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OH, FOR AN UNSHAKABLE FAITH

FAITH TREASURES JESUS' FORGIVENESS

June 23, 24, and 27, 2018

What a contrast between Simon and the nameless woman who anointed Jesus with her perfume and her tears! In Jesus' forgiveness, we have so much to be thankful for!

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 339, vv. 1-3

Today Your Mercy Calls

INVOCATION

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
C **Amen.**

THE WORD

M The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.
Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have transgressed against you.
C **But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin.**

M Surround us with your unfailing love
C **that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever.**

M We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
C **and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

2 Chronicles 33:1-6,10-18, Bible page 460
Manasseh was one of the most godless kings to rule over God's people. His time of grace ran out.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 40

M I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.
C **He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;**

M he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
C **He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.**

M Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.
C **Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.**

M Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us.
C **None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.**

M 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.

C **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Bible page 1146

No evildoer will inherit the kingdom of heaven. How grateful we are that we were washed, sanctified and justified through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY 423

Not In Anger, Mighty God

SERMON

Luke 7:36-50, Bible page 1035

Pastor Nate Strobel

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

O holy, holy, holy

Lord God of pow'r and might,

Your glory, earth and heaven

In countless ways recite.

Hosanna! Come and save us,

Lord God of hosts on high,

And in your grace and mercy

Receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest!

How truly blest is he

Who in God's name is coming

To set his people free!

He comes to bring salvation

And with his blood outpoured,

Deliver us from bondage—

Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

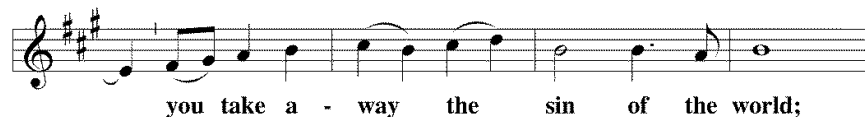
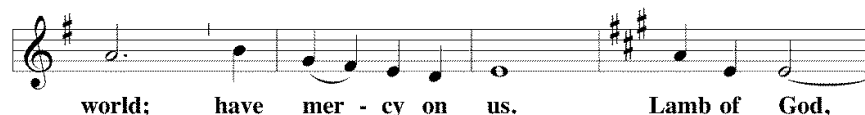
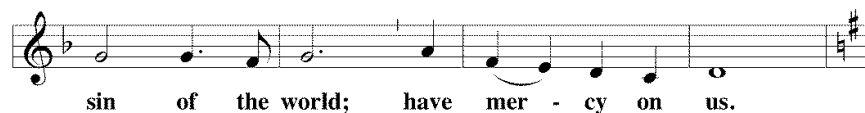
M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

Jesus is God's Lamb [Agnus Dei], who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.



DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 7.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 389

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

The Nunc Dimittis ["Now dismiss"] is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

**O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

CLOSING PRAYER

M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

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 *Carol Nelson*



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.

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, entitled *Following the Promise*, to provide an overview of our teachings. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org to find the session that works best for your schedule.*

*If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of *Christian Worship* to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.*

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. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pew in the left center section is reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 25, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
TUE	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> (School Classroom #9)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion (No worship on July 4)
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
SUN	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

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

Safety City continues this week, Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, We are pleased to offer the use of our campus facilities to the community for this program which creates a child-size city where children learn hands-on, both inside and outside of the classroom, about road and pedestrian safety.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PICNIC

When: Sunday, August 5, at 11:30 am (following the outdoor service)

Where: St Paul's School grounds

What: Food, music, games, beverages, ice cream, camaraderie and fun!

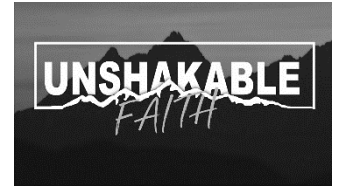


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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

OH, FOR AN UNSHAKEABLE FAITH

The answer for so many of the struggles in our lives is having a stronger faith—a faith that believes that we are loved and forgiven, a faith that trusts that God will provide, help, heal, work it out for our good. In this message series we will take a closer look at the gift of faith, where it comes from, its power source, and what it looks like in the believer's life. In the process we pray that our faith is strengthened!



July 1	Faith Is Refined in the Fires of Affliction	Genesis 39:6-12, 16-23
July 8	Faith Believes that Dying Is Living	Philippians 1:18-26
July 15	Faith Doesn't Make Excuses	Luke 9:51-62
July 22	Faith Makes Us Partners In Gospel Ministry	Philippians 4:10-20
July 29	Faith Doesn't Ask Why	Joshua 5:13-6:5, 20
August 5 (Picnic Sunday)	Faith Loves to Sit at Jesus' Feet	Luke 10:38-42

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. The nursery closes 10 minutes after the service, so please pick your child up promptly.

WEDDING

Kelly Neubauer and Jason Sandback were joined in marriage on Saturday, June 23, 2018. May the Lord bless them in their lives joined together in Christ.

HOSPITALIZED

Margaret Kujath and Delores Witte are rehabbing at Linden Grove New Berlin and Terri Raduege at Dycora. David Timm and Jennifer Biebert and baby Elinor have been discharged from the hospital.

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, Mary Schauwitzer, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

ATTENDANCE

993 attended last week's worship services.

DIVINE CALLS

Kristen Miller, Spanish teacher in our Lutheran school, has returned her one-year call to teach grades 3-5 at King of Kings Lutheran School in Garden Grove, California. We rejoice that she will continue her ministry among us at St. Paul's.

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. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates.

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 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. Register with Pastor Nate on the back of the Connection Card or at nstrobels@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, or 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 at 4:30 pm.

TEENS UNDER GOD – JUNE 24

Teens Under God meets 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 or to reserve your date.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER JOB OPENING

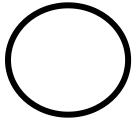
Our Child Care Center is hiring a teacher's aide. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 11:30 am - 6:00 pm; with the 2 - 2 ½ year-old children. Please contact Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, to apply.

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.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Where have you seen God active in your life this week?

2. This new message series is about what makes a faith "unshakeable." What do you think the key is to an unshakeable faith?

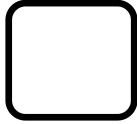
3. Read Luke 7:36-50
 - What do we learn about faith from Simon's actions in this account?
 - What do we learn about faith from the woman's actions in this account?
 - What do we learn about faith from Jesus' actions in this account?

4. Can you recall a time when you witnessed someone giving so generously that it bordered on wasteful? Did any part of you - like Simon - have to wrestle with your thoughts as you witnessed this?

5. In his message, Pastor Strobel talked about being "aware, ready, and free." Which of these three is the most challenging for you? Why?

6. As a group, heighten your **"awareness"** of *self* and *Savior* with a reading of Psalm 22.

7. Revisit David vs. Goliath in I Samuel 17. Ponder David's **"readiness"** for a different kind of service to his God. What blessings of God inspired David to serve? How different are those blessings of God from the ones that inspire you?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

I'VE COME TO POUR OUT MY PRAISE!

Luke 7:36-50

What brings you to this house of God?

Week after week after week?

1. Aware...

...of my _____

...of my _____

2. Ready...

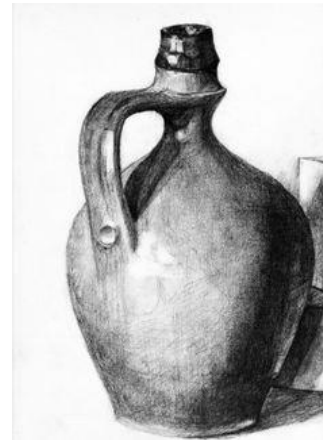
...to _____

...as I am _____

3. Free!

Do You Know the _____ of My Oil?

Do You Know the _____ of My Praise?



What brings you to this house of God?

Week after week after week?

Next Steps

- Heighten your “**awareness**” of self and Savior with a reading of Psalm 22.
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