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## **REALLY?**

### **969 YEARS?**

July 11, 12, and 15, 2020

*Many people have begun reading the Bible only to give up because the stories seem impossible. Can it be possible that people lived more than 900 years? Are they just ancient fables? How do we answer? What is the purpose of these stories?*

#### **BELLS AND WELCOME**

#### **HYMN 226**

#### **To Your Temple I Draw Near**

**To your temple I draw near;  
Lord, I love to worship here.  
Here are sacrament and Word;  
Here believers meet their Lord.**

**I through Christ am reconciled;  
I through Christ become your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace  
In your courts to seek your face.**

**While your glorious praise is sung,  
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,  
That my joyful soul may bless  
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.**

**M** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** And he died...and he died. Brothers and sisters in Christ, in Genesis chapter 5 those three words repeat like the tolling of a bell, reminding us that the wages of sin is death.

**C** **We all sin and so we all die the common death of humankind.**

**M** Although the wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When we humble ourselves before our God and confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just and forgives us all our sins for Jesus' sake. Let us therefore confess our sins to him:

**C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Find in God's forgiveness the power to forgive those who have sinned against you.**

**C Amen.**

#### SONG OF PRAISE

**While your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear you speaking from the sky.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M Let us pray.**  
God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**C Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live.**

**M Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



#### FIRST LESSON

#### Galatians 5:16-25

*There are two natures living within us vying for control. Through the power of God's Holy Spirit, the new person within experiences victory and the fruits of that victory are beautiful.*

<sup>16</sup>So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup>The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy;

drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

#### GOSPEL

**Luke 3:23-38**

*The lineage of Jesus, the second Adam, the one who would remove forever the sting of the grave, is traced back to the first Adam, where the cruse of death began.*

<sup>23</sup> Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph,

the son of Heli, <sup>24</sup> the son of Matthat,

the son of Levi, the son of Melki,

the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,

<sup>25</sup> the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos,

the son of Nahum, the son of Esli,

the son of Naggai, <sup>26</sup> the son of Maath,

the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein,

the son of Josek, the son of Joda,

<sup>27</sup> the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa,  
the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel,  
the son of Neri, <sup>28</sup> the son of Melki,  
the son of Addi, the son of Cosam,  
the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,  
<sup>29</sup> the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer,  
the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat,  
the son of Levi, <sup>30</sup> the son of Simeon,  
the son of Judah, the son of Joseph,  
the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,  
<sup>31</sup> the son of Melea, the son of Menna,  
the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan,  
the son of David, <sup>32</sup> the son of Jesse,  
the son of Obed, the son of Boaz,  
the son of Salmon,<sup>[a]</sup> the son of Nahshon,  
<sup>33</sup> the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram,  
the son of Hezron, the son of Perez,  
the son of Judah, <sup>34</sup> the son of Jacob,  
the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham,  
the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,  
<sup>35</sup> the son of Serug, the son of Reu,  
the son of Peleg, the son of Eber,  
the son of Shelah, <sup>36</sup> the son of Cainan,  
the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem,

the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,  
<sup>37</sup> the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch,  
the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel,  
the son of Kenan, <sup>38</sup> the son of Enosh,  
the son of Seth, the son of Adam,  
the son of God.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## 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.**

## HYMN 393

## If Your Beloved Son, O God

**If your beloved Son, O God,  
Had not to earth descended  
And in our mortal flesh and blood  
Had not sin's power ended,  
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine  
In hell eternally would pine  
Because of my transgression.**

**But now I find sweet peace and rest;  
Despair no more reigns o'er me.  
No more am I by sin oppressed,  
For Christ has borne sin for me.  
Upon the cross for me he died  
That, reconciled, I might abide  
With you, my God, forever.**

**I trust in him with all my heart;  
Now all my sorrow ceases.  
His words abiding peace impart;  
His blood from guilt releases.  
Free grace through him I now obtain;  
He washes me from ev'ry stain,  
And pure I stand before him.**

SERMON

**Genesis 5**

*Pastor Peter Panitzke*

**5** This is the written account of Adam's family line.

When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup>He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.

<sup>3</sup>When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. <sup>4</sup>After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup>Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.

<sup>6</sup>When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. <sup>7</sup>After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>8</sup>Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.

<sup>9</sup>When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. <sup>10</sup>After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>11</sup>Altogether, Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died.

<sup>12</sup>When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel. <sup>13</sup>After he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>14</sup>Altogether, Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.

<sup>15</sup>When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. <sup>16</sup>After he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>17</sup>Altogether, Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

<sup>18</sup> When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. <sup>19</sup> After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>20</sup> Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

<sup>21</sup> When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. <sup>22</sup> After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. <sup>24</sup> Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

<sup>25</sup> When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. <sup>26</sup> After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>27</sup> Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

<sup>28</sup> When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. <sup>29</sup> He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed." <sup>30</sup> After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>31</sup> Altogether, Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.

<sup>32</sup> After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN 385

## Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1. Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed his blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am his and he is mine!

2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity,  
Love that found me -- wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought him not.

3. Only Jesus can impart  
Comfort to a wounded heart:  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.

## CLOSING PRAYER

**M** Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, keep us mindful of the shortness and frailty of this present life.

**C** **Give us hearts of wisdom that we may cling in faith to Jesus, our Savior, and use the time of our pilgrimage on earth to serve him with joyful hearts.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of July 13, 2020

<b>MON</b>	8:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Ministry Growth Team Meeting Ministerial Team Meeting
<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i>
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am 8:00 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service The Bridge Communion The Bridge Traditional Worship Service

## HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr (hospice care at Care-Age in Brookfield), Fred Liermann (hospice care at Autumn Leaves in Franklin), Dorrette Probst (home hospice care), Brittany Michaels (Froedtert), Marlene Sobczak (rehabbing at daughter's house, and Lois Stichmann (Linden Grove Mukwonago). Dan Dockter was discharged from the hospital.

## FUNERALS

Mildred "Milly" Waedekin, born February 25, 1930, was taken home to heaven July 1, 2020. Her arrangements are set for July 13, 2020. Visitation is at 9:00 am and funeral at 10:00 am at St. Paul's.

Doris Eugenia Butke, born December 30, 1930, was taken home to heaven July 5, 2020. Her funeral and burial were held July 11, 2020.

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on"* (Revelation 14:13).

## WEDDING

Karen Caughell and John Strobel were married on July 11, 2020. May God bless Karen and John in their marriage joined together with Christ.

## JULY MALAWI MISSION PARTNER COMMUNIQUE AT THE WELCOME CENTER

The latest news from Missionary John Holtz serving in Malawi, Africa is available at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your ongoing generous support of this mission work in Africa. If you would like to give, please mark your offering "Malawi Mission" and your gift will be designated appropriately. Thank you!

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## OUR SERMON SERIES

Many people have begun reading the Bible only to give up because the stories seem impossible. Once you are past the creation account, you are challenged by incredibly long lives, the flood, and a tower reaching to the heavens. Could these stories really be true? How do you answer that question? What is the purpose of these stories?



**July 19**                      **The Flood? Really?**                      **Genesis 6-9**

**July 26**                      **The Tower? Really?**                      **Genesis 10-11**

## FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

*Following the Promise* is a class designed to challenge you in what you think you know, introduce you to the world's only Savior in Jesus, and take you on a journey from creation to the cross and to the halls of heaven. Join Pastor Nate on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236, email at [nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org), or register on the back of your Connection Card. Remote viewing options are available.

## ONLINE SMALL GROUPS

The COVID-19 shutdown has resulted in an explosion of our gospel ministry to every part of our nation. We would like to help serve these members at a distance and those locally who must remain isolated for health reasons by developing online small group Bible studies. If you are interested in joining a zoom small group, email Pastor Pete at [ppanitzke@stpmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpmuskego.org) and he will connect you with those who have also expressed interest!

## ST. PAUL'S HOSTING GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT SIMULCAST

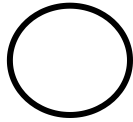
We all have influence. Our families, our churches, our businesses, and our communities need your influence now more than ever. COVID-19 – How are we to deal with the continuing effects of COVID-19? What are our next steps? Racial Inequality – What can we do to lead the way as Christians to bring healing to a divided nation? The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day event featuring 15 world-class, diverse faculty members. The simulcast will be held in the Trinity Gym to allow for maximum social distancing. Register now for only \$99. Go to [StPaulMuskego.org/GLS](http://StPaulMuskego.org/GLS). Enter promo code INSPIRE2020

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL RE-OPENING

This week, St. Paul's Principal Seth Fitzsimmons informed parents of the plan to re-open school in the fall with in-person, 5-days per week instruction. Enrollment is strong with 226 K-8th grade students and 76 Pre-K students. Our staff is excited to welcome our students back to school under the theme "Rejoice in the LORD always." A copy of the letter that went home to the parents is available at the Welcome Center. Please continue to pray for wisdom for your school leadership as we serve our students and their families during this unique time.

## ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

We have two openings on our Child Care Center staff. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 12:30 am - 6:00 pm for one teacher's aide opening, and 12:30 – 6:00 pm, Monday – Friday for another teacher's aide opening. Please contact Tammy Dockter at [dockterta@stpmuskego.org](mailto:dockterta@stpmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200 to apply.



## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

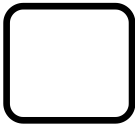
*Life application materials for us in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.*

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### “Be Merciful to Those Who Doubt?” A Study of Jude

Jude (the second last book of the Bible) wrote “to urge you to contend for the faith.” Since the *Really?* message series has the same purpose, we will read this one-chapter book to discuss contending for the faith in our day. **Read Jude 1-25.**

1. Remember who you are! What comfort do the words “called, loved, and kept” of verse one give you?
  
2. People were turning “the grace of God into a license for immorality” (verse 4). We see that happening in some areas of the Christian church today. How might you be taking God’s grace for granted and turning it into a license for sin?
  
3. There is a wealth of Old Testament references. Review them as a group to make sure they are familiar to everyone. If no one is familiar with a reference, you can look up the passages below.
  - a. Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-26)
  
  - b. Balaam’s error (Numbers 22:1-12; Revelation 2:14; Numbers 31:8 – Note that because Balaam couldn’t curse the Israelites, he came up with a different solution.)
  
  - c. Korah’s rebellion (Numbers 16:1-35)
  
4. Jude references the account of Enoch (Jude 14-16) as history. What sins does Jude list as evidence that the ungodliness of the pre-flood world was present within the church of his day? How do we apply this warning both to the church and to our personal life?
  
5. What inspired advice does Jude give us so that we can persevere in our faith? (Jude 20-21)
  
6. What do you think it means to show mercy mixed with fear? (Jude 22-23)
  
7. Jude closes with a wonderful promise of preservation for Christians in an ungodly world. What word or phrase from Jude 24-25 is most comforting to you?



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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### 969 Years? Really? Genesis 5

#### 2. The ages – Doubt

- A. 969 years? Impossible! Impossible? What are your presuppositions, your worldview? (Matthew 19:26)
- B. A story or history? Luke 3:23-38
- C. Always link it back to the E\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. The exception – Hope

- A. Enoch walked with God? Impossible! Impossible?
- B. A story or history?
  - a. Hebrews 11:5-6
  - b. Jude 14-15
- C. Always link it back to the E\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. The tragedy – Warning

- A. “in his own image”
- B. “and had other sons and daughters”
- C. The Family Church lesson

### My Next Steps

**Dig Deeper:** Learn more about how worldviews shape our approach to difficult questions about the ancient world. Read *Creation & Evolution: Compatible or in Conflict?* by Jay Seegert or watch his presentation at the Point of Grace. Google “The Gathering Series: Faith is Not a Four-Letter Word.”

**Shape Your Worldview:** How do you see that the impossible is possible with God? Only by allowing the Holy Spirit to shape your worldview. Begin a pattern of daily Bible reading, using Pastor Pete’s daily readings or your own. Email him at [ppanitzke@stpmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpmuskego.org).