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PRAYER IS POWERFUL

STEPPING INTO THE BREACH

June 17, 18, and 21, 2017

After just spending time in the very presence of God, Moses comes down Mt. Sinai only to find the Israelites worshipping a golden calf and indulging in pagan revelry. Instead of letting God's anger burn against the people, Moses steps into the breach and intercedes on their behalf (cf. Psalm 106:19-23).

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 235, vv. 1-3

Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

BAPTISMS (Saturday)

Yohannes George Esayas

Son of Esayas Teklehalmanot and Ashley Marie (nee Smith) Gebreyesus, born April 28, 2017

(Sunday 9:15 am)

Mia Fay Niepow

Daughter of Matthew and Kari Niepow, born April 29, 2017

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, on Mount Sinai the Lord passed before Moses proclaiming his name:

C **"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."**

M "Yet," he continues, "I will not leave the guilty unpunished; I will punish the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." The wrath of God against sin is frightening. But Jesus stepped into the breach. Through his life, death, and resurrection, we once again know God as the compassionate and gracious God. Confident of God's forgiving love in Christ, let us approach our heavenly Father with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY



- 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.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

SONG OF PRAISE 235, v. 4

Praise the Almighty; My Soul Adore Him

**Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise him solely,
With happy heart its Amen sings!
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M** Let us pray.
Lord God, our heavenly Father, teach us to truly know you and all you do in your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth.
- C** **Direct our living—all we think, say, and do—so that your name is never dishonored among us.**
- M** Instead, teach us to call upon you in every trouble,
- C** **to pray, praise and give you thanks.**
- M** We pray 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

Exodus 32:1-14, Bible page 88

Moses intercedes for God's people after they commit a grievous act of idolatry at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 106:16-23

- M In the camp they grew envious of Moses and of Aaron, who was consecrated to the Lord.
C **The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan; it buried the company of Abiram.**
- M Fire blazed among their followers; a flame consumed the wicked.
C **At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal.**
- M They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass.
C **They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt, miracles in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.**
- M So he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:5-15, Bible page 970
Jesus' teaching on prayer

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

HYMN 181

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit

SERMON

Exodus 32:11-14, Bible page 88
Pastor Peter Panitzke

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Address and First Petition of the Lord's Prayer

- All **Our Father in heaven.**
M What does this mean?
C **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.**
- All **Hallowed be your name.**

- M What does this mean?
C **God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.**
- M How is God's name kept holy?
C **God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives contrary to God's Word dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, dear Father in heaven!**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

Children of Light, Joel Nelson

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS (*Sunday 7:45 am*)

Joshua Fink (At Large)
Kevin Krueger (Treasurer)
Brian Tonn (At Large)
Steve Wranovsky (Secretary)

FAREWELL TO OUTGOING OFFICERS

Randy Fink
Jeff Lunow
Bill Schauwitzer
Mark Schommer

RECOGNITION OF PASTOR KUEHL'S AND PASTOR PANITZKE'S 35 YEARS OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M O God, through Jesus' sacrifice you have restored us as your forgiven children. In his name we pray:
C **Our Father in heaven,**
- M Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it as children in your family.
C **Hallowed be your name.**
- M Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.
C **Your kingdom come.**
- M Make us zealous to carry out you will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.
C **Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

- M Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies, fill us with trust.
- C **Give us today our daily bread.**
- M Continue to erase our iniquities, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.
- C **Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**
- M We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls, and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.
- C **Lead us not into temptation.**
- M Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ, which leads to life everlasting.
- C **But deliver us from evil.**
- Special prayers and intercessions.*
- M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- M For all these petitions we look to you as King of kings and Lord of your church.
- C **For the kingdom,**
- M You alone hold the power to grant our requests.
- C **the power,**
- M We worship you from whom all blessings flow.
- C **and the glory are yours, now and forever.**
- M Relying on Jesus, who cancelled our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:
- C **Amen. It shall be so.**

CLOSING HYMN

Before the Throne of God Above

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High Priest, whose Name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while with God He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

CLOSING PRAYER

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you sit at the right hand of God continually interceding for us.

C **Teach us more and more to be your people, people who step into the breach, people who truly care about the physical and spiritual plight of those around us, bringing their needs before you in prayer.**

M We pray, Jesus, in your name. You live and reign with the Father 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER *(Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 19, 2017

MON	10:00 am 5:45 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Grief Share (Church Library)
TUE	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library) <i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Stoney Creek Bible Study (Stoney Creek Adult Community) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
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 6:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion Teens Under God (TUG) (Trinity Café and Gym)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church and school office will be open 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, continuing through the summer until the start of school on August 24. The office is closed July 3 and 4.

UNDER THE CANOPY HOSTS

Available dates for this summer's Under the Canopy are July 2, July 16, and August 20. Please contact David Weise at (262) 271-3093 or dweise@aol.com to reserve your date.

SCHOOL OF EARLY LEARNING JOB OPENING

St. Paul's School of Early Learning (SOEL) is currently in need of an outgoing, energetic person who loves to make a difference in the lives of young children. Experience in childcare or a related field is preferred. We offer a competitive hourly wage and a pleasant working environment. Contact SOEL Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or (262) 470-0465, or 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.



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

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. Greet them after the worship services June 18 and share your sentiments at Under the Canopy hosted by the Worker Care Committee.

WEDDINGS

Lissa Wedell and Dan Peterson were joined in marriage on Saturday, June 10. Robyn Nygaard and Alex Bennet were joined in marriage on Saturday, June 17. May the Lord bless these couples joined together in Christ.

HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home and Karen Helm at The Lutheran Home. Stephanie Brandt is at Children's, Sandra Holtz at St. Luke's, and Carole Schacht at Waukesha Memorial. Sean Mars and Richard Schultz have been discharged from the hospital.

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.

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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

895 attended worship services last week.

RESIDENT MISSIONARY CALL

Pastor Stephen Kuehl of Powell, Ohio, continues to deliberate the call to serve as our Resident Missionary. Pastor Steve is a nephew of our Pastor David Kuehl. 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 Steve is deliberating the call here to St. Paul's, his current call, as well as a third call to Grace Lutheran in Yakima, Washington. May the Holy Spirit guide him to know where his gifts will be most beneficial in God's saving plan.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DELEGATES MEET

The delegates of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Conference held their last quarterly meeting for the 2016-17 school year on June 7. Items of note are the following:

- Update on the ongoing development of Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School: an all-boy's Lutheran high school with special emphasis in developing male leadership for the home, community, church, and workplace, starting in the fall of 2018.
- God is working in the lives of students at WLHS to fulfill His purposes. An excellent video depicting this is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=FThrs84DAkU&feature=youtu.be

The full delegate report is available at the Welcome Center.

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

WE NEED ONE MORE SUNDAY

Our fiscal year ends on June 30. Right now it appears that **“we need one more Sunday.”** Our offering projection is that we will be about one Sunday offering short of fully funding an incredible ministry year. We could get “one more Sunday” if, on average, we could double our offerings next weekend. Consider if God has given you the resources to give a special gift before June 30.

TEXT TO GIVE 414-316-6733

We are excited to announce a new way to give. Text a dollar amount (always put the dollar sign before it) to 414-316-6733. You will receive a text to register your credit or debit card. After registration, giving is as simple as texting a dollar amount to 414-316-6733. Weekly, monthly or quarterly recurring gifts can also be set up. A generous donor has agreed to give a \$50 matching gift for each of the first 20 recurring gifts set up through text-to-give prior to June 28.

ONLINE GIVING – AN EASY WAY TO GIVE REGULARLY

Over 20% of our offerings are received through online giving. Because Christians give regularly to support the Lord’s work, online giving can help you carry out your plans for your weekly or monthly offerings. You can use the QR code or find the online giving tab at www.stpaulmuskego.org.



MISSION NEWS FROM ETHIOPIA

In the coming months, we will highlight world mission news from the Book of Reports and Memorials prepared for this year’s synod convention.

In recent years exciting developments have unfolded in our relationship with the Lutheran Church of Ethiopia and its founder and president, Dr. Yigezu Kebede. Dr. Kebede has demonstrated himself to be an aggressive promoter of confessional Lutheranism and has expressed strong agreement with our church body’s doctrinal statements. Representatives from our church body (WELS) have made visits to the field in Ethiopia and it was unanimously recommended to the 2017 WELS convention that our synod make a formal declaration of church fellowship with the Lutheran Church of Ethiopia and sponsor the church body for associate membership in the Commission on Inter-Church Relations (ref. Book of Reports and Memorials for the 2017 Synod Convention, page 27).

St. Paul’s leads our church body in support of mission work around the world! Of every dollar you give to our General Fund, 13% is sent to the synod to support our work together. Praise God that you are part of God’s work in Ethiopia!

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 or text (414) 750-2586.

SORRY WE MISSED A GRADUATE

St. Paul’s member Isabella Navarrete, 8th grade graduate from Lake Denoon Middle School, will attend Muskego High School in the fall. We apologize for missing her name in the list of graduates last weekend.

SUMMER MESSAGE SERIES

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

The Bible records some remarkable prayers. However, the people who prayed them weren't really all that remarkable. And as they prayed they sure didn't think their prayers were all that remarkable either. But God heard them anyway. Their prayers spoken to God in faith touched his heart and sometimes resulted in miracles happening. Lives were changed. History was altered. Hope was restored. Hearts were opened. In every case, prayers were heard by a gracious God!



So why did God choose to have these prayers recorded for us in the Bible? So that we could learn from them the privilege and blessings of talking to God in prayer ourselves. That's why in this series we're going to look at some of these prayers spoken by ordinary people to see that we too can pray powerfully. We too can touch the heart of God. We too can impact hearts, lives, and even history itself. And in every case, no matter what, we can be confident that our prayers offered in faith are heard by our gracious and loving God for Jesus' sake. *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective (James 5:16).*

June 25

Big Problems? Bigger God?

Acts 4:23-31

Although it looks like the bad guys are in control and the church is small and beleaguered, God still is in control and where his Word is spoken boldly, God's Spirit is working great things (2nd Petition).

July 2

Negotiating with God

Genesis 18:20-33

Abraham intercedes for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah that God would spare the righteous (3rd Petition).

July 9

When God Gives a Blank Check

1 Kings 3:5-10

When God told King Solomon he could ask for anything he wanted, Solomon choose wisdom—the ability to discern between right and wrong (4th Petition).

July 16

Have Mercy on Me, a Sinner

Psalms 51

After King David blew it bigtime, he learned that the only way to find peace again was to come completely clean before God. When he did, David discovered that God would not cast him away, but rather God longed to restore him through full and free forgiveness received by faith (5th Petition).

July 23

Listen to These Insults!

2 Kings 19:14-19

When the Assyrian army threatened Israel, King Hezekiah took their letter full of insults straight to God in prayer (6th Petition).

July 30

Out of the Depths

Jonah 2

We may wonder if it's worth the time and effort to memorize Scripture, but when we're all alone in the darkness, it's right then that we need God's Word most (7th Petition).

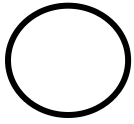
August 6

Answered Prayer Leads to Praise

1 Samuel 1:9-7, 2:1-10

(Picnic Sunday)

After God blessed Hannah with the child she asked for, Hannah responded with a beautiful prayer giving thanks and praise to God. How often do we remember to thank and praise God for answered prayer (Doxology)?



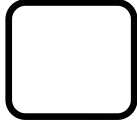
GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

Prayer is powerful. Sometimes we rush into conversation with each other and with God before taking time to really think about our words. This week we incorporate extended times of silence into our group life to give ourselves time to think and pray.

1. Prayer is powerful! Make a list of the children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, and/or friends that the other small group members are praying for.
2. Prayer is powerful! “If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven” (Matthew 18:19). Spend three minutes in silent prayer time over the list from the first question.
3. Read Exodus 32:1-14 aloud. Allow for three minutes of silence. What words or phrases stand out for you in this account? Share with the group at the end of the time of silence.
4. Read Exodus 32:11-14 aloud again and allow for three minutes of silence. What does this text teach you about being a priest praying for others? Share your thoughts with the group.
5. Reread the promises about prayer on the message outline. What makes it difficult to believe those promises?
6. What makes these promises about prayer certain? (Let 2 Corinthians 1:20 guide your discussion.)
7. What is one concrete way you can live out what you have learned about prayer in your daily life? Allow three minutes of group silence and then go around in a circle, giving each person a chance to answer for themselves.
8. Close by reading/praying together the Address and the 1st Petition found in the worship folder.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Prayer is Powerful:

Stepping Into the Breach

Exodus 32:11-14, page 88

1. **As we stand before God for our children, we have three options...**
 - a. Disown them and be c _____
 - b. Carry the weight of their guilt and be c _____
 - c. Step into the breach as a p _____

2. **We are priests.**
 - a. A priest at your b _____ who has direct access to God
 - b. A h _____ priest in your family

3. **As we stand before God as a priest...**
 - a. Remember he is _____
 - b. Remember his great acts of love _____
 - c. Remember his _____
 - i. ⁷“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8).
 - ii. ¹³ “And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it” (John 14:13-14).
 - iii. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him (1 John 5:14-15).

4. **Pray for priests who stand in the breach.**

My Next Steps to Stand in the Breach

- Meditate on the promises of prayer: Matthew 7:7-8, John 14:13,14; 1 John 5:14, 15.
- Commit to standing in the breach by praying for “your” children, either those biologically related to you or to those whom you know.