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GRACE WINS

GRACE—WITHOUT IT NO ONE WINS

July 6, 7, and 10, 2019

As much as we hate to be judged, that is what we do all day long. Judging other people's character, choices, clothes, personality, driving, parenting, and pretty much everything else. In this section of Romans, we are reminded that no one can stand up to God's standards. The judgment we direct at others is coming right back at us. No matter who you are, without grace no one wins.

PRESERVICE HYMN SING

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 256

How Great Thou Art

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

C **Amen! The LORD is our God; we will serve and worship him!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord, our God, has established us in a good land, a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills;

C **a land with wheat and barley, vines and fruit trees, olive oil and honey;**

M a land where bread is not scarce and we lack nothing.

C **We have eaten and are satisfied. We praise the Lord our God for the good land he has given us!** (*Based on Deuteronomy 8:7-10*)

M Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin disgraces a people (*Proverbs 14:34*). We, therefore, open our hearts to God and confess our sins to him.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

M Our gracious Father has forgiven our sin. In his mercy he calls us again to live as his children – to be his blessing to the favored land we call our home.

C **Let us exalt our nation with righteousness! Let us live as servants of God, showing respect to everyone, looking not only to our own interests but also to the interests of others** (*Philippians 2:4*).

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

SONG OF PRAISE 618, vv. 5-6

Before You, Lord We Bow

Now hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own!
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship him alone!
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore
And bow before The Crucified.

Then when in pow'r he comes,
So may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing
To heav'n's high king Salvation's song.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you are merciful and tenderhearted, abounding in love and faithfulness.

C **You do not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

M Turn to us in our anguish over sin. Hear our cry for mercy.

C **Speak to us again of your unfailing love in Christ, that we may be at peace.**

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



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 1:10-18, Bible page 679

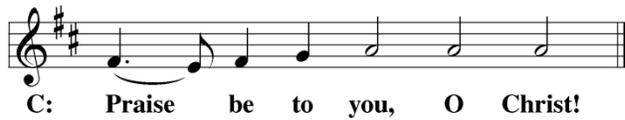
God is not pleased with sacrifices made out of obligation. He longs for hearts that rejoice in his goodness and mercy.

GOSPEL

John 4:1-26, Bible page 1065

Everyone who drinks from God's mercy and grace will never thirst again.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY 353

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

SERMON

Romans 1:18—2:11, Bible page 1126

Pastor Peter Panitzke

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Saturday*)
(*Sunday*)

America the Beautiful, Bruce and Betty Marggraf
Come, Thou Almighty King, Jill Mitchell
arr. by Stephen Bulla

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C **We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

M You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C **For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

M Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C **Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

M Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C **Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

M Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

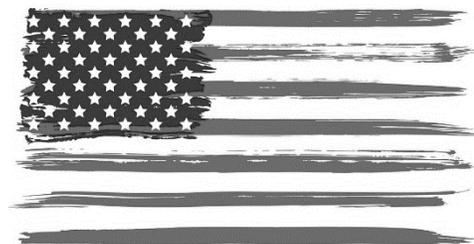
C **Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN 619

God Bless Our Native Land



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELS CONNECTION *WELS Endowment Supports Missions*

POSTLUDE (Sunday) God Bless The U.S.A., Jill Mitchell
by Lee Greenwood

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl

ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*

SAD NEWS FOR OUR ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

We were informed on Tuesday, July 2, that the Lord called our former teacher Linda Martens home to himself in heaven that morning. Linda served as our 1st grade teacher, our Extended Learning Center coordinator, and as a team lead for the younger grades. She continued to provide encouragement to staff members in this first year of her retirement. We had hoped to bring her back regularly during the upcoming school year to learn from her.

Here are just a few of the testimonies from our school parents to her love of the Lord and the children in her classrooms:

- Such an influential Christian leader! She used her God-given abilities to the fullest and touched so many lives. She will be greatly missed.
- Miss Martens was a loving and wonderful teacher for our kids, always pointing them to Jesus.
- She dedicated her life to bringing those around her closer to Christ, and I'm grateful that my older children had the opportunity to soak that up.



Funeral arrangements were still pending at the time the worship folder was printed.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of July 8, 2019

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

JOIN US ONLINE

If you can't join us in person, join us online! A video archive of sermons is available at www.stpaulmukego.org/worship/sermons.

The Bridge, our casual contemporary service, is livestreamed every Sunday at 10:15 am on each of the following platforms. You can find an archive of past messages on each site, with the full-service replay on YouTube.



www.thebridgemuskego.org



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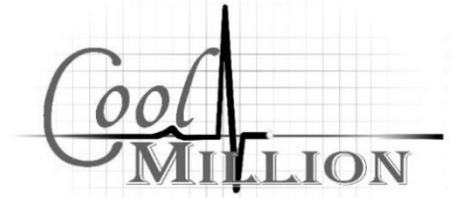


Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

A BEAUTIFUL MESS



The hallways are cluttered with construction debris. The ceiling tiles have not yet covered up the long runs of insulated ducts.



A beautiful mess!

Since the day school ended, workers have been busy in our school as a result of your **Cool Million** gifts. They are replacing an aging heating system with a new, energy efficient heating and air conditioning system. Within a week or two, they will be able to begin testing the system.

It is a beautiful mess! Think how this will improve the learning environment for our children in our Lutheran Elementary School and in our Sunday morning Kids Club! With this system, the building becomes a year-round tool for Gospel outreach.

Keep It Dry!

On a rainy day, it is frustrating to watch water drip down walls or into pails. There is nothing you can do on that day. But it is a reminder that something needs to be done!

By Picnic Sunday, August 4, we hope that you will not only see new ceiling treatment on the inside of the Centennial Gym, but also new shingles on the gym roof.

This fall you will see a crane and equipment around the church as the church and the east and west wings are re-shingled, with significant roof repairs and additional insulation.

Thanks for Helping Finish the Work

Thank you for your gifts to **A Cool Million!** One time gifts or recurring gifts, large gifts or small gifts, all help us complete the \$700,000 of improvements taking place on our campus this summer and additional work to be done next summer. And each time we surpass another \$100,000 level, we will be sending a \$10,000 tithe to support our world missions.

Gifts received total \$564,000. Plans for giving shared with us bring the total given and committed to nearly \$700,000! The chart at right gives you an idea of the size and number of gifts given over the next year that will enable us to complete our **Cool Million** projects.

Clearly mark your gift "**A Cool Million**" or give online at StPaulMuskego.org/give. Thank you for your generous support of this effort to improve our facilities and increase our support of gospel ministry around the world.

Gift Level	Number of gifts
\$25,000	1
\$15,000	1
\$10,000	2
\$5,000	5
\$2,500	20
\$1,000	100
\$500	100
\$250	100
\$100	100
\$50	100
\$25	200

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. A silent pager system allows childcare providers to alert you to any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions. The nursery closes 10 minutes after the service.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Shelly Pearson, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is in hospice care at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc and June Hackbart in hospice care at Dycora in Greenfield. Mark Thoss is at Waukesha Memorial, Gary Ives at the VA Hospital, and Sandra Merfeld at St. Luke's. Audrey Wefel has returned to the Virginia Health Care Center, and Lynda Guhr has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

838 attended last week's worship services.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PICNIC!

When? Sunday, August 4, at 11:30 am, following the outdoor church service.

Where? On the St. Paul's grounds.

What? Burgers, brats, and hotdogs for purchase. Plus, beverages, ice cream, and other treats.

What Else? Children's games and play area, face painting, adult bags tournament, musical entertainment.

Why? Because you couldn't have more fun on a Sunday afternoon if you tried!

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Be generous with your time! Sign up for a volunteer position on the table in the lobby.

SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH A BASIC NEED IN AFRICA

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

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

OUR SUMMER MESSAGE SERIES – GRACE WINS!

Matthew West's song "Grace Wins" captures the truth we want to claim for ourselves this summer as we study St. Paul's letter to the Romans.



For the prodigal son

Grace Wins

For the woman at the well

Grace Wins

For the blind men and the beggar

Grace Wins

For always and forever

Grace Wins

For the lost out on the street

Grace Wins

For the worst part of you and me

Grace Wins

For the thief on the cross

Grace Wins

For the world that is lost

There's a war between guilt and grace,

And their fighting for a sacred space,

But I'm living proof

Grace wins every time.

We are currently paving the way through the first half of Paul's letter to the Romans. Prepare for an uncomfortable ride. Experience some "g's" as Paul allows us to feel the weight of our guilt. We will understand Matthew West's comment about "the worst part of you and me."

But Paul's purpose is to prepare us to experience the exhilaration that only the "g's" of God's grace can give. God's grace wins over the guilt of every failure and every act of rebellion. Grace wins over the power of sin so that God can work amazing changes in us.

Invite your friends to celebrate with you that "Grace Wins Every Time!"

July 14 – Romans 2:12-3:20

July 21 – Romans 3:21-31

July 28 – Romans 4

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

August 11 – Romans 5:12-21

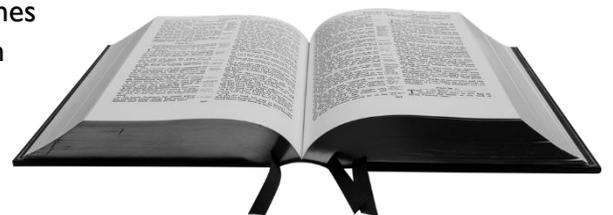
August 18 – Romans 6:7-7:6

August 25 – Romans 7:7-8:17

September 1 – Romans 8:18-39

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE STUDY

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



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ON OUR CAMPUS

On August 8 and 9, The Global Leadership Summit will be telecast live in HD to over 500 locations nationwide. St. Paul's will be one of the live telecast locations this year for the first time. Visit globalleadership.org to see the line-up of speakers already committed. St. Paul's receives a discounted rate of \$119, which is a savings from the \$208.00 regular rate if you use our priority code PV2019. Register at StPaulMuskego.org\GLS.

CONSIDER A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

Pastor Panitzke will be giving a short presentation about the upcoming trip to the Holy Land (June 16-25, 2020) on Sunday, July 21, at 9:15 am in the Faith Room for anyone interested. If you would be traveling alone, please speak to Pastor Panitzke. Single travelers, both male and female, have asked about finding a roommate to reduce costs. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

WHAT MAKES TEENS TICK PRESENTED BY DR. JOEL NELSON

What Makes Teens Tick: A Look at Adolescent Development and Their Place in the Body of Christ continues for two more weeks. Join the discussion Sunday, July 7, and Sunday, July 14, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

PARENTS: REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FALL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASSES

If you have a child entering 6th-8th 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 soon at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org. This will ensure that you receive all the necessary information about the program and the August 19 orientation night that will be held in the church, 6:30-7:30 pm. These Wednesday afternoon classes begin August 28 at 4:30 pm.

JOIN THE KIDS CLUB TEAM

St. Paul's Sunday morning youth ministry for 3K-Grade 6 is in need of additional teaching and support staff. Learn more about how God could use you to serve St. Paul's children by contacting Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card.

READING BUDDIES WILL BE BACK THIS FALL – JOIN THE FUN!

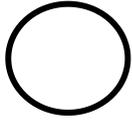
Reading Buddies starts Wednesday, September 4, 9:45-10:45 am, in the Trinity Cafe. Read together with a Kindergarten - 2nd grade student in 15 minute increments. Help instill the love of reading and enjoy the camaraderie with our students. Contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons to volunteer at sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or 414.422. 0320, ext. 118. Volunteer for as many Wednesdays that work for you.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER INFANT OPENING

Our Child Care Center has an opening in the infant room (6:00 am – 6:00 pm, 6 weeks – 12 months). If you need child care arrangements, contact Child Care Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or for a tour and answers to your questions.

TOUR THE EAST COAST THIS FALL WITH STONEY CREEK

What could be better than New England in the fall? Join Stoney Creek for a vacation tour traveling to the east coast September 27 - October 5. Explore mansions, museums, and more! Call Activities Director Anita by July 20 at (414) 422-4686 to register or for more information.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share the highs and lows of your 4th of July holiday.

2. There is a natural knowledge of God.
 - a. **Read Romans 1:18-20.** Where do you see God's eternal power and divine nature revealed in the created world?

 - b. **Read Psalm 19:1-6.** What do the heavens declare to you about God's glory?

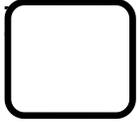
3. **Read Psalm 19:7-14.** The psalmist David celebrates God's revealed knowledge in the last half of the psalm. What does God's Word teach you about God that you cannot learn from a study of nature?

4. **Read Romans 1:21-32.**
 - a. Three times Paul writes that "God gave them over..." God can punish sin with more sin. What are some of the examples that Paul gives? Don't focus only on the sexual sins of verses 26-28.

 - b. How does "God gave them over..." warning impact your understanding of the power sin in your own life?

5. **Read Romans 2:1-11.** Paul references "everyone who does good" (2:10). It sounds like Paul is saying that you can be saved by doing good. To understand Paul's line of thought, look at Romans 3:12. Who does good? See also Mark 10:13-17.

6. The Apostle Paul's purpose was to help all of his readers, no matter what their background, whether Jewish or Gentile, to see that sin has disqualified them for the prize of eternal life. His goal was that each of us say, "God, have mercy upon me, a sinner" (Luke 18:13). As a joint confession of sin and claiming of forgiveness, read together Psalm 32.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Without Grace, No One Wins

Romans 1:18-2:11, Bible page 1126

God has revealed the Finish Line. There is no excuse! (1:18-20)

1. The spiritual are disqualified. (1:21-25)

A life _____ to creation, but _____ from the Creator.

2. The irreligious are disqualified. (1:26-32)

A life _____ to self, but _____ from the Creator.

3. The religious are disqualified. (2:1-11)

A life _____ to God, but _____ from other people.

“Where sin increased, grace increased all the more” (Romans 5:20).

My Next Steps

- **See the entire picture:** Read Romans over and over, a chapter day, during this message series, to better understand the Holy Spirit’s line of thought as he announces to you that “Grace Wins.”
- **Examine your own part in the picture:** How do you “serve created things” (Romans 1:25) rather than the Creator? What “wickedness” (Romans 1:29-32) fills your mind? How have you “passed judgment” (Romans 2:3) on others and failed to see your own guilt?
- **Without Grace, No One Wins:** Memorize Romans 5:20, “The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But were sin increased, grace increased all the more.”