

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

LISTEN TO THESE INSULTS

July 22, 23, and 26, 2017

When the Assyrian army under King Sennacherib threatened Israel, King Hezekiah took their letter full of insults straight to God in prayer.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 249

God of Mercy, God of Grace



L 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.
1 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 wondrous God,
 2. Come, let us worship 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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Father God, you are the helper of the weary and the brokenhearted.

C **We have tasted and seen that you are good.**

M You stand ready to help in time of need.

C **Calm our minds with the peace of knowing that you will make all things right.**

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

C **and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:9-21, Bible page 1137

As God's children we are confident that he will take care of us and that he will one day make all things right. Therefore, we do not take revenge, but place vengeance in the Lord's hand.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 121, Hymnal page 112

My help comes from the Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:14-29, Bible page 1012

When evil overwhelms us, we can turn to Jesus. He has the power to do what we cannot.

THE SIXTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER WITH MEANING

All Lead us not into temptation.

M What does this mean?

C God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

HYMN 459

O God, My Faithful God

SERMON

(Saturday)

(Sunday and Wednesday)

2 Kings 19:14-19, Bible page 385

Pastor Peter Panitzke

Pastor David Kuehl

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Te Deum



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



Verses
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
You have ris - en to free us;

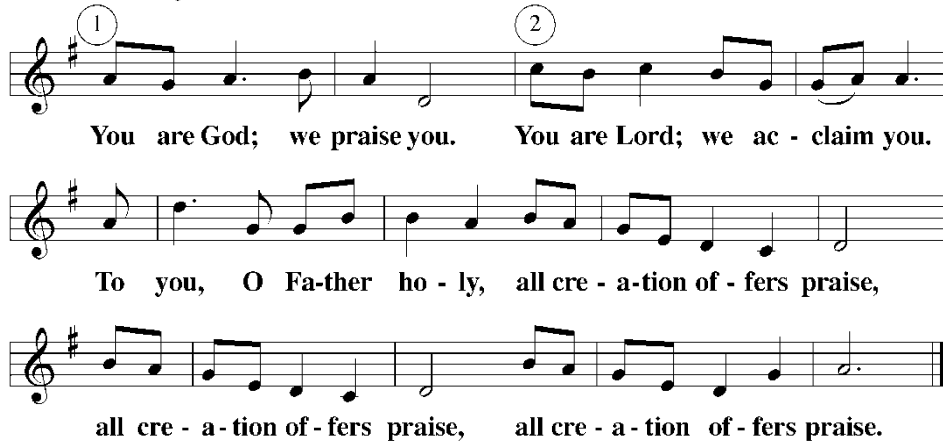


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*
glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



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OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

Lord, I Need You, *Maria and Kayla Schultz*

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.

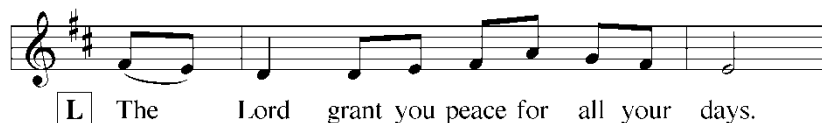
CLOSING HYMN 408

Christians, While on Earth Abiding

CLOSING PRAYER

- M** Lord God, you are our Rock and Fortress in every trouble.
- C** **When evil men plot against us or seek to destroy us, keep the eyes of our faith focused on you,**
- M** that we may glorify you in all we say and do. You are the Lord forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**

BLESSING



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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 July 24, 2017

MON	10:00 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Walking Club (Centennial Gym) Grief Share (Church Library) Premarital Enrichment (Faith Room)
TUE	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Centennial Gym) <i>Following the Promise (Faith Room)</i>
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Centennial Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	5:00 pm	Neuberger/Peterson Wedding Rehearsal
SAT	8:00 am 1:30 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Rachel Neuberger / Cody Peterson Wedding Ceremony (Main Church) Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion Grace Room Bible Study The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

CHURCH PICNIC – OUTDOOR SERVICE – AUGUST 6

FUN: noun

1. something that provides mirth or amusement:

*The church picnic would be **fun**.*

2. enjoyment or playfulness:

*The church picnic is full of **fun**.*

Get the point? Plan to attend our annual picnic with outdoor service coming up on August 6 at 10:30 am (replacing the traditional 9:15 am, The Bridge, and the contemporary services that Sunday). The picnic afterwards includes food, beverages, ice cream, games, and musical entertainment! This year will feature a “surprise” guest appearance by a nationally-known barbershop quartet, the return of the “bags tournament,” plus new games for the kids AND adults. (Hint: watch out for flying eggs!) Sign-up sheets are posted in the church lobby. Also see the My St. Paul's needs list or just email Bob Zastrow at bzastrow@gsgsr.com if you'd like to help.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WEDDING

Kelsey Petraske and Jacob Heffter were joined in marriage on Saturday, July 22, at Grace Downtown. May the Lord bless Kelsey and Jake together as one in Christ.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, Edwin Gunther is at St. Luke's, Keith Jahns is at Froedtert, and Dorette Probst is at Hales Corners Care Center, and Brett Wallner is at Waukesha Memorial. David Fritsch, Greg Hahn, and Richard Vernier have been discharged from the hospital.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: James Beyer, Mary Ann Boldt, Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Jodie Crosby, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Marvin Pellmann, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Jake Strande.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

If you have small children (4 years old and younger), you might appreciate being able to focus on the sermon without interruption. We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. 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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

855 attended worship services last week.

RESIDENT MISSIONARY CALL

Pastor Steve Kuehl of Powell, Ohio, continues to deliberate the call to serve as our Resident Missionary. Please pray for Pastor Steve as he decides where his gifts may best be utilized.

MRS. SARAH TONN ACCEPTS CALL

Mrs. Sarah Tonn has announced that she has accepted the call to teach 3K at St. John's Lutheran Church on Forest Home Avenue. We are very sad to see Sarah leave our staff as a teacher's aide, but we wish her the Lord's blessings as she now becomes an awesome addition to St. John's ministry!

TEXT TO GIVE 414-316-6733

We are excited about this new way to give. Text a dollar amount (always put the dollar sign before it) to 414-316-6733. You will receive a text to register your credit or debit card. After registration, giving is as simple as texting a dollar amount to 414-316-6733. Weekly, monthly or quarterly recurring gifts can also be set up.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is another method to give. In June, over 30% of our offerings were received through online giving. Because Christians give regularly to support the Lord's work, online giving can help you carry out your plans for your weekly or monthly offerings on an automatic schedule. You can use the QR code or find the online giving tab at www.stpaulmuskego.org to learn more.



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

This is the perfect place to start if you have never done a bible study. God was planning for you before the creation of the world. God's first promise to you is found in the first chapters of the Bible. In this 13-week study, you will follow that promise through the Bible and see how it impacts your life. This also serves as a preparation-for-membership Bible study. Register with Pastor Panitzke at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org.

NEXT GRACE ROOM STUDY LOOKS AT MARY

Only one woman had the unique privilege to call Jesus her son. Mary was blessed to be the mother of the Savior who was sent by God to rescue the world from sin and death. See how Mary experienced and pondered the miracle of Jesus' coming and humbly grew in her understanding that her son was also her Savior. The main message for all is that Jesus is their Savior too. Join Mr. Jim Haag as he leads the Grace Room Bible study through "My Son, My Savior", August 13, 20, 27, and September 3, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

BIBLICAL AUTHORITY IS UNDER ATTACK

"Always Be Prepared To Give An Answer" (1 Peter 3:15). In our current culture, there are so many questions related to scientific and social issues like evolution, the age of the earth, dinosaurs, fossils, climate change, sexuality, abortion, among countless others. How often are we going back to what the Bible says to help guide us in our stance on topics such as these? This fall, through a 4-week sermon series, our small group and Grace Room Bible studies, and guest speakers, we will be taking time to focus on Biblical authority and what our current culture is doing to compromise what God has revealed to us in his word. Stay tuned for more details.

MAKING YOUR BIBLE YOUR BEST FRIEND FOREVER

"The Word of God is living and active" (Hebrews 4:12). We believe that. But how many of us have started to read the Bible and got bogged down in endless lists of names and laws? Do you want help making sense of it all? Could your Bible be your BFF? In the study *Through the Bible in a Year*, you will use your own Bible as your "textbook," so you can highlight and take notes that will help you for a lifetime. Each week you will receive an outline of what is coming next and selected Bible portions to read. The study will be offered on Monday evenings and early Wednesday afternoons. Check the Connection Card for more information.

HAVE A BLAST SHARING JESUS WITH KIDS

Join the Kids Club Team this fall. Contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145 or mark the back of your Connection Card.

GIVE TUG A TRY!

The next Teens Under God (TUG) session is Sunday, July 23, from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in the Trinity Cafe. In a fun and upbeat way, the goal of these summer sessions is to lay out the new plan for how TUG will be in 2017-18. But we want to have the teens decide A LOT of how this will all be. The worst thing we can do is have all the adults dictating what TUG is and does. We want our teens to own TUG and make it right and relevant for themselves. If you are a teen, please give TUG a try and help us shape it in the best possible way. If you are a parent, please encourage your teen to give TUG a look. Partnering together - teens, parents, and church - we will be able to accomplish something truly exciting. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Nelson.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WHAT IS LWMS?

Women and girls of St. Paul's, this is your organization. Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is made up of mission-minded women of our church body, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Every St. Paul's woman is a member of LWMS by default since St Paul's is a WELS congregation. All monies raised for LWMS are for home and world mission projects not covered in the synod budget.

Active LWMS members meet to hear mission speakers, worship together, and sponsor mission projects of their choosing at local circuit rallies held biannually in April and October. In addition, LWMS hosts an annual convention at a central location in the States which brings together members from across the country and around the world.

At St. Paul's the Dorcas Society and St. Paul's Ladies Afternoon Fellowship members actively support LWMS and home and world missionaries with their prayers, cards, and offerings. Dorcas meets every third Tuesday of the month (Sept-May) at 7:00 pm in the Grace Room and Ladies Afternoon Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of the month (Sept-May) at noon in the Faith Room.

These two ladies groups encourage the women of St. Paul's to learn about, pray for, and support LWMS and WELS mission efforts in North America and around the world. Again, the offerings received from congregations like ours for LWMS go towards projects and items not in the synod budget.

Please consider giving an offering and/or becoming a member of one of St. Paul's ladies groups. The Dorcas Society and LAF are sponsoring Under the Canopy after services this weekend. Stop for a snack and ask questions. The ladies are looking forward to talking with you! More information about LWMS can also be found at www.lwms.org.

FALL TRIP FOR DORCAS

The Dorcas Society is taking their annual fall trip on Wednesday, October 4, to The Palace Theater in Wisconsin Dells to see *Wedding Italiano*, followed by a stop to Beres Coffee in Watertown and Ehlenbach's Cheese Chalet in De Forest. Cost is \$60. Contact Kathy Lutzen at (262) 894-9308 with questions and to register. Deadline is September 1. The bus fills quickly so call as soon as possible.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY DAY TRIP

Stoney Creek will be going to Horicon Marsh on Wednesday, September 20. The marsh's water, woods, and prairie areas are currently home to one of the widest array of plants and wildlife in the Midwest. This tour includes a boat tour with a one-of-a-kind guided and narrated program. Also included is lunch and a bus sightseeing adventure. The cost is \$75. Reserve your spot today through Stoney Creek Activity Director Charlene Schacht at (414) 422-4686.

GRIEFSHARE

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend at GriefShare. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. The next GriefShare will be held on Monday, July 24, at 5:45 pm in the church library. Please contact Sharon Klopf at sklopf@stpaulmuskego.org to register.

OUTREACH NEWS

MISSION NEWS FROM THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

In the coming months, we will highlight world mission news from the Book of Reports and Memorials prepared for this year's synod convention.

With the ever-growing outreach efforts to reach the people within Vietnam (both Hmong and Vietnamese), the Joint Mission Council of our church body (WELS) is working closely with "Friends of Vietnam," which is a ministry out of Peace in Jesus, Boise, Idaho. The ministry plan comes out of Peace in Jesus' efforts to share the gospel with the Vietnamese in and around Boise with the goal of reaching back into Vietnam through those individuals and their families. With God's blessings, these efforts will work to reach out through supplying English as a Foreign Language (EFL) teachers to universities in Vietnam and assisting students who desire to come to the United States to study at WELS schools. Through these two areas of outreach, new opportunities to share the gospel to the Vietnamese people are now available in Vietnam starting in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

St. Paul's leads our church body in support of mission work around the world! Of every dollar you give to our General Fund, 13% is sent to the synod (approximately \$237,000) to support our work together. Praise God that you are part of God's work among the Vietnamese community!

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Families of the Muskego Food Pantry as well as our own Lutheran Elementary School are in need of a little help providing good quality backpacks and school supplies for their children this school year. If you would like to help out, please take a tag with a class-specific supply list from the lobby wall. You can expect to spend between \$100 – \$150. Consider joining in with another family or make it a group effort among your small-group Bible study. All filled backpacks need to be brought to the church lobby by August 13. Contact Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294, with questions.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - THURSDAY, AUGUST 3



St. Paul's will be adding to the fun of this community event by hosting a dunk tank! All proceeds will go towards the Muskego Task Force on Public Safety Education. We are looking for set-up volunteers (1:00 – 2:00 pm), greeters (5:00 – 9:00 pm), dunk tank "dunkees" (30 minute shifts; 5:00 to 9:00 pm), and take-down volunteers (9:00-9:45 pm). Volunteer on *My St. Paul's* by selecting Entire Church under My Groups in the right-hand column of the home screen - then

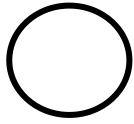
select Needs. You may also volunteer by marking the back of your Connection Card or by calling Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197.

JAMMIN' ON JANESVILLE - FRIDAY, AUGUST 4



St. Paul's will be giving kids and adults in our community a fun time and a chance to learn more about St. Paul's at Jammin' on Janesville. We are looking for volunteers in four areas as follows: Set-up (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm), greeters (2 hour shifts; 5:00 – 9:00 pm), dunk tank "dunkees" (30 minute shifts; 5:00 – 9:00 pm), and take-down volunteers (9:00 – 9:30 pm). All proceeds from this event will be donated to Feeding America. Volunteer on *My St. Paul's* by selecting Entire Church under My Groups in the right-hand column of the home screen - then select Needs. You may

also volunteer by marking the back of your Connection Card or by calling Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. How was your week? Share your highs and lows with your group and pray together over them all.

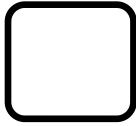
2. Read together Luther's explanation of the Sixth Petition found in the worship service. What words or phrases do you find especially interesting in this explanation?

3. The Greek word translated "temptation" can also be translated "trial." Read James 1:2-4 and 1:13-15 where this same Greek word is translated with both words. What do you learn about trials and temptations from these passages?

4. Read Isaiah 36:1 – 37:20. Summarize what was happening at this time in Bible history.

5. King Hezekiah took his trial and "spread it out before the Lord" (Isaiah 37:14). How would your life be different if you took every trial you faced and "spread it out before the Lord"?

6. Read 2 Kings 19:15-19 together.
 - What does Hezekiah ask of God in verse 19?
 - Why does Hezekiah say he wants that request fulfilled?
 - Close your group time together with a prayer. Use Hezekiah's "why" for our world today.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

1-2 Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

Prayer Is Powerful: Listen to These Insults

2 Kings 19:14-19 – Pew Bible page 385

Introduction: Have you read Hezekiah?

- Ahaz is a poster child for gross i _____; Hezekiah for exemplary f _____.
- When faced with King Sennacherib's tribute demands, Hezekiah chooses to deplete the t _____ t _____ of its gold and silver and pay off the king.
- Sennacherib's field generals r _____ Hezekiah with words of arrogance and blasphemy.
- Sennacherib even sends Hezekiah a l _____ of insult and ridicule against God.
- Hezekiah takes the letter and "spreads it out before the LORD" in p _____ (v. 14).
- Before he prays, Hezekiah...
 - Tears his clothes and puts on sackcloth as signs of s _____ and r _____.
 - Goes up to the t _____, his house of worship.
 - Sends a messenger to the Prophet I _____ to inform him what's happened.
- The Angel of the Lord slaughters 185,000 soldiers in Sennacherib's army in one n _____.
- In the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer we ask God to k _____ temptations from us or, if he lets them come, to give us the p _____ to withstand and overcome them.
- When we compromise in temptation, we give the d _____ what belongs to G _____.
- As he did with Hezekiah, God promises to hear our humble p _____ of f _____.

Conclusion: Just as the Angel of the Lord won a resounding victory over blasphemous King Sennacherib, so has the Lord Jesus won a resounding victory over slanderous Satan.

Next Steps

Read the book of Jonah to prepare for next week's message on *Prayer is Powerful: Out of the Depths*.

Memorize Psalm 50:15 – "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

Commit to strengthening your faith and prayer life by sitting at Jesus' feet in church every week.