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# TRINITY SUNDAY UNITED

#### A CHURCH BUILT ON GOD'S WORD

June 15, 16, and 19, 2019

There is one Holy Christian Church, one Lord and Savior, one Word of Truth. Why, then, are there so many different Christian denominations and so much argument among us about what it is we believe? Who is right and who is wrong?

#### **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 Who is like our God, a God who pardons sin and forgives transgression?
- C He does not stay angry forever but delights in showing mercy.
- M He has compassion on us, treading our sins underfoot
- C and hurling all our iniquities into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:18-19).
- M Brothers and sisters, because of Christ, we are confident that God is gracious and forgiving. Let us, therefore, confess our sins to him and ask for his mercy.
- C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

#### LORD HAVE MERCY



- M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C Amen.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

#### HYMN OF PRAISE 195, vv. 1, 2

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; Holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Almighty God, you fill our cups to overflowing with your love. You open our minds with the truth of your Word. We confess you:
- C glorious, eternal Trinity.
- M We worship you:
- C divine, majestic Unity.
- M Against all who would oppose it,
- C defend us in our faith,
- M until that day when we will see you face to face, knowing you,
- C even as we, ourselves, are known.
- M You live and reign, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

**Numbers 6:22-27**, Bible page 138

The LORD instructs Moses to speak his threefold name over the Israelites and thus place his blessing on them.

#### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 150, Bible page 122

We praise the triune God. He is the true and the only Savior God.

The Father and the Holy Spirit are united in their testimony that Jesus is and brings eternal life to this world.

**HYMN 538** 

The Church's One Foundation

**SERMON** 

**John 16:12-15,** Bible page 1083 *Pastor Nate Strobel* 

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.

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;

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit 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.

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**

#### RECOGNITION OF CALLED WORKERS YEARS OF SERVICE (Sunday 7:45 am)

**Dr. Joel Nelson** 40 years in the ministry **Mr. Randel Fink** 20 years in the ministry

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.
- C We confess that without your love we are lost.
- M Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.
- M We pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.
- C By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.
- M We pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.
- C Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.
- M We pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful, even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

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

C Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

M The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presiding Minister (Sunday) Pastor Jeffrey Bonack

**PIANIST** Susan Gedemer

#### **KEEP YOUR WORSHIP FOLDER**

We encourage you to take your worship folder home with you. The NoteSheet, Next Steps, and GroupWork are designed to help you meditate on God's Word all week long.

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# **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

For the week of June 17, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	9:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library) Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service **
SUN	7:45 am 8:30 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Following the Promise (School Classroom 8) Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service

<sup>\*\*</sup> There will not be a Wednesday worship service on July 3.

## JOIN US ONLINE

If you can't join us in person, join us online! A video archive of sermons is available at www.stpaulmukego.org/worship/sermons.

The Bridge, our casual contemporary service, is livestreamed every Sunday at 10:15 am on each of the following platforms. You can find an archive of past messages on each site, with the full-service replay on YouTube.



www.thebridgemuskego.org



@ The Bridge Church Muskego



@ The Bridge at St. Paul's

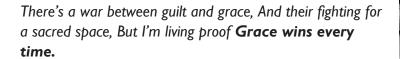


Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

# GOD'S GRACE WINS EVERY TIME!

Matthew West's song "Grace Wins" captures the truth we want to claim for ourselves this summer as we study St. Paul's letter to the Romans.

For the prodigal son
Grace Wins
For the woman at the well
Grace Wins
For the blind men and the beggar
Grace Wins
For always and forever
Grace Wins
For the lost out on the street
Grace Wins
For the worst part of you and me
Grace Wins
For the thief on the cross
Grace Wins
For the world that is lost



Our thanks to St. Paul's members Dan and Stacey

Manesis for bringing their race car today to publicize the *Grace Wins* message series. Take a postcard, take a picture, and share it with your friends on social media.

Beginning the weekend of June 30, we will race through the first half of Paul's letter to the Romans. It will begin as an uncomfortable ride. We will experience some "g's" as Paul allows us to feel the weight of our guilt. We will understand Matthew West's comment about "the worst part of you and me."

But Paul's purpose is to prepare us to experience the exhilaration that only the "g's" of God's grace can give. God's grace wins over the guilt of every failure and every act of rebellion. Grace wins over the power of sin so that God can work amazing changes in us.



June 30 – Romans 1:1-17 August 4, Picnic Sunday – Romans 5:1-11

July 7 – Romans 1:18-2:11 August 11 – Romans 5:12-21

July 14 – Romans 2:12-3:20 August 18 – Romans 6:7-7:6

July 21 – Romans 3:21-31 August 25 – Romans 7:7-8:17

July 28 – Romans 4 September 1 – Romans 8:18-39





# St. Paul's News

#### **SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE**

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.

#### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Lucille Krebs, Shelly Pearson, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

#### HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is in hospice care at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, and Dorothy Wardin is in home hospice care. Gary Ives is at the VA Hospital, and Audrey Wefel is at Virginia Rehab and Health Center.

#### **A**TTENDANCE

928 attended last week's worship services.

#### **CALLED WORKER APPRECIATION**

We give thanks and celebrate the following anniversaries of our called workers: Dr. Joel Nelson - 40 years in the ministry; Mr. Randel Fink - 20 years in the ministry. To honor their years of service, a card box is available in the lobby, and they will be publicly recognized and thanked on June 16. Thank you for your notes of appreciation and encouragement.

#### St. Paul's Child Care Center Infant Opening

Our Child Care Center has an opening in the infant room (6am – 6pm, 6weeks – 12 months). If you are pregnant and need child care arrangements, contact Child Care Director Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, for a tour and answers to all your questions.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

St Paul's church picnic will be on Sunday, August 4. This year you can plan on a fun-filled afternoon with hot food, cold beverages, fun games and activities, polka music and dancing, the ever-popular "bags tournament," and all the usual fellowship and good times. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Contact Bob Zastrow at (414) 940-9360 to get involved. Watch for more details to come!

#### **UNDER THE CANOPY**

Under the Canopy is a time to gather for coffee, juice, and treats under the canopy of church after Sunday services during the summer months. June 23, July 7, and July 21 are available to host. Contact Christine Trettin at (414) 422-0320, ext. 128, for more information and to reserve your date.

#### THE BIBLE COMES TO LIFE ON A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Pastor Panitzke will be giving a short presentation about the upcoming trip to the Holy Land (June 16-25, 2020) on Sunday, July 21 at 9:15 am in the Faith Room for anyone interested. If you would be traveling alone, please speak to Pastor Panitzke. Single travelers, both male and female, have asked about finding a roommate to reduce costs. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

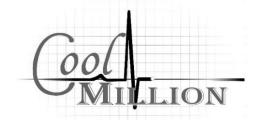
#### Tour the East Coast this Fall with Stoney Creek

Join Stoney Creek for a vacation tour traveling to the east coast September 27 - October 5. Call Activities Director Anita by July 1 at (414) 422-4686 to register or for more information.

# A COOL MILLION — 2/3 OF THE WAY!

#### We have come so far!

Eighteen months ago, **A Cool Million** was nothing more than an idea. Could we give \$1 million to complete some huge maintenance projects and at the same time significantly impact missions around the globe? It seemed impossible!



We have recently **surpassed the 2/3 mark (\$668,000)** in gifts received and major gifts committed! More evidence of the love of Christ that beats in the hearts of God's people.

### **Projects**

So, what has been done, and what is yet to be accomplished on our campus?

#### Accomplished:

- New lighting in the altar area of our church
- Repaying the playground and additional equipment
- New windows in the Centennial Gym
- New HVAC in four classrooms
- Tithe gifts supporting ministry in Mexico, Uganda and Milwaukee's inner city.

#### In process:

- Replacing a 60 year-old boiler with new HVAC so the entire school is air conditioned
- Refinishing the Centennial Gym ceiling
- Re-shingling the Centennial Gym roof

#### Next projects:

- Roof repairs and re-shingling of the church (fall 2019)
- Permanent lighting and sound in the Trinity Gym (summer 2020)
- \$50,000 tithe gift to Friends of China to help more young people travel to China to share their faith in year-long and multi-year mission opportunities.

#### Could You Help Us Finish the Work?

The Holy Spirit has placed into our hearts a desire to give generously and proportionately. What is a generous and proportionate gift to an effort like **A Cool Million**? It depends on how God has blessed you. The gift chart at right can help you see what size gifts will enable us to complete the work. Each gift, given in love for the Savior, is precious and greatly appreciated! Clearly mark your gift "**A Cool Million**" or give online at StPaulMuskego.org/give. Thank you for your prayers and your gifts!



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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

#### **SAFETY CITY ON CAMPUS JUNE 17-26**

We are pleased once again to offer the use of our campus facilities to the community for the Safety City preschool program, starting Monday, June 17. 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 414.218.5197 with questions.

#### FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

Following the Promise is a class designed to challenge us in what we think we know, introduce us to the world's only Savior in Jesus, and take us on a journey from creation to the cross and to the halls of heaven. Join Pastor Nate for a look at the basics of what the Bible teaches and how God's promises relate to you on Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15 pm, for 12 weeks. Members and guests! Text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236, email at <a href="mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org">nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org</a>, or register on the back of your Connection Card.

#### A LEADERSHIP EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

On August 8 and 9, The Global Leadership Summit will be telecast live in HD to over 500 locations nationwide. St. Paul's will be one of the live telecast locations this year for the first time. Visit globalleadership.org to see the line-up of speakers already committed. St. Paul's receives a discounted rate of \$89 before June 25; \$119 after June 25. Register at StPaulMuskego.org\GLS with priority code PV2019.



SUMMIT

## WHAT MAKES TEENS TICK PRESENTED BY DR. JOEL NELSON

What Makes Teens Tick: A Look at Adolescent Development and Their Place in the Body of Christ will be presented in three engaging sessions the Sundays of June 30, July 7, and July 14, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. We will look at what's going on in adolescent children physiologically, psychologically, and spiritually. We will identify the three big questions all youth want answered. We will explore the "journey to independence" and how that journey involves tremendous peer pressure and strong urges to break free. Parents—and others who nurture and mentor teens—will learn three simple rules that can make a huge difference in the relationships they have with the adolescent children they know and love. Dr. Joel Nelson has served youth and families for his entire career. His M.S. thesis focused on 12 characteristics that make families healthy. His Ed.D. dissertation focused on a father's influence on leadership development in children.

#### PARENTS: REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FALL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASSES

Families with children who do not attend St. Paul's Lutheran School, who are not currently in the Wednesday afternoon Confirmation classes and who want their children to be confirmed at St. Paul's, should contact Dr. Nelson as soon as possible at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145. Confirmation at St. Paul's is a three-year program for public school students, beginning in grade 6. We are in the process of putting together the student lists for 2019-2020 and want to make sure we have all eligible students included. Watch for more information about the 2019-2020 classes coming soon.

#### **VOLUNTEER WITH OUR SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES THIS FALL**

Our Kids Club (3K-6th grade) and Boost (7th-8th grade) Sunday morning ministries have seen excellent growth over the past few years. This success is due in large part to a wonderful group of volunteers making it happen each Sunday. If you love kids and would enjoy sharing Jesus with them, mark the back of your Connection Card, and Dr. Nelson will contact you regarding the various ways you can get involved. Dr. Nelson can also be reached directly at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.



- I. Share your **highs and lows** for the week. How did God surprise you? How did God challenge you? What are you expecting from him in the coming week?
- 2. Pastor Nate's message theme was, "(which) Church?! It's as easy as I + 2 = 3!" Was there a time when you were unsure of your church—when "church" didn't seem so "easy"? Or, has "church" always been a slam dunk? As you are comfortable, share your spiritual journey.
- 3. **I + 2 = 3....Jesus +Truth = Church.** How does that equation resonate with you? Reread the message text, John 16:12-15, out loud as a group. How important is that equation to God?
- 4. Pastor Nate referenced the miracle of Pentecost (Acts 2). As a group, recall what happened at Pentecost, then READ John 15:25-27. How was Jesus' prophecy fulfilled at Pentecost, especially in Peter's address to the crowd (Acts 2:22-33)? What comfort does that give to the present-day Christian?
- 5. Pastor Nate referenced *absolute truths* (remember "gas fumes" and "suffocation warnings") and the world's responses to them. Hell is real, the Bible says. Heaven is real, the Bible says. Jesus is real!. *Absolute truths.* Are these truths *compelling* your witness of Jesus as Savior to your friends, relatives, associates and neighbors?
- 6. As individuals, take 60 seconds to make a list of three people in your lives who do not know or believe in Jesus as their Savior. As a group, share their first names and commit to praying for them daily that they would be brought to faith in Jesus. Most importantly, pray that God would find a moment to use YOU to be his witness since, "Faith comes by hearing the message (Romans 10:17)." Lord, help me to share my faith...to invite to church...to imply who it is that motivates my life...that you may shine through me!
- 7. In the context of your Group Discussion, read aloud, together, all of **Revelation 22**. Create a bullet-point list for your closing prayer of "high points" from the Savior's last words to his Church...to his people...to you. *Close with prayer*.

	NoteSheet
1 1	Sermon Outline
	Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

# (which) Church?! It's as Easy as I + 2 = 3!

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#### A. Remember Pentecost?

- "Wait for the Gift." -- Don't ahead of God
- "You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." -- See his \_\_\_\_\_. Hear his \_\_\_\_\_.

## **B. Ponder Inspiration!**

- Run to the \_\_\_\_\_!
- There's \_\_\_\_\_ in the Message!

#### **Application**

- What does the world DO with Truth?
- How important is our task?

#### **2. God Owns It...Our Salvation** (The *Triune* God that is!)

#### A. How Long Has the Father Loved Us?

- "He chose us in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ of the world." Awesome!
- This is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship!

#### B. How the Trinity Works to Save Us!

- Each \_\_\_\_\_ has his role.
- Brand-alignment is \_\_\_\_\_\_!

#### **Application**

• The truth about "dominoes".

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Tale of a St. Paul's Member

#### **Next Steps**

- The Growth of the Church Read John 4:1-42. How does the Master Teacher *model* how to grow the Church? How does the woman at the well *model* the growth of the church through us (v. 29 and v. 42)?
- "Brand Alignment" as God's Church Read John 8:31-36. Why is it important to "hold to the teaching of Jesus"? Is every teaching of his important? (Cf. Matthew 5:18-19, Matthew 16:5-12)
- **Personal Reflection** "Why do I attend worship at St. Paul's in Muskego?" Read Psalm 103, a psalm that could be titled, "Joy in the Redeemer". Does St. Paul's *live* the Joy?