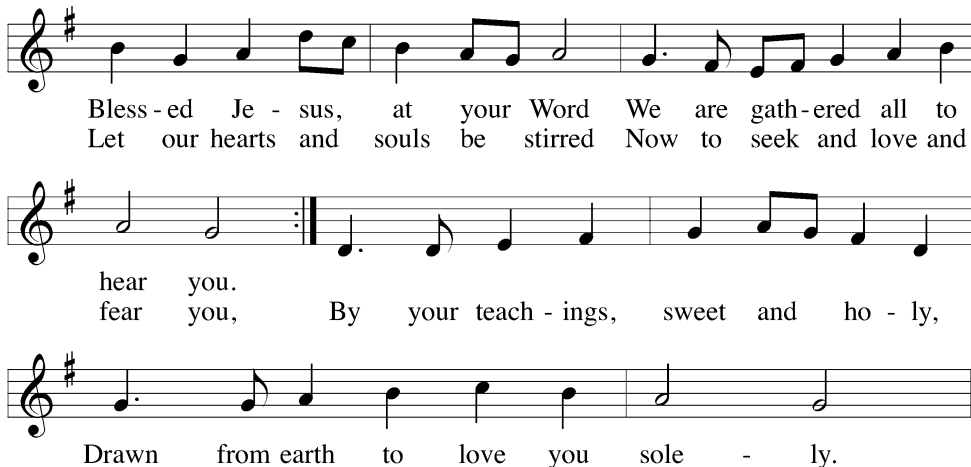


GRACE WINS!
I'M LIVING PROOF
August 17, 18 and 21, 2019

I am living proof that grace has the power to change lives. Not only do I have a peace and hope that surpasses all understanding, I also now have a powerful desire to say "no" to sin and "yes" to God's will.

BELLS AND WELCOME

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



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M Oh, how I love your law!
C **I meditate on it all day long.**

M Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
C **for they are ever with me.**

M I have more insight than all my teachers,
C **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M How sweet are your words to my taste,
C **sweeter than honey to my mouth** (*Psalms 119:97-99,103*).

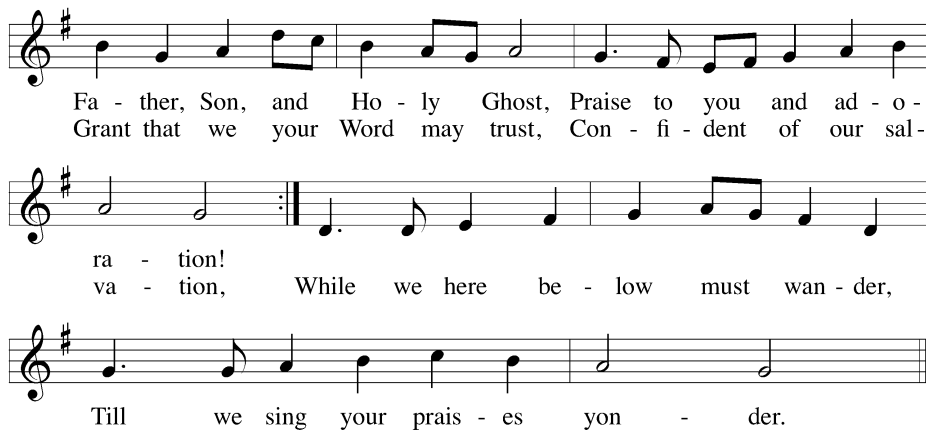
All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
 Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-
 shroud - ed
 cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;
 You must work all good with - in us.

M All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
 C **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

M Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.
 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.**

Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
 O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it’s
 ceed - ing,
 plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
 Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.**



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Heavenly Father, your grace changes hearts and lives in profound ways. Thank you for the peace that your grace speaks to our hearts as well as the desire and power your grace imparts to do your will.

C **Continue your work in us through your Word today, graciously molding, shaping, and renewing us in your image.**

M We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with you and with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3, Bible page 926

The Ninevites are living proof that God's grace changes lives.

PSALM OF THE DAY (Saturday, Sunday 7:45 am, and Wednesday)

Psalm 111, Hymnal page 106

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14, Bible page 1051

Only a humbled heart receives God's gift of grace.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregations sings:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

After the Gospel, the congregations sings:



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther's Small Catechism

Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

It is certainly not the water that does such things, but God's Word which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this Word used with the water. For without God's Word the water is just plain water and not baptism. But with this Word it is baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the promised graces we have received through him. We thank you that through his perfect life and his obedience to death on the cross we have been granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins.
- C **We thank you that in his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting, and that in his ascension to the right hand of your majesty we have the assurance that he continually intercedes for us.**
- M Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts words, and actions we may manifest his spirit.
- C **Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.**
- M Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need.
- C **Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.**

Special prayers and intercessions.

- M Lord, hear us now, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.
C 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.

INSTALLATION OF LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHERS (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

Mr. Emily Fink *Kindergarten*

Mrs. Candace Noffsinger *Grade 1*

Mrs. Christel Strutz *Grade 3*

Mrs. Laura Walz *4K*

CLOSING HYMN 496

Glorious in Majesty

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

PRESIDING MINISTER (*Sunday*) *Pastor David Kuehl*

PIANIST *Susan Gedemer*

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

For the week of August 19, 2018

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	6:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Class Parents' Meeting (Main Church)
TUE	8:30 am	Lutheran School Opening Service (Main Church)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise (Faith Room)</i>
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
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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@ 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

LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY

School Begins August 20

Our Lutheran School (K-8) ministry begins on Tuesday, August 20, with an anticipated enrollment of 227. 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 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 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.

SYNOD CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS AND HANDOUTS

Four of our members attended the synod convention. Stop at the Welcome Center for their report and brochures about our mission effort in Vietnam and plans at Martin Luther College.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

All ladies are invited to join the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study at 9:00 am beginning September 3, in the Faith Room. The first study will look at Joshua and worry. For more information contact Michele Eiche at meiche4@wi.rr.com.

LIFE GROUPS FORMING

God calls us to be a “pastor” to our brothers and sisters in Christ. A pastor...

- Spends time with the people of his family to get to know them.
- Loves the people in his family and looks for ways to help and encourage them.
- Prays for the people in his family because he knows their needs.
- Discusses God's Word with the people in his family as they experience the various challenges of life.

This is what happens in Life Groups. Each member of the group serves as a pastor to the others so that no one faces the challenges of life alone.

GROUPLINK – Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 pm

New Life Groups will be formed at the GroupLink sessions. Use the Connection Card to let us know you will be able to attend.

MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS

MRS. CANDACE NOFFSINGER *Grade 1*

Background

Candy was born and raised here in Muskego. She attended St. Paul's Preschool through Eighth grade! The first grade classroom she will be teaching in this year was actually her first grade classroom as a first grade student! After St. Paul's, Candy attended Wisconsin Lutheran High School, graduating in 2012 and went on to attend Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. There she won three competitive collegiate cheerleading national championships. She graduated in 2016 summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Candy is currently working on completing her synod certification through Martin Luther College.

Experience

This will be Candy's fourth year teaching! Candy previously taught at St. Paul's for two years in second and third grades. After moving to Kentucky last year, Candy taught fourth and fifth grades. She is extremely thankful and humbled to have been called back to St. Paul's - this time in first grade!

Family

Candy married her husband, Ryan, on May 12, 2018. They are loving newly-wed life and no longer having to do long distance! Together, they have two dogs, Sadie and Gracie. After moving back to Wisconsin this summer, they bought their first home in West Allis. Candy has a very tight-knit family. She is the middle of three girls. She enjoys spending time with her sisters, Cassie and Courtney, as well as her niece, Harper. She is blessed with two loving and supportive parents, Nancy and Steve Stack. Her mom will even be in her classroom as an aide this year for a short time period!

Interests

Candy loves to stay active with her athletic background. She is a member at Pure Barre, Elm Grove. She loves to take her dogs to the dog park. Together with her husband, they enjoy spending time outdoors exploring, traveling, and camping. She is creative and loves to craft and hand-letter.

In this busy season of life, Candy holds 2 Corinthians 12:9a close to her heart. "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"

MRS. CHRISTEL STRUTZ *Grade 3*

Background

Christel was born and raised in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and attended Zion Lutheran School throughout her grade school years. In 2011, she graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran High School where she played 4 years of volleyball, basketball, and softball. Christel then went on to Wisconsin Lutheran College where she graduated in December of 2015. She played basketball while at WLC and received her degree in elementary education with minors in English and adaptive education.

Experience

After graduating from WLC, Christel became a long-term substitute teacher at St. Lucas in Bay View. She did this for a semester and then received a call to St. Paul's Lutheran School in Cudahy. Christel taught third and fourth grade, coached volleyball and basketball, and also assisted with Junior Choir. She taught at St. Paul's, Cudahy for 3 years before accepting the call here!

Family

Christel met her husband Randy at WLC. They both studied education and played basketball. They were married in the summer of 2018. Christel is the oldest daughter of Brian and Teri Frey, and enjoyed growing up with 5 younger siblings. She also married into a big family and now has a little niece (Addi) and nephew (Micah)!

Interests

Outside of school, Christel loves to relax, spend time with family and friends, play sports, and listen to music.



MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS

MRS. EMILY FINK Kindergarten

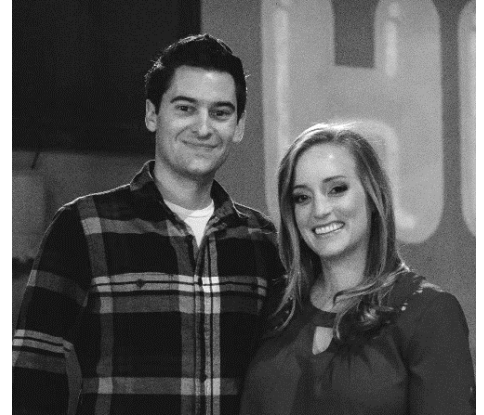
Background and Experience

I went to college at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia, where I studied early childhood education. I graduated from GSU in 2011. My prior teaching experience includes teaching one year of first grade and two years of kindergarten in Palmetto, Georgia, and I also taught one year of kindergarten and one year of first grade in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This past year after moving to Wisconsin, I co-taught second grade at Grace Lutheran School in Menomonee Falls. I am so excited to be back in kindergarten again for this school year here at St. Paul's!

Family and Interests

My interesting fact is that I am a quadruplet! I have two sisters and one brother – Natalie is a jewelry designer in New York City, Phillip is a talent acquisition manager in Atlanta, Georgia, and Jessica is an anesthesiologist assistant at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee. I followed Jessica and her husband Matt from Colorado here to Wisconsin to live near them. Shortly after I moved here in the summer of 2017, I met my husband Jonathan! We got married on July 20 of this year! I have a Hungarian Vizsla named Brandy, and I love to take her hiking and all throughout nature. I enjoy the outdoors and traveling to new places, but I especially enjoy going to the beach!

My favorite Bible passage is: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." - Psalm 46:10



MRS. LAURA WALZ 4K

Background and Experience

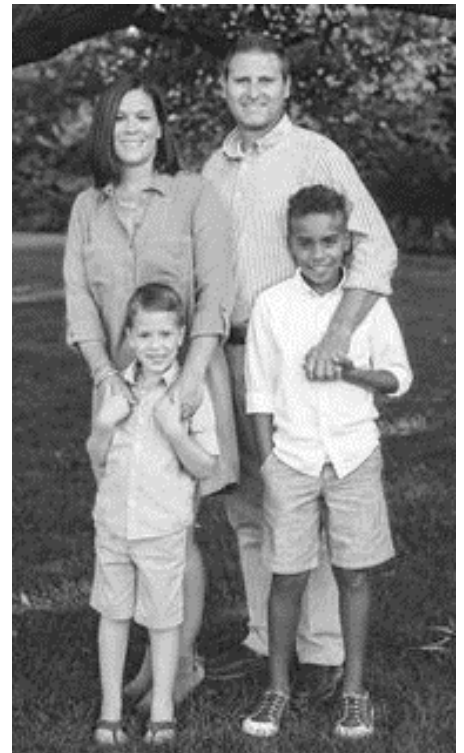
Laura grew up in Lannon, Wisconsin where she attended St. John's Lutheran. She went to high school at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin, and then Concordia University in Mequon. Over the past 20 years, she has completed early childhood certification for the state of Wisconsin, and also a variety of early childhood classes through Martin Luther College. She is currently enrolled at Wisconsin Lutheran College to complete her bachelor's degree.

Laura has been involved in the early childhood ministry at St. Paul's since 2010, first at the School of Early Learning (St. Paul's Child Care Center) from 2010-2012, and then as a teacher's aide in our pre-k program from 2017-2019.

Family and Interests

Laura and her family live in Muskego. Her husband, Justin, taught at St. Paul's from 2009-2018 and currently teaches and coaches at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Their 2 sons, Tyson (10) and Carter (6), attend St. Paul's. Laura enjoys reading, music, and spending time with family. As a family, most free time is taken up with something sports-related, either played by one of the boys, coached by Justin, or cheering on the Packers, Brewers, Bucks, or Badgers. In the summer, they try to spend lots of time in the pool.

As she enters this new chapter in life, she will reflect often on one of her favorite Bible passages: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Ashton Jordy Trentacosti, son of Jesse and April (nee Kurer) Trentacosti, was born June 18, 2019, and will be baptized at the 10:45 am service on Sunday, August 18, 2019.

FUNERAL

Sandra Merfeld, born October 30, 1940, entered eternal peace with her Savior on August 10, 2019. Visitation will be at Hartson Funeral Home in Hales Corners on Thursday, August 22, 10:00-11:00 am, with the funeral service immediately following. May our God of all comfort and peace be with the loved ones of Sandy today and always.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, 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. Greg Mayer and Tom O'Laughlin have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

932 attended worship services last week.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

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. Register on the back of your Connection Card.

LIVING FAITH: THE LETTER OF JAMES

Join Rev. Dr. Stephen Geiger of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as he presents, "Living Faith: The Letter of James," on Sundays, August 18 and 25, in the Grace Room at 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. We plan to offer childcare during the sessions. Mark the back of your Connection Card to register.

SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY FOR SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS

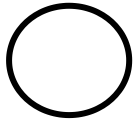
Childcare providers are needed for little ones whose parents are attending Financial Peace University, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm. Seventh and eighth graders can use this as a project for confirmation class. Indicate your willingness to serve in this way on the back of your Connection Card.

STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY EVENTS

On October 16, visit the Norwegian Center in Stoughton. On December 5, travel out to Wisconsin Dells and see the matinee *Christmas at the Palace*. To register, contact Activities Director Anita at (414) 422-4686.

DONATE CANDY FOR MUSKEGO PARADE

Bring a bag or two of *Smartees*, *Tootsie Rolls*, or lollipops to the collection bins in the church lobby through Saturday, August 24. Join us at the parade on August 25 and hear *His Way* perform on our float as it makes its way down the parade route.

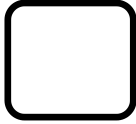


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share a favorite “back to school” memory and begin with prayer for our children returning to school.
2. **Read Romans 6:1 – 7:6** to review this week’s message. Share one or two thoughts from the message that you found helpful or that you would like to discuss.
3. **Read Romans 6:1 – 7:6** using a different translation or a paraphrase translation. (Many are available on Bible Gateway or YouVersion.) What phrases helped you understand this chapter better or raised questions for you?
4. **Look again at Romans 6:1-5.** Although we rarely see baptism by immersion in the Lutheran church, what powerful symbolism does a baptism by immersion give?
5. Baptism is not just symbolism. God makes powerful promises in our baptisms.
 - a. **Read Galatians 3:26-29.** What blessings does baptism give? Look for at least two.
 - b. **Read Acts 2:38-39.** What blessings does baptism give? Look for at least two.
 - b. **Read I Peter 3:21.** Baptism gives you a pledge from God of a good conscience. When you have a good conscience toward someone, you can look them in the eye and not be afraid of any judgment. How could you use this passage to reassure someone who feels God’s forgiving grace really doesn’t apply to them?
6. Join together in a confession of our faith using the Baptism section of Luther’s Small Catechism. This confession is printed in all worship folders.
7. Close by breaking up into small groups of three or four. Let one person share a prayer concern, and another person pray about that concern.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Grace Wins When You Die

Romans 6:1 – 7:6, page 1131

2. When you die in your baptism (6:1-11).
 - a. Drown the old self by daily c_____ and r_____.
 - b. Rise daily to a new life.

3. When you die to sin's army (6:12-14).
 - a. Grace releases you from your enlistment (v. 14).
 - b. Use your w_____ in service to righteousness (v. 12-13).

4. When you die to sin's slavery (6:15-23).
 - a. The false freedom of sin.
 - b. Consider carefully the wages, d_____ or l_____.

5. When you die to the law (7:1-6).
 - a. The "m_____" of the written code dies.
 - b. The "w_____ t_____" of the Spirit lives.

My Next Steps to Daily Death and Daily New Life

- **Read Romans 6:1 – 7:6:** Read this text in several different translations and paraphrases to better understand Paul's line of thought.
- **Use the 10 Commandments:** Find them in Exodus 20 or in your Small Catechism. (Google "Luther's Small Catechism WELS" to find it on line.) Let God's law reveal the sin to which you are to die.
- **Claim the power of a new life in your baptism:** Use the passages mentioned in GroupWork to review promises God is giving to you in your baptism.