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GRACE WINS

GRACE—THE WINNING POWER OF SALVATION

June 29 and 30, 2019

We are all desperate for good news, for something more than the temporary high of another text or last-second victory. We want the kind of good news that goes on and on. That is exactly what Paul is offering to the Romans and to us in the introduction to his famous letter.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 358, vv. 1-4

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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

C **Amen.**

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.**

HYMN 358, v. 5, 6

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

I praise in weakness from afar—
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

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

Isaiah 49:1-6, Bible page 730

It's too small a thing for God to show grace to any one people or nation. His grace is for all.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 31

M In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C **deliver me in your righteousness.**

M Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;

C **be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

M Since you are my rock and my fortress,

C **for the sake of your name lead and guide me.**

M Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,

C **for you are my refuge.**

M Into your hands I commit my spirit;

C **deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.**

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.

GOSPEL

Luke 7:36-50, Bible page 1035

God's grace means more and more as we grow in our understanding of how little we deserve it.

HYMN OF THE DAY 384

By Grace I'm Saved

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.

SERMON

Romans 1:1-17, Bible page 1126

Pastor David Kuehl

OFFERING

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.

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 host 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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 6.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 389 310

**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
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

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 *Darik Mischke*

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.

A COOL MILLION — A WORLD-WIDE IMPACT

A Cool Million



The title of the effort came from the fact that a very large portion of the funds we raised would go to provide a “cool school,” replacing an aging heating system with a new HVAC system that included air conditioning of the entire school. But how “cool” would it be to give 10% of every Cool Million dollar for a life-changing mission project!

Costa Maya, Mexico

Your **Cool Million** offering allowed our young mission there to purchase a “new” used van to bring the children to their facility to learn about Jesus, and to take our mission workers to mission outposts more than an hour away up the beach. We also provided a down payment on a permanent worship facility that they hope to build soon!



Open a New Mission Field



In January, Mission Partner John Holtz wrote to us about his mission trip to Uganda in response to a plea, “Come over and help us” (Acts 16:9). He met Pastor Makisimu Musa and other pastors of a small, young church body that was seeking help to share the gospel in their country. In consultation with our synod officials, we designated a \$10,000 Cool Million tithing gift for further exploration of this promising mission field.

Partnering to Reach Our City

We have enjoyed a sister-congregation relationship with Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School on Milwaukee’s north side for a number of years. Recently God called a new pastor Christopher Doerr and a new principal Adam Harvey to serve there. A Cool Million gift of \$10,000 has allowed them to dream about new ministry opportunities to reach this disadvantage area of our city.

10% of every Cool Million offering dollar is being used to proclaim God’s grace in places we may never be able to go. Clearly mark your gift “Cool Million” or go to StPaulMuskego.org/Give to make a one-time or recurring gift. Thank you for every generous, proportionate gift!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of July 1, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room)</i>
WED		No Worship Service
THU		Independence Day – Church Office Closed
FRI		Church Office Closed
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Grace Room Bible Study The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ON OUR CAMPUS

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. The early bird discount has passed but St. Paul's still receives a discounted rate of \$119, which is still a savings from the \$208.00 regular rate if you use our priority code PV2019. Register at StPaulMuskego.org/GLS.

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.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

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.

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 and June Hackbart in hospice care at Dycora in Greenfield. Gary Ives is at the VA Hospital, Sandra Merfeld at St. Luke's, and Audrey Wefel at Waukesha Memorial. Carol Kolosovsky and Lynn Scheff have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

953 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.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PICNIC

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.

Blurb coming From Bob Zastrow

SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH A BASIC NEED IN AFRICA

St. Paul's member, Kara Darling, will be leaving on a mission trip to Africa in July through Kingdom Workers. Kingdom Workers strives to advance the gospel in all parts of the world through developing meaningful relationships and providing Christian welfare. In Malawi, Africa, volunteers work with many families that have children with albinism. Providing these families with sunscreen gives volunteers like Kara an opportunity to provide for a physical need and also share the gospel with them. If you are able to provide a bottle of sunscreen, a labeled container will be placed in the church lobby from July 3-14. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Nate for a look at the basics of what the Bible teaches and how God's promises throughout the Bible relate to you on Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15 pm. Invite a friend and grow in the Word together. Text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236, email at nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org, or register on the 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.

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

There's a war between guilt and grace,

And their fighting for a sacred space,

But I'm living proof

Grace wins every time.



Beginning this week, we will race through the first half of Paul's letter to the Romans. Prepare for 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!"

July 7 – Romans 1:18-2:11

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

July 14 – Romans 2:12-3:20

August 11 – Romans 5:12-21

July 21 – Romans 3:21-31

August 18 – Romans 6:7-7:6

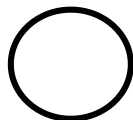
July 28 – Romans 4

August 25 – Romans 7:7-8:17

September 1 – Romans 8:18-39



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.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Begin your time together sharing the past week's highs and lows and praying for each other.
2. Today begins a new series that is all about the winning power of salvation. It's called *Grace Wins!* Why might some people or institutions in our world call that title an oxymoron?
3. What kinds of experiences have you had in your lifetime with giving or receiving grace? What blessings might not exist in your world if it weren't for grace?
4. In our sermon text (Romans 1:1-17) Paul refers to himself as "a servant of Christ Jesus." How would you explain to an unbeliever that this type of servanthood actually signifies victory, belonging, and love?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. These verses are all about the motivation that compels us to share this winning grace with others. What does that look like in your daily life?
6. Wrap up your time together by sharing where you feel you might need more grace in your life. (i.e., to forgive someone? to love someone more fully? to forgive yourself?) Take these requests to your Savior together in prayer.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Grace Wins! The Winning Power of Salvation

Grace Calls Us to Belong

Romans 1:1-17 (Bible page 1126)

Introduction: Living in our own little world

1. We belong to Christ.

- a. Paul calls himself a s_____ (a s_____) of Christ Jesus (v. 1a).
- b. Paul knew what it was like to be a slave to the l_____.
- c. When Jesus converted him, Paul no longer belonged to the P_____ and their l_____ way of thinking, but to C_____.
- d. Paul was p_____ to admit that Christ owned him (vv. 16, 17).
- e. Jesus calls us by the g_____ and gives us all his blessings for f_____.

2. We belong to proclaim Christ.

- a. Paul appreciated the blessings that accompany Christ and realized that he was to use these blessings to p_____ Christ (vv. 1b-5).
- b. God had a special p_____ for Paul long before Paul knew it (v. 1c).
- c. The gospel is the g_____ n_____ about J_____.
- d. Being a p_____ of Christ is part of b_____ to Christ (v. 5, 6).
- e. In our sinful nature we don't like to be told what to do, not even by God. ☹️
- f. Faith is motivated by God's l_____ in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14, 15).

Conclusion: God's grace wins again!

My Next Steps

Revel in the grace of God!

Memorize Romans 1:16 – “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.”

Read Romans 2:12-3:20 to prepare for next week's message on *Grace Wins! Grace Wins by Exposing Sins*.

Experiment in your interactions with others this week (and beyond) with different ways to proclaim the peace, joy, and confidence you have in Jesus.