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SAMSON

FAILING FORWARD

June 16, 17, and 20, 2018

A man's greatest fear is failure and his greatest pain is regret. When we fail, all too often we choose remorse. Yet what we really need is repentance. Even in our failures God still accomplishes his purposes.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 460, vv. 1-4

How Can I Thank You, Lord

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



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

- 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** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE 460, v. 5

How Can I Thank You, Lord

**O Father, God of love,
Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God,
Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be
My ever faithful guide
That I may serve you here
And there with you abide.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M** Let us pray.
Lord God, our heavenly Father, how weak and frail we are and how often we work against you instead of for you.
- C** **Yet you are faithful and forgiving. You restore the broken-hearted. You lift us up again.**
- M** Use us, our weaknesses and our failures, to accomplish your good and gracious will.
- C** **Then you will receive the glory and the honor you deserve.**
- 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

1 Timothy 1:12-17, Bible page 1192

Paul thanks God that, even though he was once a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man, he was appointed to be a minister of Christ.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 85, Hymnal page 97

Show us your unfailing love, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 21:15-19, Bible page 1089

Jesus reinstates Peter.

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

O Lord of Heav'n and Earth

written by Mel Rindfleisch (2003)

O, Lord of heav'n and earth, my voice I raise to thee;
This day I come to thee in faith, oh, come to me;
For thou my words, my thoughts, my footsteps know,
How oft I stumble on my way below.

Look not upon my sin, but see instead, thy Son;
The awful price he paid, the ransom made, 'tis done;
The crown is mine, the victory secure;
My joy and peace this knowledge does insure.

Help me to know thy love that when dark days may come,
I look to thee for strength renewed, this race to run.
Teach me thy paths that I may walk with thee,
As Enoch did, so let my sojourn be.

Then, when the time has come for me to take my place
With saints before thy throne, at last to see thy face
Thy holy angels send to gather me,
There I will sing thy praise eternally.

SERMON

Judges 16:23-30, Bible page 256
(Saturday) Pastor Nate Strobel
(Sunday and Wednesday) Pastor David Kuehl

CONFESSION 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

Mike Grimes, president for two-year term

Kevin Krueger, treasurer for two-year term

Steve Meyer, at-large member of the Ministry Board for two-year term

Ron Guhr, at-large member of the Ministry Board for two-year term

FAREWELL TO OUTGOING OFFICER

Neal Wallner, president (2010-2018)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we
forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

- M Let us pray.
God of love and faithfulness, you showered your favor on your people sending your Son to be our Savior.
- C **Help us trust that in him we are truly and fully at peace with you.**
- M Redeem now our broken and misguided ways, that despite ourselves we may serve as ministers of your love in Christ. We pray in Jesus' name. He 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST *Nicole Greanya*

JOIN US ONLINE!

- **Watch Live:** Attend church remotely on Sundays at The Bridge at 10:15 am. Live streaming is available at www.thebridgemuskego.org, Facebook at *The Bridge at St. Paul's*, and YouTube at *The Bridge Church Muskego*. All past live replays are also available on each platform.
 - **Sermon Videos and Podcasts:** Sunday sermons are available at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org. They are usually available Sunday evening for that same Sunday's message.
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 18, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
TUE	9:00 am	Dorcas Society Picnic
	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	6:30 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Teens Under God Pickleball (Trinity Café and Gym)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church and school office is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, continuing through the summer until the start of school. The office is closed July 4.

SAFETY CITY ON CAMPUS JUNE 18-28

We are pleased to once again offer the use of our campus facilities to the community for Muskego's Safety City preschool program, starting Monday, June 18. This program runs Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, and creates a child-size city where children learn hands-on, both inside and outside of the classroom, about road and pedestrian safety. Fire protection, poison prevention, animal safety, and stranger awareness are some of the topics emphasized in cooperation with the Muskego Police Department and the Muskego Women's Club. Please be aware that this program is occurring if visiting our campus while it is in session. You may contact Sally Wallner at with questions.



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

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.

FLOWERS

The flowers beautifying the church today were given in celebration of Michael and Jill Lake's 40th wedding anniversary on June 10. May God bless the Lakes with many more years to come.

BAPTISMS

We praise God for the blessings of baptism given to the following three children of Matthew and Sarah Nuccio in a private ceremony on Saturday, June 16: Jack Matthew Nuccio, born May 30, 2013, Anthony John Nuccio, born October 21, 2015, Gianna Katherine Nuccio, August 22, 2017.

WEDDING

Brittany Michaels and Zachary Petraske were joined in marriage on Saturday, June 16. May the Lord bless them in their lives joined together in Christ.

FUNERAL

Lorraine Parr, born November 4, 1926, received her crown of glory June 12, 2018 and was granted a Christian graveside service June 15, 2018. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" (*Revelation 14:13*).

HOSPITALIZED

David Timm is at West Allis Memorial. Margaret Kujath is rehabbing at Linden Grove New Berlin, and Terri Raduege at Dycora. Ashley Vitale and baby Arabella have been discharged from the hospital, and Dolores Witte has returned home.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Tom Goodman, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Judith Lauber, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

ATTENDANCE

799 attended last week's worship services.

DIVINE CALLS

Kristen Miller, Spanish teacher in our Lutheran school, has received a one-year call to teach grades 3-5 at King of Kings Lutheran School in Garden Grove, California.

Pastor Wayne Shevey, campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College and husband of our 6th grade teacher, Julie Shevey, has received a call to Grace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh.

A COOL \$100 TAX REBATE

Between now and July 2, parents of children under the age of 18 on December 31, 2017, are eligible for a \$100 tax rebate from the State of Wisconsin. Claim your rebate here: <https://childtaxrebate.wi.gov>.

Would you consider donating a portion of this unexpected tax rebate to A Cool Million? If every family at St. Paul's could donate 50% of that tax rebate, we would give over \$35,000 to A Cool Million. That is probably not possible for everyone, but perhaps it is possible for you. It only takes a minute.

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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 Nate by marking the back of your 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 Nate on the back of the Connection Card or at nstrob@stpaulmuskego.org and he will contact you with more information on class options and answer any questions you may have.

PARENTS: REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FALL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASSES

If you have a child entering 6th-8th grade this fall who will be enrolled in a school other than St. Paul's Lutheran School, and you want him/her to take part in St. Paul's Confirmation Instruction Program, please contact Dr. Nelson as soon as possible (414-422-0320 ext. 145, jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org). This will ensure that you receive all the necessary information about the program and the August 20 orientation night. These Wednesday afternoon classes begin August 29.

TEENS UNDER GOD – JUNE 24

Teens Under God meets next Sunday, June 24, 6:30-8:30 pm, in the Trinity Gym for pickleball together with neighboring teen groups in our church body. Bring a friend and join the fun!

DIVORCECARE SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul's offers DivorceCare, a Christ-centered, 13-week program which includes video segments, group discussion, and personal Bible study. Feel free to join anytime throughout the 13 weeks to find help, discover hope, and experience healing. DivorceCare is held on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, in school room #8.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY – BRIDGE RIGGING

We are looking for a couple of individuals who would be willing to pull out equipment for The Bridge on Saturday evenings in preparation for the Sunday set-up. The task takes about an hour and can be done anytime on Saturday evening. A volunteer currently serves every other week. The new individuals would cover the opposite weeks and fill in when needed. Contact Pastor Bonack at jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext 119 to volunteer or for more information.

UNDER THE CANOPY HOSTS

Available dates for this summer's Under the Canopy are July 1, July 15, July 22, and August 19. Please contact David Weise at (262) 271-3093 or dweise@aol.com for more information and to reserve your date.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER JOB OPENING

Our Child Care Center is hiring a teacher's aide. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 11:30 am - 6:00 pm; with the 2 - 2 ½ year-old children. Please contact Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, to apply.

JOB OPENING AT STONEY CREEK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Stoney Creek retirement community in Muskego has a part-time position open for an administrative assistant. If you have interest, contact Cindy Theil at cindy@stoneycreekmuskego.com or (414) 422-4686.

JOB OPENINGS ON ST. PAUL'S EVENT STAFF

St. Paul's is hiring part-time positions to supervise our facilities when rented out for use by our community. Please contact Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294 to apply or for more information.

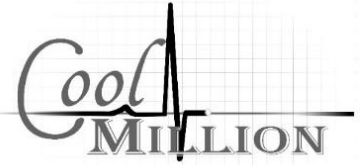
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THANKS A COOL MILLION!

If you haven't returned a plan-for-giving yet, pick up a packet with information in the Welcome Center. Join the 247 individuals and/or families who have committed to pray for this effort and, if possible, support it through a gift or plan-for-giving.

The following Cool Million projects have been completed or approved to begin this summer:

- Lighting of the altar area in the church completed before Easter
- Repaving of school playground completed this past week
- Replacement of windows in Centennial Gym will be completed this summer
- Installing heating and cooling system in the school begins this summer and will be completed in 2019



OUR TITHE

We are giving a tithe or 10% of gifts received to the following mission partners:

- \$30,000 to Costa Maya Ministries in Mexico (van purchase and building fund)
- \$10,000 to Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School in Milwaukee
- \$10,000 to Malawi Mission Partner
- \$50,000 to Friends of China to send volunteers to China who will teach English as a Second language to develop relationships across which they can share their faith.

We have received \$231,000 in gifts already. As a result, we have sent \$20,000 to Costa Maya Ministries in Mahahual, Mexico. The first \$7,000 received is being matched by another mission supporter, Bloomington Lutheran Church in Minnesota. These funds will satisfy an urgent need as Pastor Valleskey references below. The remainder of our tithe to this mission (\$23,000) will go toward their building project.

THANK YOU

Dear members of St. Paul's and fellow believers in the Lord's kingdom,

A big "hola" from all of us in Mahahual, Mexico! The Lord is giving us many opportunities to share the Word of God's grace in a remote area of Mexico. We very much appreciate the blessing of partnering with all of you at St. Paul's.

A large percentage of our ministry depends on transportation. From our church location in town we go up to 45 minutes north along the coast working with families that are not being served by any other Christian group. Every weekend we use a church van to do a 2-hour circuit picking up people for a Bible study and soup kitchen on Fridays, and then again on Sunday for worship. Anywhere from 20-40 people are hearing God's voice regularly through this transportation ministry.

The many trips up and down pot-hole filled roads have taken their toll on our old van making it unreliable and unsafe. Recently we had the hood unlatch at highway speeds and smash through the windshield!

We want to thank you for your very generous donation as a congregation toward a new van. Through your offering the Word will continue to go out, new people will continue to hear about their Savior, and others will continue to be strengthened in the faith that by God's grace they already have.

On behalf of *Cruz de Cristo* (Cross of Christ Lutheran Church), and our Costa Maya Ministries board,
Missionary Martin Valleskey

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

COOL MILLION GOLF OUTING

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 11, 2018**

REGISTRATION 12:30PM

SHOTGUN START 1:30PM

DINNER 6:30PM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL - TRINITY CAFE

PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS AND
DRAWINGS TO FOLLOW



**NEW BERLIN HILLS
GOLF COURSE**

3175 W GRAHAM ST,
NEW BERLIN, WI 53151

**4 PERSON
SCRAMBLE**



REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- 18 holes and cart
- 2 Beverage Tickets
- Dinner provided by Wegner's St. Martin's Inn
- Prizes and Giveaways



- \$100 per golfer
- \$400 per team
- Assign me/us to a Foursome
- \$100 Hole Sponsorship
- Dinner only - \$25 per person

Total = _____

*receipt will be sent to you.

**Register your foursome by June 15th and the team will receive one free "Arms Length" of Raffle Tickets!

All proceeds benefit the Cool Million projects.

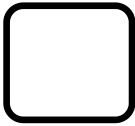
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ATTN: Golf Outing
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Emily Meitner, 414.422.0320 ext. 110 or emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

+ Ordinary People – Extraordinary God +

Judges 16:23-30 (Bible page 256)

Failing Forward

What do you do when you realize you've really messed up?

- Statistically, women find their worth in r_____.
- Men tend to find their worth in a_____.
- A woman will usually say, "I'd rather be l_____."
- A man will almost always say, "I'd rather be r_____."
- "A man's greatest fear is failure and his greatest pain is regret." (Craig Groeschel: [Fight: Winning the Battles that Matter Most](#))
- A failure is an e_____, not a p_____.
- Two possible responses to failure:
 - R_____ – feeling bad about what I did
 - Directed inwardly – "I'm a bad person." "I'm no good."
 - Directed outwardly – "It's your fault."
- R_____ – admitting my sin and turning to God for forgiveness and the strength to right the wrong

We were created and redeemed by God for a great purpose.

- We are not d_____ by what we have done.
- If we're not d_____, we're not d_____.
- We have the same S_____ in us that raised Christ from the dead.
- What are the pillars in your life that need to come down?

"For though the righteous fall seven times, they will rise again."
(Proverbs 24:16)