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IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY SUBMIT IN KINDNESS

August 29, 30, and September 2, 2020

The racial divisions in the New Testament were not based on skin tone, but on cultural backgrounds. How did the New Testament church find healing for those divisions?

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

OPENING HYMN 230, vv. 1, 2

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

**Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with grace divine,
And let your truth within us shine.**

**Unseal our lips to sing your praise;
Our souls to you in worship raise.
Make strong our faith; increase our light
That we may know your name aright**

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

C **Amen.**

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, the apostle John exhorts all believers to love one another, for love comes from God. He says: "Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

C **Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:7-8).**

M Yet, we can never love God or others as completely and unconditionally as he has loved us. Selfishness and prejudice infect us to the core and taint all our thoughts, words and deeds. Because of our lovelessness and sin, we deserve God's wrath and eternal punishment. But God is gracious and forgives us through Jesus Christ. Let us, therefore, humble ourselves before him and confess our sin:

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.

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

SONG OF PRAISE 230, v. 4

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Good and gracious God, you have compassion for the sinner, every sinner, as a father has compassion for his children.

C Forgive the sins of your people, heal our weaknesses, and crown our lives with your love.

M Open our minds to understand what it means to love those who think and act differently than we do.

C Empower us to shine the light of your love into this dark world.

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

C Amen.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Christ gave himself as a ransom for all people. In Christ we are all one family.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

⁸Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Alleluia! For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia (*Mark 10:45*).

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

The faith of the Canaanite woman.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 467

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

**May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r.**

**May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting, self abasing - This is victory!**

**May his spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.**

SERMON

Romans 14-15:13

Pastor Nate Strobel

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

¹³ Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. ¹⁴ I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean. ¹⁵ If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, ¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. ²⁰ Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. ²¹ It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

²² So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves. ²³ But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

15 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews^[e] on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."

¹⁰ Again, it says,

"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹ And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."

¹² And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 492

Son of God, Eternal Savior

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Honors all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity; Heal our wrongs and help our need.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion; Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure; Stem our selfish greed for gain.**

**Bind us all as one together In your Church's sacred fold,
Weak and healthy, poor and wealthy, Sad and joyful, young and old.
Is there want or pain or sorrow? Make us all the burden share.
Are there spirits crushed and broken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.**

CLOSING PRAYER

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

For the week of August 31, 2020

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	9:30 am	Ministry Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes (Virtual)
	6:00 pm	Divorce Care (School Classroom 8)
WED	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise Bible Study</i>
THURS	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	3:30 pm	Pertle/Murphy Wedding Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Traditional Worship
	3:00 pm	Kassidy Pertle and James Murphy Wedding Ceremony

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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BAPTISM

Rhyan Rose Sabbatini and Raeya James Sabbatini, daughters of Steven and Alayna (nee Frey) Sabbatini, were born on June 15, 2020 and will be baptized in a private ceremony on August 30. We praise God for the gift of saving faith given to Rhyan and Raeya.

HOSPITALIZED

Bill Graumann (Community Memorial in Menomonee Falls), Lois Guhr (hospice care at Care-Age in Brookfield), Linda Hartwig (Hales Corners Care Center), Fred Liermann (hospice care at Autumn Leaves in Franklin), Dorrette Probst (home hospice care), Carol Constantineau (Ignite Medical Resort in Oak Creek), Brittany Michaels (Froedtert), Marlene Sobczak (rehabbing at daughter's house), and Lois Stichmann (The View at Pine Ridge).

ATTENDANCE

The following attended last week's services: 84 on Saturday, 57 on Sunday 7:45 am, 55 on Sunday 9:15 am, 305 on Sunday 10:30 am outdoor service, and 22 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.

AUGUST "FAMILY IN NEED"

One of our members has been hospitalized for the last month awaiting a lung transplant. 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 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.

ST. PAUL'S CHRIST-CENTERED CARE AND COUNSELING MINISTRY

We are beginning the organizational preparations for our focused counseling and care ministry (personal/family counseling, support groups and life coaching). We are looking for individuals who are interested in serving 1) on a planning/oversight team and/or 2) assisting in the day-to-day operations of the ministry (support groups, lay counseling/coaching, etc.). If you are interested in serving in either of these capacities or would just like a little more information, contact Pastor Bonack at jbonack@stpaulmuskego.org. Also, if you know of any professional counselors who may be willing to serve part time or full time at our facility, please let us know. Thank you!

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 Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Text Pastor Nate at (414) 426-8236, email at nstrobel@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 September 10. Register on the Connection Card or simply click the Zoom link that will be sent out just prior to the study.

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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.

ORGANIZATION FOR WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SENIORS - OWLS

There will be no OWLS meetings until further notice. President Char Pingel says, "I will miss gathering with all of you!"

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.

WEBSITE VIDEO FOOTAGE

On Sunday, August 30, we will be shooting a video that will be used on our new website. Mike Westendorf will be around campus capturing what life is like at St. Paul's during the COVID time. He will be at the main church and The Bridge. If you prefer your image not be used in the website video, please contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at (414) 218-5197, swallner@stpaulmuskego.org, or speak with her on Sunday.

HELPING MILWAUKEE KIDS WITH VIRTUAL SCHOOL

The Lighthouse Youth Center at Garden Homes Lutheran Church is in need of tutors to help youth with school lessons and homework assigned to them via virtual learning. Lighthouse assists families and children by providing a safe environment and needed technology so inner city students can complete school assignments and keep learning. Lighthouse is open and running its program with all of the safety precautions in place that are required of them: temp checks, strong cleaning procedures, less than 50% capacity, COVID admission related questions, wearing masks, etc. In addition to the tutoring, Lighthouse is also in need of people to physically provide Friday night suppers for the children or financial help so it can obtain supper for the children directly. To learn more, indicate your interest on the Connection Card or contact Dr. Nelson (414-750-2586 or jnelson@stpmuskego.org).

WEDDING OF KEN HOLZ AND JULIE WAGNER INVITATION

Ken Holz and Julie Wagner are getting married on Sunday, September 13, at 2:00 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mukwonago. An informal reception will follow in the church basement. They invite anyone from the congregation to attend. Please pick up a wedding invitation at the Welcome Center with more details. "We invite you to share our joy and support our love as we exchange marriage vows."

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BOY, IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK AT SCHOOL!

Our K-8th grade Lutheran School joyfully resumed in-person classes for the 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday, August 25. There was definite excitement in the air among the students and teachers finally together after over 5 months of an empty school building!

"It was the best first day ever!" was heard from one of our 6th grade students. When a couple of our 3rd and 4th grade students were asked, "How was your day on a scale of 1-10?" The girls replied, "100!"



The teachers also expressed positive experiences. "I was impressed with how well the kids did at separated recess." "Thanks to the Cool Million we have AC in all the classrooms. I can't imagine what it would be like with masks on during these 90+ degree days without it!" "Not one single kid complained about having to wear a mask in my classroom."

My daughter told me on the way to school this morning, "I love my school!" "It was so heartwarming!" one parent shared. And another said, "My son shared that his teacher was the best because she listened to everyone's problems! Everyone Mom! And she helped with each one!" "We are so thankful for St. Paul's!! My son came home so happy and gave me a huge high five with "first grade is awesome!"

God teaches us in Proverbs 16:9, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." We have good plans in place at school, and now we pray that the Lord works a miracle to keep our kids here, full-time, in school, with their classmates and teachers, enjoying classroom laughs and learning, recess and hot lunch, and all the other things that make our Lutheran school a great place to be...because the Joy of Jesus is here! His will be done. Amen.

PRE-K BEGINS AFTER LABOR DAY

Our 3K and 4K ministry begins September 8, 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 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@stpmuskego.org.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WORSHIP PLANS FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS

The Ministerial Team continues to evaluate the best way to serve our congregation with Word and Sacraments during the COVID pandemic. We will be implementing the following changes:

1. Traditional Service Livestreamed Sundays at 9:15 am beginning September 13

Beginning the weekend of September 13, we will livestream the 9:15 am Traditional Service as well as the 10:15 am Bridge Service. Our online congregation will be able to hear the congregational responses and join together in simultaneous worship. We will be able to make the service interactive by inviting immediate feedback on Facebook. A livestreamed service also provides for a more prominent placement on social media. Those worshipping at 9:15 will see extra camera equipment on the sides of the sanctuary, but otherwise the service will continue as normal.

The livestreamed service will be available for playback almost immediately. It will remain available for online worship for a week until replaced by the following Sunday's worship. The messages will then be added to our online message library.

A drawback is that those accustomed to viewing the new worship service on Saturday will not be able to do so. We pray that you will be able to adjust to a new worship schedule as we seek to develop an online ministry that can be sustained by our team for months to come.

2. Overflow Seating at 9:15 am service

Because the 9:15 service will be livestreamed, we will be able to livestream the service into the Grace Room and other areas on campus as needed to expand our seating capacity while still providing for adequate social distancing.

3. Confirmation Services on September 13

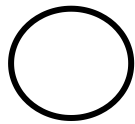
Our youth confirmation services will be held on Sunday, September 13 at 1:30 and 3:00. Attendance is by invitation only. Both services will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

4. Outdoor Worship on September 20

We will offer another outdoor worship opportunity on Sunday, September 20th at 10:30 in place of The Bridge and 10:45 services. This past week, over 300 people gathered for worship under the trees. It may be possible that we will offer one more outdoor service in October if the long-range weather forecast looks promising.

5. Small Group Communion

We will continue to offer small group communion twice per month. However, because of the overflow seating in the Grace Room, small group communion will be offered in the sanctuary after the Saturday 5 pm and Wednesday 7 pm services and on Wednesdays from 10 am until noon beginning the weekend of September 20. Registration for small group communion will continue to be offered through a "Needs List" email and by calling the church office at 414-422-0320.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share highs and lows since last we met. Take the joys and the struggles to the throne of the God, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

2. Share the reading aloud of the Sermon Text from Sunday, August 30. Romans 14:1-15:7. Have a conversation about the questions and thoughts the text and the sermon created in your heart of faith.

3. As a practical exercise, see if you can pull together the history and the "problem" that made life insurance a "disputable issue" in the history of the church. Group leaders can check out the first paragraphs of this link (the site NOT thoroughly vetted) for the gist of the issue: <https://seedtime.com/christian-view-of-life-insurance/> . How would Jesus "speak into" your conversation?

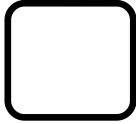
4. Further Study: Read I Corinthians 10:23-11:1 for another practical application on "disputable matters". The *weight* of the dilemma can be gleaned from the section preceding entitled, "Idol Feasts and the Lord's Supper".

5. Proceed with Prayer? Have a heartfelt conversation about "Black Lives Matter" and the current state of our nation. Pool your knowledge from God's Word and from the news about "One Race; One Blood" and the issues fracturing our communities. How does Noah impact our view of ALL human life? How does John 3:16 and the works of the Savior inform our hearts on how to truly love all people?

6. As a group, create a list of current news items to pray about. Use the prayer outline of the ACTS of prayer—Adoration (You are awesome, God!), Confession (Forgive me, Lord) THANKSgiving and Supplication (Please, Lord...) to bend God's ear, to warm his heart, to seek his forgiveness, to find his wisdom.

7. Can you sing the Doxology to close your time together? :-)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Romans 14-15

LIVING LIFE WITH THE HEART OF JESUS

What went wrong that day? The discussion was about a “disputable matter”.

1. Accept One Another in “Disputable Matters”

- **How many places can a doctor check your pulse?** 1 2 3 4 5 6 (Circle One)
 - Are we beating with the heart of Jesus in how we love others?
- **A “disputable matter”** among Christians is something about which Christians CAN have a difference of O _____.
- **2 examples in the Roman congregation:** eating P _____ & Sacred D _____
- **A “strong faith”** is an I _____ Faith-- it *knows & trusts* our freedom in Christ.
- **A “weak faith”** doesn’t K _____ the freedom we have in Christ or isn’t C _____

APPLICATION How many “disputable matters” are there among the people of God?

Worship Language – 1949? Last regular worship service at St. Paul’s conducted in G _____

Demographics – The year St. Paul’s lifted seating requirements by gender? **1947 1950 1953**

Common Cup/Individual Cup? Women in H _____? Men in T _____? Life I _____?

Friday F _____ **F** _____

2. Where Justice Is Finally Served

- **Paul knew that** he could eat A _____
- But he was determined NOT to **exercise his freedom** if it would pressure YOU to act against the voice of your C _____.
- You and I are **FREE in this life when** the W _____ of God and our C _____ declare us free.
- To go against our conscience—even if it is *misguided*—is a S _____ and D _____

APPLICATION One race, one blood. *Is a Christ-centered conversation possible?*

CONCLUSION How often do you “take the pulse” of God’s love in your life?

Next Steps

- **Generational Conversation:** Find someone older or younger and ask the question: “How does Jesus impact *YOUR* mask wearing during this pandemic?”
- **Further Study:** Read I Corinthians 10:23-11:1 for another practical application on “disputable matters”. The *weight* of the dilemma can be gleaned from the section preceding entitled, “Idol Feasts and the Lord’s Supper”
- **Prayer Challenge:** Watch the evening news with pen and paper in hand. Create a list of ALL news items and pray for our community, for our country, for our world. Use the prayer outline of the ACTS of prayer—**A**doration (You are awesome, God!), **C**onfession (Forgive me, Lord) **T**HANKSgiving and **S**upplication (Please, Lord...).