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**OH, FOR AN UNSHAKABLE FAITH**  
**FAITH BELIEVES THAT DYING IS LIVING**  
July 7, 8, and 11, 2018

*Faith in Christ provides the best outlook on life and death. Every day can be a joy because we have a purpose – to love Christ. And when we die? Christ promises something better by far.*

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**HYMN 239, vv. 1-3**

**Glory Be to God the Father**

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

C **And also with you.**

M Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C **Then we also will appear with him in glory.**

M We will be before the throne of God

C **And serve him day and night in his temple.**

M Never again will we hunger;

C **Never again will we thirst.**

M For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

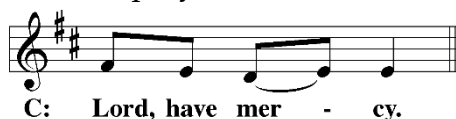
C **And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

M Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have this confidence because our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, not only died to pay for all our sins but also rose again on the third day. Secure in the forgiveness and peace that are ours in Christ Jesus, we join to confess our sins to God.

- 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.
- C** Amen.

#### **LORD HAVE MERCY**

- M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



- M** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- M** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



- M** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

#### **SONG OF PRAISE HYMN 239, V. 4**

#### **Glory Be to God the Father**

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! -  
 Thus the choir of angels sings;  
 Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! -  
 Thus its praise creation brings.  
 Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

## 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. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

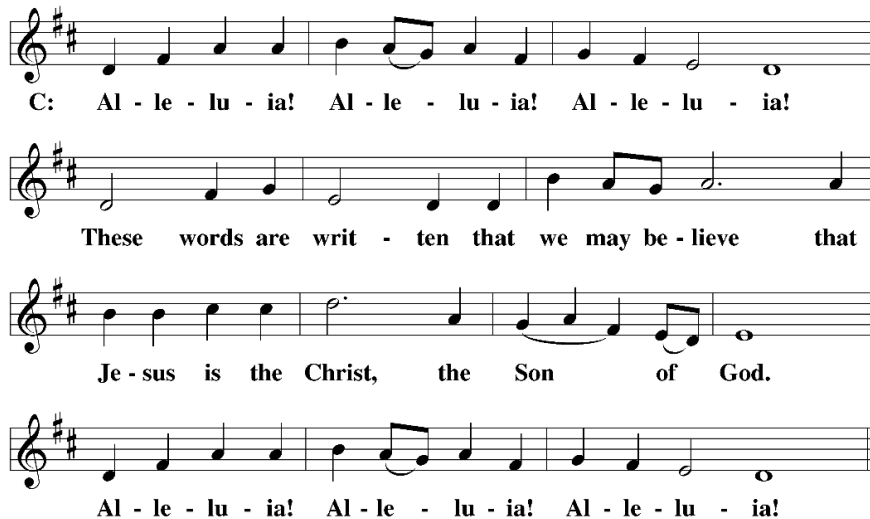


## FIRST LESSON

**1 Kings 17:17-24**, Bible page 353

*Through his prophet, Elijah, the Lord displays his power over death by raising a poor widow's son from the dead.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY



## GOSPEL

**Luke 7:11-17**, Bible page 1034

*In an account very similar to our Old Testament lesson, Jesus, God's Son, displays his power over death by raising a young man from Nain from the dead and returning him to his widowed mother.*

*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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (9:15 am)

**There is a Higher Throne**, Michele Eiche  
*by Keith and Kristyn Getty*

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.



M Lift up your hearts



M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, 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 7.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 606 588

## For Me to Live Is Jesus Abide with Me

## THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## 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.



ORGANIST *Nicole Greanya*

## 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. "Following the Promise" is currently being held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) to register.*

*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. The first pews in the left center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail.*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of July 9, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> (School Classroom #9)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Centennial Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Teens Under God (TUG) (Trinity Café and Gym)

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church and school office is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, continuing through the summer until the start of school.

## UNDER THE CANOPY HOSTS

Available dates for this summer's Under the Canopy are July 15, July 22, and August 19. Please contact David Weise at (262) 271-3093 or [dweise@aol.com](mailto:dweise@aol.com) for more information or to reserve your date.

## ANNUAL ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PICNIC – SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

2018 Church Picnic Highlights

- More Food
- Bigger Bounce House
- More Food
- Children's Activity Area (in addition to the games)
- More Food
- Ginormous Volleyball Game
- More Food
- ...and all the usual refreshments, entertainment, fellowship and fun!

Look for sign-up sheets in the lobby for volunteering!

(and by the way, we're increasing the food)

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **BAPTISM**

Arabella Elizabeth Vitale, daughter of Dominic and Ashley (nee Mews) Vitale, was born June 7, 2018, and will be baptized after the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, July 8, 2018. We rejoice with the Vitales in the gift of saving faith given to Arabella.

## **FUNERAL**

Margaret Kujath, born February 17, 1923, entered eternal life with her Savior on July 4, 2018. The visitation is Wednesday, July 11, 10 am – noon, with the funeral immediately following. May the loved ones of Margaret find peace in the promises of their risen Savior today and always.

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Terri Raduege is rehabbing at Dycora. Shannon Talatzko and baby Brooklyn Grace have been discharged from the hospital.

## **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Tom Goodman, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Judith Lauber, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Mary Schauwitzer, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## **SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY**

We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. An usher will be happy to direct you to the location if needed.

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

783 attended worship services last week.

## **CLOTHED IN CHRIST IN BAPTISM**

A first step toward a stronger faith is a one-hour personal visit and study on baptism. Schedule this First Step visit with Pastor Nate Strobel by marking the Connection Card or contacting him at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org).

## **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 and his first promise to you is found in the first chapters of the Bible and his promises continue throughout the Bible. Register with Pastor Nate on the back of the Connection Card or at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) and he will contact you with more information on class options and answer any questions you may have. This also serves as our pre-membership study.

## **SUMMER GRACE ROOM BIBLE STUDY SERIES—VERY IMPORTANT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE**

In a survey of Grace Room Bible class participants, 13 unique chapters of the Bible were requested to discuss over the summer months. Come and find out why the chapters selected are so important, Sundays in the Grace Room, 9:15-10:15 am.

## **JULY FAMILY IN NEED**

Medical bills have overwhelmed a young St. Paul's family. All three family members have experienced significant health issues in the last year that required hospital stays and/or long unpaid leaves for recovery. Although the family has insurance, the combination of high deductibles, gaps in coverage, and lost wages have left this family with thousands of dollars of unpaid medical bills. They have applied for and received reduced bills through their health care providers. Any gift to help this family would be greatly appreciated. Mark your gift "July Family in Need." What a blessing to be part of a Christian family here at St. Paul's that lives out our faith! "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## SAFETY CITY RECAP

St. Paul's had the privilege of hosting Safety City on our campus for the fourth year in a row. The Muskego Woman's Club, the Muskego Police Department, and Muskego Park and Recreation sponsor this two-week community event to teach road and pedestrian safety to 3-6 year olds. One of our members, Melanie Cholka, presented on seat-belt safety to the children and we were able to make connections with over 100 people during the duration of the event.



Due to the generous donations given at our Jammin' on Janesville booth, Pastor Strobel was able to present a check at the closing ceremony to Police Chief Richard Rens for the community D.A.R.E. program.

This event sparked several conversations about our school and church by curious



parents and grandparents. Several of the attendees expressed deep gratitude for opening our doors to host this event. We are blessed to have so many opportunities to serve our community through our facilities.

## PARENTS: REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FALL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASSES

If you have a child entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall who will be enrolled in a school other than St. Paul's Lutheran School, and you want him/her to take part in St. Paul's Confirmation Instruction Program, please contact Dr. Nelson as soon as possible (414-422-0320, ext. 145, or [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org)). This will ensure that you receive all the necessary information about the program and the August 20 orientation night. These Wednesday afternoon classes begin August 29 at 4:30 pm.

## TUG IN JULY

The next Teens Under God (TUG) night is Sunday, July 15, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Trinity Gym. It will be an open gym together with teens from Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church in Franklin. Then on Sunday, July 29, 6:30-8:00 pm, teens will discuss connecting with others under the title, "Getting Real with Relationships." TUG is a great place for teens to grow in faith and develop Christian relationships.

## KIDS CLUB THIS FALL

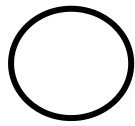
If being a part of shaping the next generation for the Lord is something you'd enjoy considering, contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the back of your Connection Card. Dr. Nelson looks forward to sharing the joys and rewards of youth ministry with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

## COOL MILLION GOLF OUTING

Enjoy some golf and fellowship with us Saturday, August 11, at the St. Paul's Golf Outing benefiting our school's Cool Million projects. Not a golfer? We have a dinner-only option too. Registration forms and more information are at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Dinner hosted by Wegner's St. Martin's Inn at 6:30 pm in the Trinity Café will follow.

## TAX WISE GIVING

There are a number of ways to maximize your gift by making good use of the tax laws. If you own stock, consider donating stock that has appreciated in value to St. Paul's. You will not have to pay tax on that appreciated value. If you are 70½, you can give directly to St. Paul's from an IRA and not pay tax on that withdrawal. For help with these options, speak to your financial advisor or call Church Administrator Randy Fink at 414-422-0320, ext. 120.



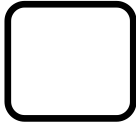
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. How did you celebrate our country's freedom this past week?
2. When was the last time you attended a funeral? What emotions did you experience that day?
3. Paul wrote "To die is gain." Paul knew something about life after death to have that confidence. What do these passages teach you about life after death so that by faith you too can say, "To die is gain."
  - John 11:25-26
  - John 14:1-3
  - Luke 16:18-31
  - Revelation 7:9-17
  - Revelation 22:1-5
3. "I consider my life worth nothing" (Acts 20:24). Why might a person suffering from depression or suicidal thoughts say something like this?
4. The context of Acts 20:14 (Read Acts 20:17-24) makes clear these are powerful words of faith. What would your life look like if you took Paul's approach to life?
5. By faith we believe that dying is living. Share one example of what this looks like in your daily life.
6. What was one way this week's message equipped you for more conversations with the pre-Christians in your life?



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

## + Oh, for a Faith Unshakable! +

*Philippians 1:12-27 (Bible page 1178)*

### Faith Believes that Dying Is Living

...That affects our living.

- The early Christians must have been t\_\_\_\_\_ by Paul's imprisonment.
- Paul's imprisonment was a t\_\_\_\_\_ in God's hands.
- As Paul sat in prison, he faced two alternatives:
  - wallow in s\_\_\_\_\_, doubting God's love and care;
  - take advantage of the opportunity to s\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' name.
- Paul recognized he had a s\_\_\_\_\_ thing, and he knew that G\_\_\_\_\_ had given it to him.
- Paul's courage resulted from the Philippians p\_\_\_\_\_ for him.
- The Holy Spirit used Paul's imprisonment to g\_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
- God might put us in u\_\_\_\_\_ places to accomplish his purpose.
- We may struggle with problems or crises in life because that's God's a\_\_\_\_\_ to our P\_\_\_\_\_.
- God urges us to stand firm in the Spirit and to do so t\_\_\_\_\_.

...That affects our dying.

- Regardless of his release from prison or being put to death, Paul t\_\_\_\_\_ that God would provide a sure thing.
- Paul's focus was on o\_\_\_\_\_, not on h\_\_\_\_\_.
- Too often we f\_\_\_\_\_ death because we focus on ourselves.
- Death is the d\_\_\_\_\_ God uses to prop open the doors of heaven.
- To know that we'll be with Jesus makes us u\_\_\_\_\_ to die.
- Whether we live or die, we have a sure thing: to g\_\_\_\_\_ God in this life and to l\_\_\_\_\_ with him forever in the next.