

THE FAMILY CHURCH 2.0

CALLED TO CREATE GOD'S SAFE PLACE

September 21, 22, and 25, 2019

How will your children (your physical children or your spiritual children) remember you as they look back over your role as pastor of your Family Church? Looking at our lives from an "end of life" perspective can help us see what we want to change now.

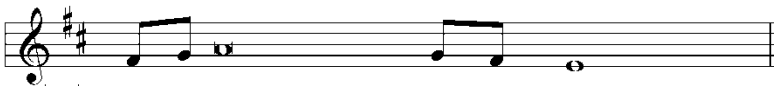
BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 236, vv. 1-4

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above



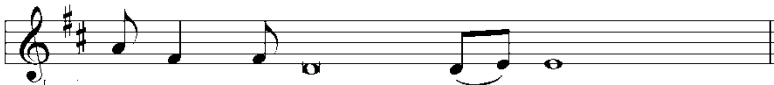
M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Father God, you have called us and you empower us to watch out for and nurture the members of our physical family, as well as all those who are a part of our spiritual family.

C **We are your handiwork, masterpieces, created in Christ Jesus to serve you by blessing others.**

M When we don't feel that we have the strength or ability to carry out this call,

C **come to us through your Word and sacrament. Teach us and empower us to do the important tasks that you have prepared for us to do.**

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

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:1-11; 25-28, Bible page 48

Through everything Joseph endured. God was preparing him to be a witness of his mercy and grace to his family.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 121, Hymnal page 112

God is always watching over his people.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-18, Bible page 1075

In his mission to protect us, Jesus shepherds us through life's dark valleys. He also laid down his life to bring us back to God.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY 545

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

In this hymn, we pray for our church's teachers and pastors. However, the prayer also applies to all of us. We have all been called to be pastors of the family in which God has placed us.

SERMON

(Saturday and Sunday)

(Wednesday)

Acts 20:25-31, Bible page 1115

Pastor David Kuehl

Pastor Nate Strobel

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Te Deum



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, We
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We
 You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

OFFERING

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 PRAYER

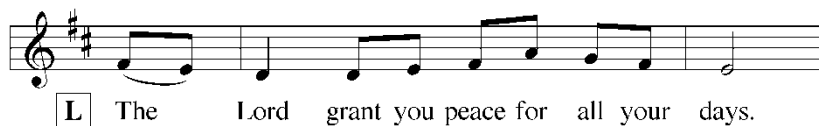
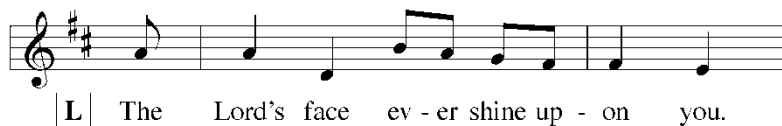
M Lord God, you have united our lives in Christ.

C Empower us to live and work together for your glory and the growth of your kingdom.

M You are the Lord forevermore.

C Amen.

BLESSING



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIANIST *Susan Gedemer*



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of September 23, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	5:30 pm	Worker Care Committee Meeting (Trinity Café)
TUE	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Faith Room)
	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> (School Classroom 8)
	6:30 pm	GroupLink (Grace Room)
	6:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
WED	9:30 am	Mommy and Me (Faith Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Classes
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University (Grace Room)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
FRI	8:15 am	Lutheran School Chapel Service (Main Church)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Mike Westendorf CD Release Concert (Trinity Gym and Café)
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> (School Classroom 8)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Open Forum (Trinity Café)
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Open Forum (Grace Room)

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THE FAMILY CHURCH 2.0 MESSAGE SERIES WINDS UP NEXT WEEKEND

September 29 Inviting Others into the Safe Place Hebrews 13:1-3

In a dark and dangerous world, everyone is searching for a safe place. There is only one truly safe place and we, as God's people, have the privilege and opportunity to invite people into that safe place. This is the greatest display of hospitality. How will you open your heart and home so that you can be a conduit for others to enjoy the one truly safe place?



JOIN A LIFE GROUP—ATTEND GROUPLINK ON TUESDAY

New Life Groups will be formed at GroupLink on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm in the Grace Room. We'll explain what a small group is like, provide snacks to enjoy, and offer starter questions so that you can get to know others present at GroupLink. By the end of the evening, you'll have found a group of people with whom you feel comfortable. At the close of GroupLink, the new groups will have a short Life Group meeting to plan the next time that they will get together. Mark the back of your Connection Card to let us know you are coming.

CELEBRATING THE SAFE PLACE—MIKE WESTENDORF CD RELEASE CONCERT ON SATURDAY

On Saturday, September 28, at 6:30 pm, you are invited to join Mike Westendorf as he releases his new album *Everything for Good*, featuring the Family Church theme song *You Made a Place for Me*. In keeping with the RAWKs fund theme that weekend, Mike will be bundling three copies of his new album together for the price of two: one to keep for yourself, one to invest in a friend, and one to give to a complete stranger! May the love of God flow out from us through such Random Acts of Worship Kindness!

RAWKS IN AFRICA

Next Sunday, September 29, enjoy the "Under the Canopy" after services sponsored by ten St. Paul's members who traveled to Africa this summer to learn from and to show Christian love to our fellow Christians there. What a joy to receive and to give "Random Acts of Worship Kindness" (RAWKs) to celebrate our unity as God's Church.

RAWKS IN MILWAUKEE

If you are looking for a way to show worship kindness as a family or small group, consider hosting a Friday night supper at Lighthouse Youth Center. Seven St. Paul's groups or families have already signed up to provide a simple supper on a Friday night at the Lighthouse Youth Center connected to Garden Homes Lutheran Church on 24th and Roosevelt in Milwaukee. There are still Fridays available. If you would like to know more about this very simple and helpful service to Lighthouse, or you'd like to sign up for a Friday, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.

RAWKS AT OUR SCHOOL

Help out at our school by serving lunch Mondays or Fridays, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Let our kids put a smile on your face and contribute to this important part of the school day. Contact School Administrative Assistant Emily Meitner at (414) 422-0320, ext. 110 or emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org for more information and to sign up for the days that work for you.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WEDDING

Shoya Taguchi and Elizabeth Boziel were joined in marriage on Sunday, September 15. Elisha Bonack and Bri Archdeacon were joined in marriage on Thursday, September 19. May the Lord bless and keep these couples in their new lives together in Christ.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Barbara Luedtke, Josh Nagel, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, Dick and Jane Sternberg, and Jessica Vanderhyde.

HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr is in hospice care at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, and Nancy Rindfleisch is at Waukesha Memorial. Tom Kook has been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

1212 attended worship services last week, including 320 at The Bridge!

SUNDAY MORNING KIDS CLUB

Help your child apply God's Word to their life—join Kids Club. All grade levels meet in the school. Enter through the Trinity Café and you will receive directions for your child's room location. For more information visit our website or contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org.



Kids Club (Grades 3K-6)

Large and Small Groups
Bible Lessons and Applications
Upbeat, Interactive, Fun!

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

There are two opportunities to join in on this study this fall:

- Sundays, 8:30-9:30 am, 14 weeks
- Tuesdays, beginning September 24, 7:00-8:15 pm, 12 weeks

Wide-open discussion will challenge you to rethink deeply the promises of our God. Non-members are welcome to use this class as a path to membership at the end, or just as a chance to connect with the God of the Bible. Tuesday classes meet in the Faith Room at church, Sunday classes in Room 8 in the school. Register on the back of your Connection Card. It will be a joy!

DIVORCECARE

Going through a divorce or being separated from your spouse is very painful. This is not where you ever imagined you would be. You are not alone. God is with you, "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" Psalm 23:4. We are here for you, too. Please join us and discover hope and healing through God's Word during this difficult time in your life on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in school classroom 8. If you are not able to make it every Tuesday, that is alright. Just come when you can. Contact Eric Pearson at ericpear@yahoo.com or Kristen Miller at kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org for more information.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

OPEN FORUMS – THE OPPORTUNITY OF A SECOND SITE

The Ministry Board asks for the congregation's guidance as they consider an opportunity to start a second worship site or daughter congregation. A facility has been offered to St. Paul's free of charge for worship. Sufficient additional funds have been committed by individuals to begin this ministry at no additional cost to our congregation or our synod. It seems God has opened a door to a new ministry that can bring more people into a life-giving relationship with their Savior. However, there are other factors that lead the Ministry Board to ask for your input at this critical stage in their discussions. Come, learn, ask questions, and discuss. At the close of the open forum, each participant will be asked to indicate her/his level of support or concern, which will be reported to the Ministry Board.

Please attend one of the five open forums. All will be one hour long with one exception noted below.

- Sunday, September 22, at 9:15 am in the Faith Room
- Sunday, September 22, at 10:45 in the Grace Room
- Sunday, September 29, at 9:15 am in the Trinity Café (30-minute session)
- Sunday, September 29, at noon in the Grace Room
- Saturday, October 5, at 6:00 pm in the Faith Room

RELATIONSHIPS IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

This study explores skills to effectively communicate across the sexes, based on the principles God lays down for us in the Scriptures. Course presenters are Rev. James Becker and his wife, Denise, who taught a widely appreciated senior elective for 20 years at Wisconsin Lutheran High School —*From Friendship to Marriage*—that explored healthy, happy, and faith-filled relationships. Join this study, Sundays, at 9:15 am, in the Grace Room.

MOMMY AND ME

If you are a mom with a child, birth to age 5, consider joining St. Paul's social, spiritual, and service-oriented group - *Mommy & Me*. The group meets Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00, in the Faith Room. Contact Samantha Lindner for additional details at sam.lindner2323@gmail.com or (989) 284-2854.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

All ladies are invited to join the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study at 9:00 am in the Faith Room. The current study is taking a look at the book of Joshua on the topic of worry. For more information contact Group Leader Michele Eiche at meiche4@wi.rr.com.

BRASS ENSEMBLE AT ST. PAUL'S

The Brass Ensemble is gearing up to begin a new season of rehearsals and performances for our worship services. If you play a brass instrument, consider joining the group. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, October 2, at 8:00 pm, in the church balcony. Contact Director Jill Mitchell at jillmitchellwi@yahoo.com or (414) 530-4123 to indicate interest or for more information.

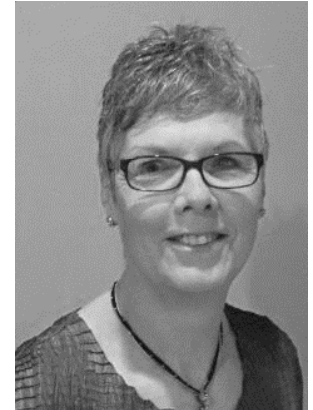
INSTRUMENTALISTS AND SINGERS DESIRED FOR REFORMATION AND ADVENT FESTIVAL SERVICES

St. Paul's will be celebrating the anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation with a festival service on Sunday, November 3, and Advent with a festival service on Sunday, December 15. Please contact Michele Eiche at (414) 202-7522 or meiche4@wi.rr.com if you would like to sing in the choir. Choir rehearsals will be Sundays at 8:00 am and Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, beginning October 6. Please contact Heidi Schuh at (414) 530-4284 or heidi.schuh@icloud.com if you are interested in playing in the orchestra. Orchestra rehearsal times will be announced soon.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—MEET ST. PAUL'S NEW CONTACT REPORTER

Nadine Steger is St. Paul's new contact reporter for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. As our contact reporter Nadine serves as the communication link for all LWMS information and happenings. She has been a member of St Paul's for about 6 years and is eager to work with the ladies of the congregation in promoting mission awareness. Please contact her with any questions you might have at gsteger1@gmail.com or (262) 679-1997.



The fall rally for the Milwaukee Metro South Circuit of LWMS will be held on Saturday, October 26, at St. Paul's in Franklin. The Hmong outreach efforts in Vietnam will be the topic presented by the mission speaker, Rev. Paul Prange. Registration information along with a schedule for the day can be picked up at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Welcome to Nadine and thanks for serving in this way!

SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT AT ST. PAUL'S

Celebrate Oktoberfest at St. Paul's with our annual sheepshead tournament Saturday, October 12, 6:00-9:00 pm, in the Trinity Cafe. There will be five-person co-ed tables with players moving to new tables every 30 minutes of play. Prizes will be handed out at the end of the evening! Enjoy light snacks with beverages provided for a small fee. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center in the lobby for more information. Contact Cindy Proeber at cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com or Neal Wallner at (414) 419-2168 to let them know to plan for you.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is hiring a Teacher's Aide/Closer in the Infant Room, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Contact Child Care Center Director Kim Neubauer at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, for a job description and to apply.

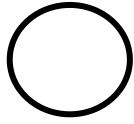
HELP AVAILABLE FOR YOUR FALL CLEANUP

Can't get to all that yard work, raking, hedge trimming, window washing, and fall cleaning done that lingers over your head this time of year? Help is near! Consider hiring hard-working members of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School student council for a day or even just a few hours. All free will donations will support the Haiti 2019-20 mission project. Work days are most Saturdays and Sundays in September and October, beginning September 21. To request a team and check on available dates, please contact Reagan Derouin at (414) 722-5031 or reaganderouin20@wlhs.org.

FALL/WINTER CO-ED 6'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

We still have space for "B" class teams on our volleyball league. Introduce a friend to St. Paul's through the fun of volleyball. Pick up a registration form at the welcome center in the lobby. Contact League Coordinator Cindy Proeber at (414) 801-2845 or cindy.proeber@accuratediedesign.com with questions.





GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share highs and lows from the past week and begin your time together in prayer.

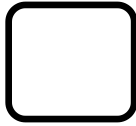
2. This week's message theme is about creating a safe place for your Family Church. Think of a time when you felt safe and describe one or two of the qualities of that environment.

3. Did you know that sheep have no natural defense systems?
 - What evidence do you see in our world today that we also lack a defense system?
 - What information does Acts 20:25-31 offer for us as protection?
 - What does that protection look/sound/feel like in our daily lives?

4. Read Psalm 23:1-3. What kinds of "green pastures" and "still waters" has God provided in your life recently to restore your soul?

5. Whom has God placed in your life that might need a safe place right now?

6. What's one new thing you could do this week to serve your family? Pray as a group for one another that you can make turn these ideas into a loving reality!



NoteSheet for Saturday and Sunday

Sermon Outline

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

The Family Church 2.0

Called by God to Create a Safe Place

Acts 20:25-31, Bible page 1115

Introduction: The Good Shepherd

- Professional sports teams do not have the l_____ for a mascot.
- Why does God use sheep to represent us?
 - Just as sheep are not the most i_____ of animals, so we are dumb and defenseless when it comes to s_____ things.
 - A sheep will always f_____ its shepherd's voice, but there are times when we won't.
- We want to insure that our family is a s_____ place where faith is f_____ and living for Jesus is e_____.
- Ultimately, the f_____ is responsible for the f_____.
- Each one of us is a s_____ to the people in our area of influence.
- Sheep need four things in order to lie down:
 - They must be n_____.
 - They must be u_____.
 - They must be c_____.
 - They must have u_____.
- We were c_____ for fellowship, for family, for family church.
- Shepherds have a P.L.A.C.E.
 - Shepherds p_____ their family.
 - Shepherds l_____ their family.
 - Shepherds a_____ their family.
 - Shepherds c_____ for their family.
 - Shepherds e_____ their family.

Conclusion: We're all shepherds of God's flock.

My Next Steps

Memorize Acts 20:28b: "Be shepherds of the church of God, which he has bought with his own blood."

Read Hebrews 13:1-3 to prepare for next week's message on *Family Church 2.0—Inviting Others into the Safe Place*.

Commit to joining a Life Group by attending *GroupLink* on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm.