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IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY

LOVE UNHYPOCRITICALLY

August 15, 16, and 19, 2020

People have valid grievances. The natural reaction is to get angry and seek personal revenge. Look back first to see God's mercy to you, and you will be in a position to love even those who mistreat you.

FACE MASK PLEASE

In humble service to all in our church community, we are asking all present from age 5 and up to wear a face mask during worship in voluntary compliance with Governor Evers' order. Face masks are available from the ushers if you forgot yours. If you are unable to wear a face mask for medical reasons, please do all you can to maintain social distance from others. In Christian love, let us seek to protect the health of others.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 232

Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care

Lord of my life, whose tender care
Has led me on till now,
Here lowly, at the hour of prayer,
Before your throne I bow.
I bless your gracious hand and pray
Forgiveness for another day.

Oh, may I daily, hourly, strive
In heav'nly grace to grow,
To you and to your glory live,
Dead to all else below!
Tread in the path my Savior trod,
Though thorny, yet the path of God.

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

C Amen.

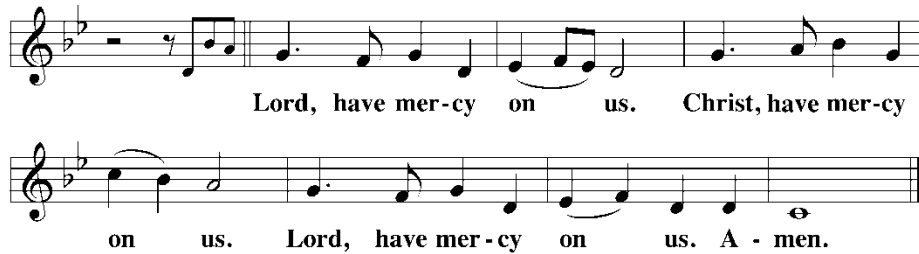
M Lord God, heavenly Father, you declared in the beginning that it is not good for the man to be alone. We were created to live in community. We were created to serve one another and build each other up.

C **Your will is that we honor and respect one another as coheirs of salvation and coworkers in this world.**

M The evil one is planting seeds of disharmony, division and disrespect in our hearts. He is pitting us against one another. He rejoices when we hurt each other physically and spiritually. The people we hurt are precious to you, Father, bought at the price of your Son's blood. They should be equally precious to us. We are sorry for the hurtful things we have said and done. Hear us as we humble ourselves before you:

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 *Kyrie*



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.

C To you my humble praise I bring
For mercies day by day.
Lord, teach my heart your love to sing;
Lord, teach me how to pray.
All that I have and e'er can do
I'll use to serve and honor you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Jesus, when you lived as a man among us, you showed great respect and honor for all people including those who held very different worldviews. You even demonstrated mercy and compassion to those who were seeking to bring you harm.

C May your Spirit live within us as we seek to live and work together respectfully with all people.

M We pray, Jesus, in your name. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 41:41-43, 46-49

God used Joseph to rescue an idolatrous people from famine and death.

⁴¹ So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³ He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt. ⁴⁷ During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. ⁴⁸ Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. ⁴⁹ Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 42-43

M As the deer pants for streams of water,
C **so my soul pants for you, O God.**

M My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
C **Where can I go and meet with God?**

M Why are you downcast, O my soul?
C **Why so disturbed within me?**

M Put your hope in God,
C **for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**

M Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;
C **let them bring me to the place where you dwell.**

M Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.
C **I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

Again and again Jesus demonstrates incredible love and compassion for any and all people.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregations sings:



¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

After the Gospel, the congregations sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY 499

O God of Mercy, God of Might

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| <p>1. O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight,
To live our lives to you.</p> | <p>2. You sent your Son for all to die
That fallen man might live thereby.
Oh, hear us, for to you we cry
In hope, O Lord, to you.</p> |
| <p>3. Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
To feel for those his blood has bought,
That ev'ry deed and word and thought
May work a work for you.</p> | <p>4. All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since Jesus Christ for all has died;
Grant us the will, and grace provide,
To love them all in you.</p> |

⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

CONFESSIOIN OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

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 498

Though I May Speak

1. **Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain --
As sounding brass -- and hopeless gain.**
2. **Though I may give all I possess
And, striving so, my love profess
But not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.**
3. **Come, Spirit, come; our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed;
By this we worship and are freed.**

CLOSING PRAYER

- M** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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

Outdoor Service on Sunday, August 23, at 10:30 am

Join us for another outdoor service under the trees! The outdoor service will take the place of The Bridge and 10:45 services and will be livestreamed. We may schedule one or two more outdoor services this year. There will still be the regular Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 7:45 & 9:15 am, and Wednesday 7:00 pm services that weekend.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

For the week of August 17, 2020

MON	8:30 am	IFASST K- 8 th Grade Registration
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	5:30 pm	IFASST K- 8 th Grade Registration
	6:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes Orientation Meeting (Sanctuary)
TUE	9:30 am	Ministry Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i>
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	5:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes Orientation Meeting (Sanctuary)
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
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Traditional 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.



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WEDDINGS

Benjamin Krabbenhoft and Emily Haas were joined in marriage on Saturday, August 8, and Ryan Zainer and Cloe Schram on Friday, August 14. May the heavenly Bridegroom richly bless these two couples in their lives together.

FUNERAL

Nancy Rindfleisch, born July 1, 1932, entered the loving arms of her Savior on August 12, 2020. Visitation will be Saturday, August 22, 2020, at 10:00 am, with the funeral at 11:00 am. Committal will follow in the church cemetery, Please remember to pray for Nancy's family and loved ones. *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on" (Revelation 14:13).*

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr (hospice care at Care-Age in Brookfield), Linda Hartwig (West Allis), Fred Liermann (hospice care at Autumn Leaves in Franklin), Dorrette Probst (home hospice care). Carol Constantineau (Ignite Medical Resort, Oak Creek), Brittany Michaels (Froedtert), Robert Schaefer (VA hospital), Marlene Sobczak (rehabbing at daughter's house), and Lois Stichmann (The View at Pine Ridge). Carmen Radkowski has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

The following attended last week's services: 75 on Saturday; 65 on Sunday 7:45 am, 78 on Sunday 9:15 am, 83 at The Bridge, 22 on Sunday 10:45 am, and 25 on Wednesday.

COMMUNION SERVICES

Communion is offered on the second and last weekend of the month. Small group communion in the Grace Room is offered the first and third weekends of the month. Call the church office (414-422-0320) to register for small group communion.

ANNIVERSARIES IN MINISTRY

Pastor Jeffrey Bonack and Mrs. Susan Kuehl recently completed twenty-five years in the pastoral and teaching ministry, respectively. During this time of pandemic, we've chosen not to celebrate these milestones publicly. However, if you would like to express your congratulations and well wishes to them in person or with a card, e-mail, note, or gift, please feel free to do so. *"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).*

AUGUST "FAMILY IN NEED"

One of our members has been hospitalized awaiting a lung transplant for the last month. If she is accepted into a transplant program, it will likely be out-of-state. Another family member will also need to travel with her. Even with insurance, costs are and will continue to mount. If you would like to help this family, mark your gift clearly "August Family in Need" or go to StPaulMuskego.org/Give and donate to "Friends in Need" putting "August Family in Need" in the memo line.

DANDELION DAZE COMMUNITY OUTREACH—AUGUST 29 AND 30

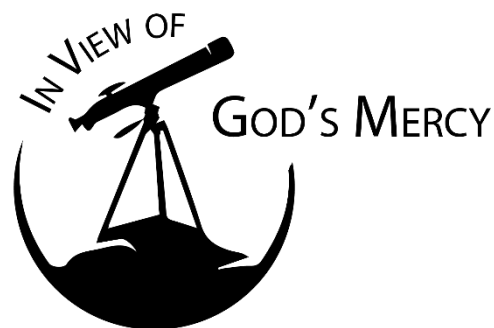
DandiLion Daze, formerly the Muskego Community Festival, or Muskego Fest, remains the largest free admission festival in southeastern Wisconsin. St. Paul's would like to show our support for our community by helping out at the event and reaching out to our neighbors by having a float at the Dandelion Daze Parade. The event supports nine wonderful community service clubs and organizations doing amazing work in Muskego and beyond. If you are interested in learning more, please mark the back of your Connection Card and you will be contacted with more information. You can also contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner directly at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 294.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

AUGUST SERMON SERIES

In View of God's Mercy – A Study of Romans 12-16

How do we deal with people who think differently than we do and act differently than we do? How do we deal with people who mistreat us? How do we overcome the racial and economic divides and COVID-19 divides? We can find the answers if we remember to live "In View of God's Mercy," looking back to the mercy that we have received as the motivation for our actions and looking from that place of mercy to reflect that mercy in all our interactions.



August 23

Obey in Reverence

Romans 13

August 30

Submit in Kindness

Romans 14 – 15

September 6

United in Christ Alone

Romans 16

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

Following the Promise is a 12-week class designed to challenge you in what you think you know, introduce you to the world's only Savior in Jesus, and take you on a journey from creation to the cross and to the halls of heaven. Join Pastor Nate online on Mondays at 7:00 pm. Text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236, email at nstrobел@stpaulmuskego.org, or register on the back of your Connection Card.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR PETE

Every other Thursday, Pastor Pete will lead a Zoom Bible study at 7:00 pm, generally using the GroupWork Bible study material. The next study will be on August 27. Register on the Connection Card or simply click the Zoom link that will be sent out just prior to the study.

SUNRISE BIBLE STUDY TO MEET ON WEDNESDAYS

For years the Sunrise Bible Study has met early Thursday mornings. But starting September 3, the group will switch to meeting on Wednesdays with the same time of 6:30-7:30 am in the same place - the Faith Room. Our study currently focuses on the Scripture readings that will be read at the upcoming weekend's worship service. For more information on this Bible Study please contact Bruce Marggraf at (262) 679-4725.

KIDS CLUB START POSTPONED

We will postpone resuming in-person Kids Club until at least October 4. A recent survey and in-person worship patterns of our Kids Club families appear to reflect a high level of concern regarding COVID-19. By delaying the start of Kids Club until October, we are allowing Kids Club families and staff time to experience the reopening of our elementary schools and to learn from that experience. We will continue to provide weekly online lessons and resources to use at home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

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LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY

School Begins August 25

Our Lutheran School (Kindergarten-8th Grade) ministry begins on Tuesday, August 25, with an anticipated enrollment of 224. It is not too late to enroll! Contact School Administrator Fitzsimmons at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118.

Pre-K Begins after Labor Day

Our 3K and 4K ministry begins September 2, with an anticipated enrollment of 80. We offer a variety of options – half day or full day, number of days per week of your choice, and wrap-around care. If you would like to register your child, contact Pre-K Director Michele Drska at (414) 422-0320, ext. 144.

St. Paul's Child Care Center

Our child care ministry for children six weeks to three years old is open year-round, 6:00 am – 6:00 pm. If you are interested in enrolling your child or baby (soon to arrive), contact Tammy Dockter at 414-422-0320, ext. 200.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER STAFF OPENINGS

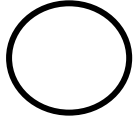
We have an opening on our Child Care Center staff. Hours are 12:30 – 6:00 pm, Monday – Friday. We are also looking for substitute teacher's aides. Hours are flexible and could include shifts like 7:00 am-1:00 pm, 7:00 am-3:00 pm, or 12:30 pm-6:00 pm as well. If you or someone you know would be interested or have more questions, please contact our Child Care Assistant Director Tammy Dockter at dockterta@stpaulmuskego.org.

2020-2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Families with children who attend area public schools, who are not currently in St. Paul's Confirmation instruction classes, and who want their children to be confirmed at St. Paul's, should contact Dr. Nelson as soon as possible if you have yet to do so (jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 145). Confirmation Instruction at St. Paul's is a three-year, once-a-week program for public school students. We are in the process of putting together the student lists for 2020-2021 and want to make sure we have all eligible students included. All public school families/students in the program will receive a surface-mailing with more details soon.

CONFIRMATION 2020

The confirmation of our 26 youth confirmands, postponed in May due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 13, with two afternoon services. The annual taking of pictures and practice for the confirmation services will take place the morning of September 12. In both cases, we will make every effort to adhere to the governor's mask-wearing order and social distancing guidelines. More information will be sent directly to the confirmation families. Questions should be directed to Pastor Kuehl at 414-422-0320, ext. 121, or dkuehl@stpaulmuskego.org.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

A Lesson in Loving Unhypocritically

The Apostle Paul wrote about spiritual gifts in Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12-14. In both letters, he brings out that spiritual gifts are given to each of us so that we might serve others. In both letters, Paul teaches that you cannot use those gifts to build others up if you do not love others. With God's help, let's learn to love unhypocritically.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

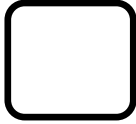
1. "Nothing!" Without love, Paul wrote, no matter what we do, it amounts to nothing. What do you think Paul meant by that?

Compare 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and Romans 12:9-13.

2. Read both of these descriptions of Christian love. Which one is more helpful for you? Why?

Read Romans 12:14-21.

3. Why do you think Paul warns against pride twice in this section? Do you see a link between pride and a desire for revenge?
4. What have you found as a way to battle the pride that is naturally in your heart?
5. Pastor Pete in his message described Lisa TerKuerst's story of writing all her hurts on note cards, laying them on the floor, and then covering them with red cloth to symbolize that Jesus' blood covers all of those hurts. How might that process help a person deal with huge pain from the past so they can let go of the desire for revenge? How might this process help a person deal with some of the smaller, daily grievances we have against family members, co-workers, or classmates?
6. Close with a prayer for emotional healing for all present and the power to love even our enemies with un hypocritical love.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

In View of God's Mercy, Love Unhypocritically

Romans 12:9-21

1. I'm a pliers by nature, ruining everything I touch.

- a. The "problem": No one around me is a perfect "nut."
- b. To love hypocritically means to "love" with an "u _____ j _____."
- c. Without I _____, nothing I do has value (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

2. Lord, Make Me a Vice Grip – Tighten Me in Love to Everyone Around Me

Twelve instructions to love un hypocritically (vv.9-13). Which instruction do you think is most important for you to remember so that you love the imperfect people around you?

3. Lord, Make Me a Vice Grip – Release Me from Self-Love

- a. Proper self-love is based on our identity as s _____.
- b. Proudful self-love keeps me from...
 - i. Understanding another person's point of view.
 - ii. Forgiving as God has forgiven me.

My Next Steps

- **Appreciate God's Mercy.** Read Romans 7:14-8:1. We are all unable to love un hypocritically because of our sinful nature. Only in Christ are we not condemned.
- **Dig Deeper:** Read Romans 12:9-21 in a variety of translations. Use BibleGateway or some other online tool to see how these translations and paraphrases give you new insights into what it means to love un hypocritically.
- **Act: Love Un hypocritically.** Make a commitment today to take one of the ways un hypocritical love is described and put it into practice as you interact with the rest of the sinners in your area of influence.