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GRACE WINS!
THE GREAT EXCHANGE
August 10, 11, and 14

How do I reconcile a just God with a gracious God? What I deserve is to be cast out of his presence forever. That would be justice. Instead, I'm offered pardon, forgiveness, heaven! In his amazing grace God found a way to be both just and loving.

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 389, vv. 1-3

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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

C **And also with you.**

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Scriptures remind us that sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned (*Romans 5:12*).

C **We cannot escape it. The wages of sin is death (*Romans 6:23*). Because we sin, we too will die the common death of humankind.**

M But the gift of God, Paul says, is eternal life through Christ Jesus, our Lord (*Romans 6:23*). On the cross he died our death and gave us in exchange the gift of his eternal life. Confident that this gift is ours through God's grace, we humble ourselves before our Father in heaven, confess our sin, and rejoice in his proclamation of forgiveness.

All **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 389, v. 4

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Dear Jesus, Lamb of God, you set aside your heavenly glory and majesty and became a servant obedient to all of God's laws, obedient even to death on the cross.

C **Open our ears today to hear how you did all that we could not do for ourselves. May your word of truth strengthen our faith in you.**

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

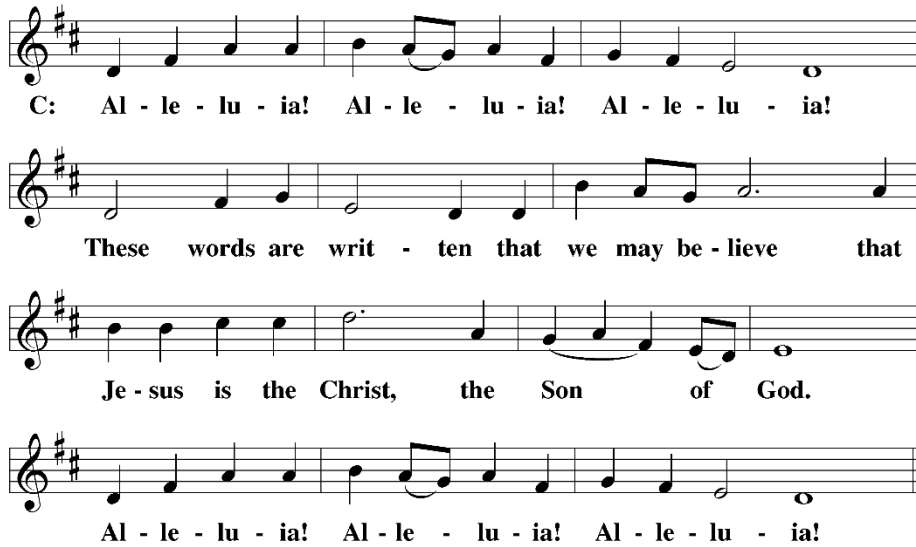


FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1-14, Bible page 20

Abraham grows in his understanding of God's grace through a powerful test of his faith.

VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL

John 11:45-53, Bible page 1077

Fearful that Jesus' miraculous signs would move even more people to follow Jesus, the religious leaders begin to devise a plot to kill to him. They did not recognize that in so doing, they were setting the stage for God's gracious plan to save the world through his Son's death.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY 396

In Adam We Have All Been One

SERMON

Romans 5:12-21, Bible page 1130

Pastor Peter Panitzke

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

This prayer was used at the closing service of the 65th Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. By using this prayer, we join with sisters and brothers across our nation and all over the world, asking God to bless our proclamation of his grace. The opening of the prayer and the congregational responses are from Psalm 67, a prayer for a spiritual harvest.

M May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his way may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

C **May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.**

M Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that we may live quiet and peace lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish, that the gospel may be freely preached throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people. Remove governments that oppose the gospel. Bring relief to persecuted Christians.

C **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

M Bless our church with pastors and teachers who faithfully proclaim your Word. Lead many young men and women to study for the preaching and teaching ministry. Lead others later in life to consider public ministry as a second career. By the power of your gospel motivate them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.

C **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**

M Hear us as we pray for a family member, a friend, or for others who do not yet believe in you.

Silent prayer

Make us the answer to our prayer for others. Move us to share the gospel with those for whom we have just prayed. Bless the preaching of the gospel everywhere, here among us and in the far corners of the world. Let your kingdom come to us and to many others.

C **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
 I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

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 378
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**All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall
 By Grace I'm Saved**

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl

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, entitled *Following the Promise*, to provide an overview of our teachings. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org to find the session that works best for your schedule.*

*If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of *Christian Worship* to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.*

The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pew in the left center section is reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.

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For the week of August 12, 2019

MON	9:00 am	Lutheran Elementary School iFASST – Registration
	5:30 pm	Lutheran Elementary School iFASST – Registration
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
TUE	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> (Faith Room)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	8:30 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Back to School Night (Lutheran Elementary School)
	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
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service (with installation of new teachers)
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

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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@ The Bridge at St. Paul's



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.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Connie Hikade, 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 Sandra Merfeld is at New Berlin Linden Court. Carol Gosseck, Carol Kolosovsky, Donald Oakes, and Bob Zahn have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

878 attended worship services last week of which 624 attended the picnic service.

2019 CHURCH PICNIC THANK YOU

Praise be to God for his mercy and grace as he, once again, blessed us with a beautiful day, a wonderful attendance of families and friends, and a phenomenal group of volunteers! A very special thank you goes out to the St. Paul's Picnic Committee. From the first meeting in May until the last table was put away on Picnic Sunday, this A-team worked together to "hit it out of the park," as they served their Lord and their church family. Halleluiah! Amen.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

This is a great place to start if you have never done a Bible study. Did you know that God was planning for you before the creation of the world? God's first promise to you is found in the first chapters of the Bible. In this 15-week study, you will follow that promise through the Bible and see how it impacts your life. This class is also a path to membership upon completion if you so wish. The class meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Faith Room. Contact Pastor Nate to register at nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card.

LIVING FAITH: THE LETTER OF JAMES

James, the half-brother of Jesus, did not want Christians in his day to be tricked by their spiritual enemies, so he wrote a letter to encourage and equip them. Many years have passed, but James' words remain exactly what we need today. Anything can happen. No matter what, you can be ready. Join Rev. Dr. Stephen Geiger of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as he presents, "Living Faith: The Letter of James" on Sundays, August 11, 18, and 25 in the Grace Room 9:15 am.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY RETURNS THIS FALL

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be offered on our campus Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, September 11 to mid-November. This proven program will show you how to master budgeting, save for emergencies, pay off debt, plan and invest for the future, and live and give like no one else. Mark the back of your Connection Card or contact Course Instructor Kevin McSwain at k.mcswain@ymail.com to register.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY

Stoney Creek hosts monthly health and wellness presentations that are free to all. Learn about the importance of self care in regards to diabetes on August 15, at 10:00 am. For more information call Activities Director Anita at (414) 422-4686. More information about Stoney Creek can be found at <https://www.stoneycreekmuskego.com/>.

INSTALLATION

Pastor Geoffrey Rue will be installed August 11, at 2:00 pm, at St. Paul's in East Troy. Fellowship time will follow.

YOUTH GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY

School Begins August 20

Our Lutheran School (K-8) ministry begins on Tuesday, August 20, with an anticipated enrollment of 227. IFASST registration day is Monday, August 12, 9:00 am to noon and 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Back to School Night is Thursday, August 15, in the classrooms with two sessions to choose from: 6:30 – 7:10 pm and 7:15 to 8:00 pm. 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 the week after Labor Day, with an anticipated enrollment of 80. There are only a few open seats available. We offer a variety of options – half day or all day, the number of days, and wrap-around care. If you would like to consider Christian education for your 3 or 4-year-old, or if you know someone who would still like to enroll their 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 Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at 414-422-0320, ext. 200.

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 8

Kids Club (Age 3 – Grade 6)

Our Sunday morning youth ministry for children 3 years-old through 6th grade resumes on Sunday, September 8, at 9:15 am. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Confirmation instruction for public school youth in 6th to 8th grade will be offered Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, beginning August 28. Required orientation for parents and youth is Monday, August 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm in church. For more information contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.

BE A READING BUDDY STARTING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Reading Buddies will begin its fifth year of encouraging a love of reading in our 1st and 2nd graders, beginning Wednesday, September 4. *Reading Buddies* meets every Wednesday from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Trinity Cafe. Contact Mr. Seth Fitzsimmons this week at (920) 342-7924 or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org with interest.

THE FAMILY CHURCH RETURNS THIS FALL

KEEPING FOCUS ON THE FAMILY CHURCH

During the month of September we will once again focus on the Family Church. Last fall, the Family Church concept was introduced and widely appreciated.



- We admitted our failures together.
- We celebrated God's forgiveness in Christ together.
- We encouraged each other to fulfill our roles as "pastors to our family," whether that family be a parent and children, or a functional family of friends and co-workers.

This year the focus will be on the following:

The Importance of the Family Church (September 8)

The Family Church has the call, opportunity, and motivation to teach God's Word.

The Power of the Family Church (September 15)

The power of the Family Church comes from the Holy Spirit as he works through God's Word. When the pastor of the Family Church leads in the use of the Word, the Holy Spirit creates joy and endurance that is memorable for the family and for others.

Embrace Your Role in the Family Church (September 22)

You are called to be a spiritual shepherd, whether you are a parent or not. God has entrusted the church of God to you, a gift so precious he bought it with his own blood. There are going to be savage wolves that seek to destroy us in our lives. Learn how to protect your kids and your functional family members from this wreckage.

Open the Door to your Family (September 29)

Rosaria Butterfield's book, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*, talks about building space into your life to be hospitable, including space into your budget. We have a generous God who creates us to be generous people who have a generous vision, eager to show love to those around us.

How do we pass on these values to our children? How can we model this value in our personal and family life? One solution is to start a Random Acts of Worship Kindness (RAWKs) Fund.

Find a Family: GroupLink – Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 pm

God promises to "put the lonely in families" (*Psalm 68:6*). We believe in the power of a community of believers where you can show love to one another, pray for one another, and encourage one another. With that in mind, we will help you find a life group to be a part of at GroupLink on Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. You will meet others looking to form a small group and find a time that will work for all involved. You will be able to have your first "small group meeting" right there as part of GroupLink. Register for GroupLink on the Connection Card.

SYNOD CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Four members of St. Paul's (Pastor Kuehl, Pastor Panitzke, Teacher Jeff Wetzel, and Dr. James Nowack, a teacher at Wisconsin Lutheran College) attended the biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota from July 29 – August 1. Here are a few highlights:

Elections

President Mark Schroeder and Second Vice President Joel Voss were reelected to four-year terms. The other synod officers are First Vice President James Huebner and Secretary Robert Pasbrig who were elected to their terms two years ago at the previous convention.

Convention Keynote

Rev. Jonathan Hein, director of the Commission on Congregational Counseling, presented on the current membership trends, not just in the WELS, but in Christianity across America. Hein noted that if trends continue, the WELS could lose anywhere from 260 to 400 congregations in the next 20 years. Hein attributed this decline to a few cultural shifts in recent years, including the acceptance of religious pluralism, secular humanism defining modern morality and ethics, the erosion of the traditional family, and increasing distrust in churches as institutions. Meanwhile, 25 percent of Americans in 2019 identify as having no religious affiliation, an increase of 70 percent in the last decade. Even more alarming is that these percentages are much higher in younger generations.

“We’re facing very real challenges,” says Hein. “We need to seek first that we’re glorifying Christ.” He presented this vision for ministry in the WELS: “We will help our members see the face of Christ in their neighbor. We will encourage them to build authentic friendships with those outside the church. Hospitality will be a core value among us. We will do whatever is necessary to knit our members into something more than acquaintances. They will have a family. We will zealously, almost recklessly, pursue the straying.”

Hein noted that, even if we respond to the best of our ability, we may not be able to change the trajectory of membership trends. However, he reminded us that creating faith is the Spirit’s work. We are called to be faithful, to do all we can to create an audience for the gospel.

Celebrating Missions

There were many presentations celebrating gospel victories in our mission fields:

- God has given us an opportunity to help the Grace Hmong Fellowship in Vietnam to become a gospel-focused, Lutheran ministry. This church body has grown to 120,000, with family ties opening up opportunities in neighboring countries. The synod has received $\frac{3}{4}$ of the \$2 million necessary to build a facility in Hanoi to help train the pastors of this church body. Brochures with more information are available at the Welcome Center.
- Over and over we were asked to pray for open doors. We heard that governments are making it more difficult to do gospel work in countries like China and India. We also heard about the dedicated Christians risking their lives to share their faith in Christ in places like Pakistan and Nepal.

- We celebrated the declaration of fellowship with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ in Kenya, a relatively new church formed by confessional Lutherans leaving a Lutheran church body for doctrinal reasons. There are 25 pastors and 46 congregations. They are also partnering with the WELS to serve South Sudanese refugees in Kenya. We also declared fellowship with the Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Taiwan. This small church body is the outgrowth of our synod's mission work that began in 1979.
- We also heard of the innovation of a congregation in Castle Rock, Colorado, which purchased a car repair facility and turned into a beautiful worship center and how St. Matthew Lutheran of Spokane, Washington has opened a second site called "The Vine" in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Reports from our Schools

Rev. Paul Prange, the Administrator for our Board for Ministerial Education, reported on our four synodically funded schools:

- Our synod's high schools: Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Luther Prep School, designed to encourage young men and women to consider public ministry.
- Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, where our Lutheran Elementary School teachers and staff ministers are trained, and pastoral students receive pre-seminary training.
- Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, where our pastors are trained.

Rev. Prange emphasized the message that "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field."

Dr. Dan Johnson, president of Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC), reminded the delegates that WLC is our synod's college designed to raise up strong spiritual lay leaders. He shared the academic success of the students and the many agreements with other schools such as the 3 + 3 agreement with the Medical School of Wisconsin so that in six years a student could earn both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. He asked for our prayers as cultural shifts in our nation may result in court challenges for our schools as they strive to be faithful to Biblical standards regarding marriage, sexuality and especially gender identity.

On Wednesday evening, the Equipping Christian Witnesses program for Martin Luther College (MLC) was presented. There is more information about this effort in the Welcome Center. The goal is to raise \$16 to \$18 million for tuition assistance, a new dormitory and an indoor practice facility.

Financial Ministry Plan Approved

"WELS is financially sound and the budget is balanced," reported Mr. Todd Poppe, chief financial officer for the synod. There are many unfunded, high-priority budget requests. However, the synod's leadership is determined to live within the means that God has provided.

See It for Yourself

If you would like to watch the opening or closing service, or any of the convention sessions, you can view them at livestream.com/mlc-streams.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WISH LIST

This list of items (explanations below) would greatly benefit the ministry at St. Paul's. These items are above and beyond the budgeted expenses. If you would like to give toward a Wish List item, clearly mark your envelope, "Wish List," with the item title, or give online at www.stpaulmuskego.org/give.

Item	Est. Cost	Received	Still Needed
Promethean Board	\$4,500	\$525	\$3,975
Four Feature Wall Concepts	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Church Signage Updates	\$6,373	\$0	\$6,373

Promethean Board

Our desire at St. Paul's is to upgrade all smartboards to promethean boards in all of our school classrooms. Promethean boards are touch screen tv monitors with better screen resolution than a smartboard and less maintenance cost. This Wish List item will fund the last of the three Promethean Boards installed this summer.

Four Feature Wall Concepts

Four feature wall concepts will be installed in the church lobby and Trinity Café featuring pictures and wording to communicate our core values to members and guests and to celebrate the gospel ministry God does among us.

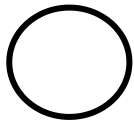
Church Signage Updates

For a first-time guest, navigating our church building can be challenging. The updates to the church signage through this Wish List item will include new exterior front door lettering and a total sign update

CANDY DRIVE FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

St. Paul's will be participating in the Muskego DandiLion Daze Parade on Sunday, August 25. Help out by bringing a bag or two of candy to the collection bins in the church lobby through Saturday, August 24. Please bring only *Smartees*, *Tootsie Rolls*, or lollipops. Join us at the parade and hear *His Way*, one of our regular worship bands at The Bridge and contemporary service, perform on our float as it makes its way down the parade route.



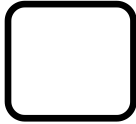


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share memories of going to a county or state fair when you were a child.
2. Share an “ahha!” or a question that you have after hearing the message this week and discuss.
3. **Read James 1:13-14.** Compare the progressive power of sin and death that James describes to what happened to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3. Share a modern-day illustration of this same progression that you have seen, in yourself or in others.
4. **Read Romans 5:18-19.** Explain the Great Exchange diagram on the message outline as you might explain it to someone who does not understand the gospel.
5. **Read Romans 5:20-21.** The law was added so that we might see even more sins. The more of our sin we see, the more we appreciate grace. Pastor Pete used the illustration of his experience at the pig barn at the county fair. What illustration from your life will help people appreciate the greatness of our sin and the surpassing greatness of God’s grace?
6. Break up into groups of two or three. As you are willing, share how you have seen “sin increase” in your understanding of yourself so that you appreciate grace all the more. Close with prayer for each other.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Grace Wins in The Great Exchange

Romans 5:12-21, Bible page 1130

1. Death spreads

Adam's sin (Genesis 3)

My sin (Genesis 4)

My death (Genesis 5)

Your death (Genesis 6)

2. Grace overflows

Adam's sin (5:15)

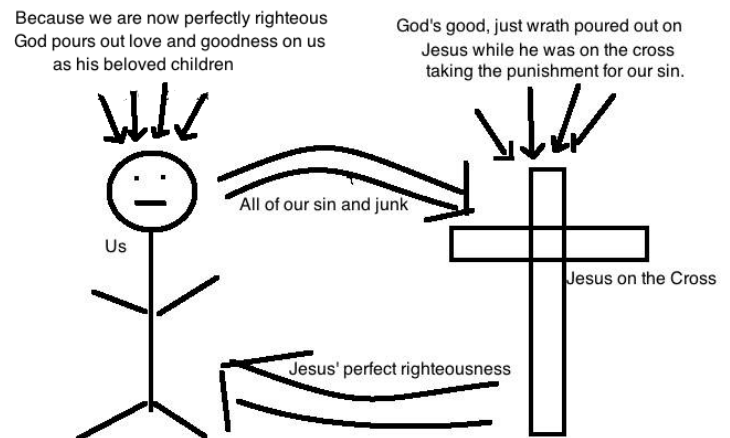
My sin (5:16)

My death (5:17)

Your death (5:18-19)

3. Let sin pile up! What's your story? (5:20-21)

4. Praise God for the Great Exchange!



My Next Steps to Claim the Great Exchange Victory

- **See how death reigned as king:** Read Genesis 3 – 6 and see how the power of sin and death spread across the ancient world.
- **See how death has reigned as king in your life:** Read James 1:13-14 and see how the power of sin and death spreads across your life.
- **Memorize the Great Exchange Victory:** “Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous” (Romans 5:18-19).