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PRAYER IS POWERFUL

OUT OF THE DEPTHS

July 29, 30, and August 2, 2017

We may wonder if it's worth the time and effort to memorize Scripture, but when we're all alone in the darkness, it's right then that we need God's Word most.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 253, vv. 1-3

I Will Sing My Maker's Praises

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

C **Amen.**

M Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy

C **If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness.** (Psalm 130:1-4a)

M Confident that we are your dear children, loved and forgiven, we come before you, Lord, in humble honesty and in grateful expectation as we confess our sins.

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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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.

C **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Let us pray.
 Heavenly Father, you have made many powerful and beautiful promises to us.
- C **These promises speak peace and hope to our hearts as we journey through life in a world of sorrow and pain.**
- M Help us believe that you will keep every one of these promises,
 C **so that we live in joyful confidence, giving witness to the world around us that you are good and worthy of our trust.**
- M We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
 C **and forever. Amen**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-18, Bible page 1177

We are more than equipped to battle the spiritual forces of evil that are constantly seeking to drag us down.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Alleluia. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Alleluia. (*Ephesians 6:11*)

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:36-46, Bible page 996

Out of the depths of unimaginable anguish, Jesus trustingly cries to his heavenly Father.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer with Meaning

All But deliver us from evil.

M What does this mean?

C In conclusion, we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

HYMN OF THE DAY 465

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

SERMON

Jonah, Bible page 925

Pastor Peter Panitzke

OFFERTORY

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.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

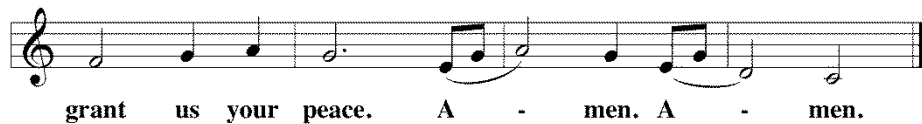
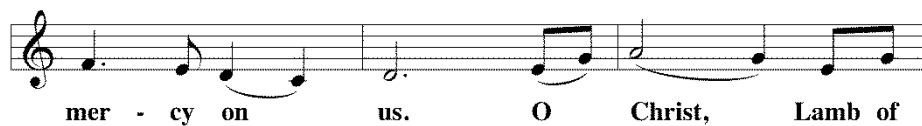
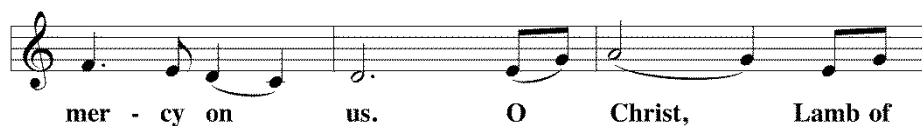
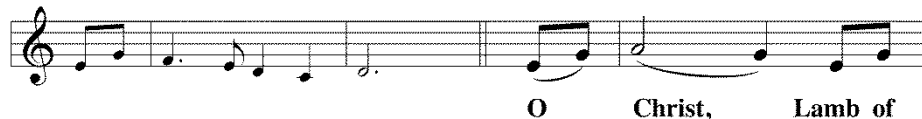
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see Communion note on page 8.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 472

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Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray
Savior, I Follow On

SONG OF SIMEON



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Jesus, you came to us today and poured out the riches of your love and grace in your Word and Sacrament.

C **In you we truly have all that we need, and more.**

M As we go out into the world, empower us as your forgiven children to trust that you lead us every step of the way, through both the good times and the challenges of life.

C **May the light of your love shine in us and through us.**

M We bless you now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) *Pastor David Kuehl*

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 to provide an overview of our teachings. Please ask one of our pastors for the date when the next class begins.

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 pews in the left center section are 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.

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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 31, 2017

MON	10:00 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Grief Share (Church Library) Premarital Enrichment (Faith Room)
TUE	9:15 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Ministerial Team Meeting Walking Club (Trinity Gym) <i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Quilting Fellowship (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 10:30 am	Traditional Worship Service Picnic Worship Service



11:30 am Church Picnic

Multimedia Ministry

- **TV:** *Time of Grace*, Sundays at 5:30 am on UPtv, 7:00 am on WBME, and 10:30 am on WDJT. Thursdays at 3:30 pm on TBN. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the Time of Grace office at (800) 661-3311.
 - **Radio:** Lutheran Radio Church Service, Sundays at 7:00 am on JOY1340 AM
 - **Online:** Podcast and video sermons at www.stpaulmuskego.org and www.thebridgemuskego.org
 - **Live Streaming:** The Bridge, Sundays at 10:15 am at www.thebridgemuskego.org
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ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WEDDING

Rachel Neuberger and Cody Peterson were joined in marriage on Saturday, July 29. May the Lord bless Rachel and Cody together as one in Christ.

BAPTISMS

Payton Joy McDonnell, born January 27, 2015, and Kinsey Paige McDonnell, born June 18, 2017, were baptized in a private ceremony on Saturday, July 22. Payton and Kinsey are the daughters of Lynn McDonnell and Amy Baumgardt. We rejoice in the saving faith given to Payton and Kinsey through the waters of baptism and God's saving Word.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Bucholtz is in hospice care at St. Ann's Nursing Home, Edwin Gunther is at St. Luke's, and Dorette Probst is at Hales Corners Care Center. Keith Jahns, Brittany Schneider and baby Brock Steven, and Brett Wallner 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

884 attended worship services last week.

RESIDENT MISSIONARY CALL

After much prayerful deliberation, Pastor Steve Kuehl has returned our Resident Missionary call. Pastor Steve stated that he didn't feel his work in Powell, Ohio, was finished. The next call meeting will take place in a few weeks. Watch for details.

THANK YOU

The Dorcas Society and the Ladies Afternoon Fellowship wish to thank St. Paul's members for their generous contributions to Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) at last weekend's Under the Canopy. A total of \$414.75 was received and will be divided between one Home and one World Mission project. The projects for 2018, which will be voted on by women across America through their local LWMS circuits, are as follows:

Home Missions – Caribbean Scholarship Fund or First Public Service Assistance
World Missions – Cameroon Projects or Academia Cristo

Each LWMS member congregation is entitled to one vote for a Home and one vote for a World Mission Project. Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a Dorcas Society meeting (Tuesday evenings) and/or a Ladies Afternoon Fellowship meeting (Wednesdays at noon) when the groups resume their meeting schedules in September. Watch the late August or early September worship folder for the next meeting dates.

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.

GRIEF SHARE

Learn valuable information about grief, facing your new normal in life, and renewing your hope for the future. The next GriefShare will be held on Monday, July 31, at 5:45 pm in the church library. Please contact Sharon Klopf at sklopf@stpaulmuskego.org for information.

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.

SHARE JESUS WITH KIDS

If being a part of shaping the next generation for the Lord is something you'd enjoy considering, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or mark your interest on the Connection Card. Dr. Nelson looks forward to sharing the joys and rewards of youth ministry with you.

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WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Wisconsin Lutheran College is offering a \$2000 scholarship to any member of St. Paul's interested in attending WLC who hasn't already enrolled. The scholarship is valid for students starting classes the fall of 2017 or 2018. Contact Pastor Panitzke at ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org with interest.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION FALL OUTING

The Wisconsin Lutheran High School Foundation is hosting an all-day trip to see Church Basement Ladies on Wednesday, September 6. The cost is \$84 per person and includes transportation to Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson, lunch, all gratuities, and ticket to the show. Feel free to bring a friend, but don't delay because reservations are limited. Contact Heidi Witz at (414) 453-4567, ext. 2004, or planner@wlhs.org to reserve your tickets.

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.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH THEM

Star of Bethlehem Lutheran in New Berlin will be celebrating their school's 40th anniversary with a carnival on August 19 from 2:00 until 5:00 pm, and their church's 50th anniversary with special worship services on August 20 at 8:00 and 10 am and a luncheon at 11:30 am. The carnival is free and the luncheon is \$5 for ages 11 and up; \$2 for ages 3-10. RSVP at <http://starofbethlehem.org/anniversaryrsvp> or at (262) 786-2901 by August 1.

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

MISSION NEWS IN THE WELS - WORLDWIDE

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

WELS World Missions is currently serving 80,000 people in the 23 fields where WELS is training and partnering to do mission work. World Missions serves 60,000 more people who are enrolled in correspondence and online courses in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East but who have not been fully organized into congregations or national churches. We have been amazed to see that more than one million people are currently being reached with World Missions' Internet outreach efforts.

Worldwide the national churches have called 400 national workers who serve the spiritual needs in more than 700 places where people gather to hear God's Word. One hundred sixty more national leaders are in pastoral training through World Missions' training programs. The expatriate missionary force numbers 38 full-time missionaries and 9 teachers. More than 60 lay workers from the United States of America are also presently serving in various fields. (*Book of Reports and Memorials* for the 2017 Synod Convention, page 154)

St. Paul's leads our church body in support of this 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 worldwide!

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. Only 8 backpacks are needed yet to fulfill all requests. 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 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 calling Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197.

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CHURCH PICNIC – OUTDOOR SERVICE – AUGUST 6

Plan your Picnic fun!

- Show up and dunk a VIP (gotta throw straight).
- Sign up on-site and show off your skills in the bags tournament (gotta find the hole).
- Sign up on-site and toss an egg to your partner (gotta catch it too).
- Relax and enjoy the amazing sounds of Delight Quartet (check them out on Facebook)!
- Snug-up your lederhosen and dance the polka with Kathy Albrecht and friends (Prosit!)



Or just come and have a great time (no planning required).

Behind every great Picnic, is a *great team*. We “very badly” need the following:

- Food-tent cashiers
- Food runners
- Children’s game attendants
- Saturday set-up help



See the sign-up sheets in the lobby, the needs list on My St Paul’s, or just contact Bob Zastrow at bzastrow@gsg.com or (414) 940-9360.

TUG TAKING OFF: AN UPDATE



The July 23 TUG night found 15 in attendance. The group agreed to a twice-a-month schedule on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The 2nd Sunday will be a social/recreational/service activity if teen interest and schedules allow. The 4th Sunday will always take place and be a large group/small group discussion. These “TUG Talk” nights will feature issues determined by the teens. The plan for August is the following:

- August 6 – Church Picnic events
- August 13 – No TUG -Trinity Café in use for Awake & Alive
- August 27 – Discussion: Teen Suicide
- September 10 – Laser Tag (watch for details)
- September 24 – Discussion: Teen Suicide

TUG meets in the Trinity Café, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, 6:30 until 8:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

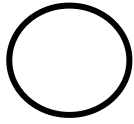
TEXT TO GIVE 414-316-6733

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.



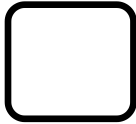


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Any highs or lows you and your group could pray about together?
2. This week's message talks about Jonah, who is a pretty familiar historical figure among Christians. If you grew up knowing his account, share your favorite part of his journey with your group.
3. Before he lands in the belly of a fish, Jonah is full of success as prophet to mighty King Jeroboam (2 Kings 14:26). Why is a time of success very often a dangerous time for a Christian?
4. Read Jonah 2 out loud as a group.
 - What verse stood out to you the most?
 - What theme(s) do you hear Jonah circling around in this prayer?
5. What life events may leave a Christian feeling empty and prompt them to cry out to God? Have you seen how a person's "empty" times prepared them for times of greater service to God?
6. Read Jonah 4.
 - What small "evils" did Jonah experience in this chapter that made him angry? Share an example of a relatively mild "evil" that has made you or someone you know angry with God.
 - What was God's purpose in sending this "evil" on Jonah?
 - We don't know the end of the story. Did Jonah stay angry ("full" like in chapter 1) or did this rebuke leave Jonah repentant ("empty" like in chapter 2)? Why do you think the Holy Spirit ends the book without giving Jonah's final response?
7. When we store up God's promises in our heart, it's His strength that fills us and protects us in the depths of this world. Try this challenge together to prepare you for the next time the depths surround you.
 - Read Psalm 23 as a group.
 - Commit to memorizing this Psalm with your group this week. Brainstorm ways to help each other with this challenge!



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Prayer is Powerful!

Deliver Us from Evil

Jonah

Jonah 1: Full

- Filled with _____ (2 Kings 14:26).
- Filled with _____ (Psalm 1:2).

Jonah 2: Empty

- Empty because of the evil _____.
- Empty because of the evil _____.

Jonah 3: Useful

- Useful as a _____ in God's hand.

Jonah 4: Full

- Full of _____.
- Full of _____.
- Full or empty?

My Next Steps

- Read the four chapters of Jonah and recall times when God has allowed “evil” to prepare you for useful service.
- Prepare for the empty times of life by filling your heart with God's Word. Start by memorizing Psalm 23. Read it aloud once or twice a day until you can recite it.
- Pray for those facing “empty” times of life... a cancer diagnosis, the death of a loved one, a setback at work or in your home.
- Invite friends and family to our outdoor picnic service next Sunday at 10:30 am.