Paul's Lutheran	Wisconsin Lutheran
Walker Witzlsteiner	St. Paul's Lutheran	Muskego

**The LORD is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?**  
**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?** Psalm 27:1

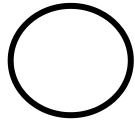
# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES

GRADUATE	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING FROM	PLANS FOR FALL OF 2017-18
Tim Becker	New Berlin West	Waukesha County Technical College
Travis Bednarek	Muskego	Rose-Hulman Institute – Terre Haute, IN
Victoria Best	Antigo	Undecided
Emma Bonack	Milwaukee High School of the Arts	Savannah College of Art and Design – Atlanta, GA
Aaron Boziel	Muskego	Milwaukee Area Technical College
Sheyanna Caraway-Lubecke	Muskego	Waukesha County Technical College
Sean Constantineau	Mukwonago	Waukesha County Technical College
Autumn Engelhardt	Greendale	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Nathaniel Flater	Muskego	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
Gabrielle Garofani	Muskego	Carroll University – Waukesha
Jacob Gaspervich	Muskego	Undecided
Joshua Grimes	Union Grove	University of Wisconsin – River Falls
Jenna Hutchinson	Greendale	University of Wisconsin – Madison
Klint Kasch	Muskego	Waukesha County Technical College
Devin Kowalkowski	Muskego	Waukesha County Technical College
Jacob Kuczkowski	Muskego	Heavy Equipment Apprentice Program
Julie Lutzen	Whitnall	Winona State University – Winona, MN
Michael Marggraf	Franklin	United States Air Force
Lauren Olszewski	Brookfield Central	Waukesha County Technical College
Devin Pertle	New Berlin Eisenhower	Waukesha County Technical College
Alayna Randolph	Muskego	Entering Workforce
Bradley Scheff	New Berlin West	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
Kayla Schultz	Heritage Christian	Carroll University – Waukesha
Kaylyn Shevey	Luther Preparatory	Wisconsin Lutheran College – Milwaukee
Gabrielle Steidl	Wisconsin Lutheran	Martin Luther College – New Ulm, MN
Andrew Spann	Muskego	Waukesha County Technical College
Adam Westendorf	Wisconsin Lutheran	Waukesha County Technical College



*May God Bless and  
Be with You Always!*



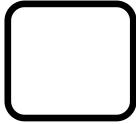
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. How has your week been? Any gaffes, grins, or groans to share?
2. *Entitlement* was a big theme in this week's message. What kind of images or thoughts come to mind when you hear the word "entitlement"?
3. Read 2 Samuel 11:1-13
  - Two warriors are spoken about in this account, but only one seems to have caught the entitlement bug. What similarities do you see between David's situation and Gideon's situation?
  - Now compare Gideon's and David's actions to Uriah's.
  - What helped motivate Uriah to make different choices than David and Gideon?
4. "Kingly" compromises led to long-term consequences for Gideon's family and country. He left a legacy of snares. What are you doing in your life today to support a different kind of legacy for your family and country?
5. Pastor Bonack reminded us that - in Christ - we are entitled to much more meaningful gifts than we think we need to have. What are we entitled to in Christ? (Think of answers that apply to this life as well as answers that apply to eternal life.)
6. Gideon's story has shown us that heroes of faith aren't born that way; they are made that way. How would you explain to someone who doesn't know God or Gideon's story why you want to make a commitment to attending worship weekly?
7. What is your biggest take-away from the *Gideon: Warrior or Worrier* series?



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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### Judges 8:22-35 (page 247)

## Gideon (Inadvertently) Makes An Idol

### 1. Entitlement's path

Gideon is emboldened by his victory: The more success the c\_\_\_\_\_ we become.

Gideon feels he has the right to more of the victory plunder: The cheekier we become the more we feel we d\_\_\_\_\_.

More and more Gideon lives like a king: The more we feel we deserve the more c\_\_\_\_\_ we make.

### 2. Entitlement's consequences

Gideon's ephod becomes a snare to Gideon and his family: Compromises and indiscretions lead to deadly spiritual c\_\_\_\_\_.

Gideon's comfortable life makes him blind to his personal destructive patterns: God's kindness ought to lead us to r\_\_\_\_\_ (and drastic measures).

### 3. Entitlement in Christ

Gideon is called a hero of the faith (Hebrews 11) in spite of his spiritual leadership failures: In Christ we are e\_\_\_\_\_ to much more meaningful gifts than we think we need to have.

Gideon died in sin and was forgiven: We will die in sin, but in C\_\_\_\_\_ we are forgiven.

### Next Steps

- **Compromises.** Can you trace entitlement's path in your life? Gideon didn't see the dangerous path he was on. Take some time to honestly ask yourself: "What are the things I feel entitled to? What kind of compromises have my feelings of entitlement led me to make?"
- **Drastic measures.** "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." Jesus is truly concerned about the paths that lead us away from him. Make a decision to do the drastic things you need to do to get off the dangerous entitlement paths you're on.
- **Be a hero of the faith.** Heroes of the faith aren't born, but made. Make a commitment to attend worship weekly so that God can mold and shape you through Word and Sacrament. Pray that all our congregational members do the same.