

UNITY

WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PRESERVE OUR UNITY

June 22, 23, and 26, 2019

Conservative Lutherans are often accused of being divisive. When other church bodies are seeking to open doors that bring us together, we refuse to walk through those doors. What kind of unity is Jesus looking for in his church? Sometimes preserving the unity of the church requires us to keep our distance from those who continue to advocate beliefs that ultimately divide the church.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 532

God Is Here! As We His People

BAPTISM (Sunday, 9:15 am)

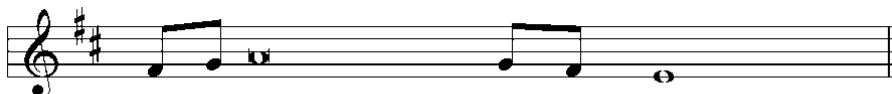
Hymnal page 12

Ruby Sylvia Wirtala

Daughter of Joshua and Heidi (nee Schultz) Wirtala, born February 25, 2019



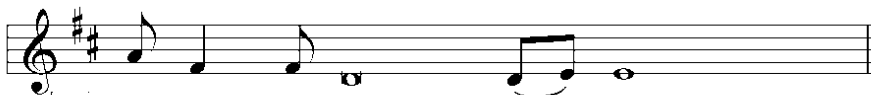
M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



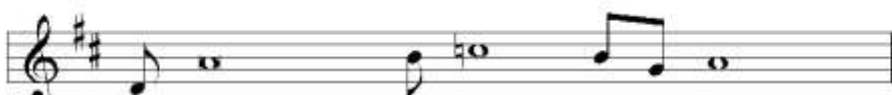
C | And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

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Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Lord, we rejoice in you and acclaim your unending faithfulness and love.

C **May the praise we give you here in your house be the song we take out into the world.**

M Our desire, like yours, Lord, is for others to have the opportunity to hear of your saving love.

C **Make us faithful witnesses in both word and deed.**

M We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:8-11, Bible page 738

God promises that his Word will always accomplish what he desires.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 133-134, Hymnal page 115

How good and pleasant it is when believers live together in harmony!

GOSPEL

Luke 11:14-23, Bible page 1042

Jesus reminds us that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY 541

Lord, Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

SERMON

Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16, Bible page 1175

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty God, giver of all things, with gladness we give thanks for all your goodness. We
bless you for the love with which you created us and by which you sustain us from day to day.

C We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known
your will and grace.

M We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church; for the means of grace; for the encouraging example of the fruits of faith your Spirit produces in the lives of believers; and for the hope of the life to come.

C **Help us treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness with lives that are wholly given to your service.**

M Save and defend your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers filled with your Spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and the holy sacraments. Make it perfect in love and in all good works, and establish it in the faith delivered to the saints.

C **Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.**

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

M Send the light of your truth into all the earth.

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.

HYMN 537

Onward, Christian Soldiers

CLOSING PRAYER

M Grant, O Lord, that the lips which here have sung your praise

C **may continue to glorify you in the world;**

M that the ears which have heard you speak

C **may be open always to your Word and closed to hatred and discord;**

M that the tongues which have confessed your name

C **may always speak the truth without fear;**

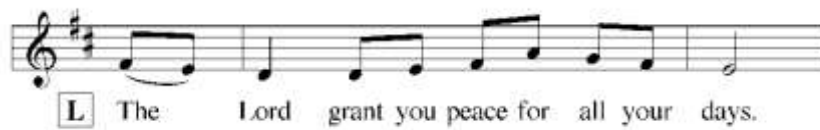
M that all of us who have worshiped together today

C **may be united in true love for each other as you have loved us in Jesus.**

M In his name we pray.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST *Nicole Greanya*



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 24, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service **
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	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

**** Due to Independence Day on the next day, 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



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@ The Bridge at St. Paul's



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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

GRACE
WINS
Our **VICTORY** in God's Love



*There's a war between guilt and grace, And their fighting for a sacred space, But I'm living proof **Grace wins every time.***

Our thanks to St. Paul's members Dan and Stacey Manesis for bringing a race car on Father's Day to publicize the **Grace Wins** message series. Above is a picture of another of their cars with Dan behind the wheel!

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.

Invite your friends to celebrate with you that "Grace Wins Every Time!"

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.

BAPTISM

Jaxon Matthew Krabbenhoft, born March 24, 2019, son of Matthew and Jaymie (nee Ferrito) Krabbenhoft was baptized in a private ceremony on Saturday, June 22. May the Holy Spirit guide and bless Jaxon in his faith his whole life long.

FUNERALS

Dorothy J. Wardin, born February 27, 1938, entered eternal life in heaven on June 18, 2019. Visitation is Monday, June 24, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, with the funeral immediately following.

Richard R. Martin, born December 29, 1930, entered eternal life in heaven on June 18, 2019. Visitation is Monday, June 24, 10:00 am – noon, with the funeral immediately following.

May the God of all comfort and hope be with the loved ones of Dorothy and Richard.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, 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, Gary Ives is at the VA Hospital, and Audrey Wefel will be permanently residing at Virginia Health Center in Waukesha.

ATTENDANCE

950 attended last week's worship services.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER INFANT OPENING

Our Child Care Center has an opening in the infant room (6:00 am – 6:00 pm, 6 weeks – 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.

CHURCH PICNIC UPDATES

When? Sunday, August 4, at 11:30 am, following the outdoor church service.

Where? On the St. Paul's grounds.

What? Burgers, brats, and hotdogs for purchase. Plus, beverages, ice cream, and other treats.

What Else? Children's games and play area, face painting, adult bags tournament, musical entertainment.

Why? Because you couldn't have more fun on a Sunday afternoon if you tried!

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Contact Bob Zastrow at (414) 940-9360 to get involved.

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. 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.

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** in gifts received and major gifts committed! More evidence of the love of Christ that beats in the hearts of God's people.

Projects or People

Our **Cool Million** gifts enable us to do projects, but this effort is really all about people. Here are just a few of the amazing things that the Holy Spirit does through your generosity!

- At the school dance, the last song played was “In Christ Alone.” Large groups of kids in the Trinity Café came running into the gym to join in. Hearing them all sing praises to Jesus, as a large group, completely unprompted by adults... **The Holy Spirit is at work!**
- A staff member has devoted weekly one-on-one time to a young person who, at times, claimed to have no faith. **The Holy Spirit worked** through this patient love and instruction so that this young person went from not wanting to be confirmed to actually looking forward to confessing faith in Jesus at confirmation.
- An individual was a guest at St. Paul's for two Good Fridays in a row. Deep hurts over the years caused many questions to be directed God's way. Through the study of God's Word, the words, “I am not sure I get it,” are being replaced with “Sometimes I still wonder.” Faith is growing as the **Holy Spirit breathes life through our gospel ministry.**

The Cool Million projects may seem mundane, but without well maintained facilities, these miracles of the Holy Spirit would not likely have taken place.

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 can help you see what size of 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!

Tax-wise Giving

It may be advantageous for you to give appreciated stock, or if you are 70½ or over, to give directly from your IRA. Speak to your accountant or call Church Administrator Randy Fink at 414-422-0320, ext. 120, for assistance.

Gift Level	Number of gifts
\$25,000	1
\$15,000	1
\$10,000	2
\$5,000	5
\$2,500	20
\$1,000	100
\$500	100
\$250	100
\$100	100
\$50	100
\$25	200

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

SAFETY CITY ON CAMPUS THROUGH JUNE 27

The Muskego Police Department in cooperation with the Muskego Women's Club will continue the use of our campus facilities for the Safety City community preschool program through Thursday, June 27, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. 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 nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org, or register on the back of your Connection Card.

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.

A LEADERSHIP EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS—EARLY BIRD RATE ENDS TUESDAY!

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.

WHAT MAKES TEENS TICK PRESENTED BY DR. JOEL NELSON

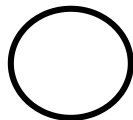
What Makes Teens Tick: A Look at Adolescent Development and Their Place in the Body of Christ will be presented in three engaging sessions the Sundays of June 30, July 7, and July 14, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room. We will look at what's going on in adolescent children physiologically, psychologically, 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.

READING BUDDIES WILL BE BACK THIS FALL – JOIN THE FUN!

Reading Buddies starts Wednesday, September 4, 9:45-10:45 am, in the Trinity Cafe. Read together with a Kindergarten - 2nd grade student in 15 minute increments. Help instill the love of reading and enjoy the camaraderie with our students. Contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons to volunteer at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or 414.422. 0320, ext. 118. Volunteer for as many Wednesdays that work for you.

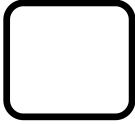


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share highs and lows from the past week and begin your time together in prayer.
2. This week's message theme is about being united. Have your experiences within a team typically been more united and peaceful or full of conflict and struggle? What are some common unity "makers" or "breakers?"
3. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul taught the value of unity. Re-read the sermon text in Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16. What do you see in these verses that reflects the current culture of St. Paul's? Where do you see opportunities for us to improve our attitude of unity?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. What do these verses teach us about the combined value of diversity and unity?
5. In his message, pastor reminds us that the early church was built up and united through the common goal of learning God's Word. What are you doing in your day-to-day life to make this a priority?
6. Close your time together in prayer for unity within our local church and the greater Christian community world-wide.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

United

We Make Every Effort to Preserve Our Unity

Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16, Bible page 1175

Introduction: "Let's just agree to disagree."

- Biblical unity = a group of people who...
 - bear with each other in l_____
 - where there is one h_____, one f_____, one b_____, and one L_____ and S_____, Jesus Christ (vv. 2-6)
- Many churches believe that, if you just d_____ any religious d_____, there will be u_____.
- Only G_____ can establish true unity.
- The early church was built up and united from learning G_____ W_____ and focusing on the teachings of the B_____.
- When we study God's Word, we learn some amazing things about o_____ and our n_____ t_____.
- When we agree to disagree, we become e_____ t_____ for false teachers (v. 14).
- In our sinful nature, we want to hear only those things that make us feel g_____ and that a_____ with our way of thinking.
- Agreeing to disagree with Scripture is like playing d_____.
- Praise be to God, for he has been m_____ to us.
- Every contact we have with G_____ W_____ makes us stronger in our faith.

Conclusion: Let's gather around God's Word as often as we can.

My Next Steps

Memorize Psalm 133:1: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Read Romans 1:1-17 to prepare for next week's message on *Grace—The Winning Power of Salvation*.

Commit to gathering with your fellow believers as often as possible to hear and study God's Word together.