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INTENTIONAL

ALL TO GOD'S GLORY February 13 and 14, 2021

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (I Corinthians 10:31)

Ash Wednesday is just a few days away. Soon we will go down with Jesus into the valley of the shadow of death. Before we see the depth of his suffering, we join Peter, James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration and see Jesus in all his divine glory. The Intentional Life includes striving for excellence, living in a way that gives Jesus the glory he deserves as our Savior God.

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. Face masks are available from the ushers if you are without one. If you are unable to wear a face mask, 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

To God be the glory; great things he has done! He so loved the world that he gave us his Son, Who yielded his life an atonement for sin And opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son And give him the glory -- great things he has done! To God Be the Glory

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To ev'ry believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son And give him the glory -- great things he has done!

- 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 Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, when Jesus displayed his majestic glory as the Son of God on the Mount of Transfiguration, the apostles were filled with fear and hid their faces from his holiness.
- C Because of our many transgressions and sins, there is a part of us that also feels compelled to hide from our holy God.
- M We do not need to hide from God. Through the cross of Christ our sin is removed and Jesus' holiness becomes ours. We can come before him in honesty. Let us, therefore, acknowledge the truth, confess our sin, and ask God to forgive us.
- 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.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, But purer and higher and greater will be Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son And give him the glory -- great things he has done!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory to Peter, James, and John.

- C Keep the vision of Jesus' glory before us as we journey through life so that, no matter what we may be experiencing, whether joy or struggle, the light of Jesus' heavenly glory may shine in us and through us;
- M through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C (spoken) Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Chronicles 22:2-19

The glory of God shines through his people in the devotion and the work we do for him. David leads Israel and his son Solomon to glorifying God through the building of his temple.

²So David gave orders to assemble the foreigners residing in Israel, and from among them he appointed stonecutters to prepare dressed stone for building the house of God. ³He provided a large amount of iron to make nails for the doors of the gateways and for the fittings, and more bronze than could be weighed. ⁴He also provided more cedar logs than could be counted, for the Sidonians and Tyrians had brought large numbers of them to David.

⁵David said, "My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD should be of great magnificence and fame and splendor in the sight of all the nations. Therefore I will make preparations for it." So David made extensive preparations before his death.

⁶Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. ⁷David said to Solomon: "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the LORD my God. ⁸But this word of the LORD came to me: 'You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. ⁹But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign. ¹⁰He is the one who will build a house for my Name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

¹¹ "Now, my son, the LORD be with you, and may you have success and build the house of the LORD your God, as he said you would. ¹² May the LORD give you discretion and understanding when he puts you in command over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God. ¹³ Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the LORD gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. ¹⁴ "I have taken great pains to provide for the temple of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold, a million talents of silver, quantities of bronze and iron too great to be weighed, and wood and stone. And you may add to them. ¹⁵ You have many workers: stonecutters, masons and carpenters, as well as those skilled in every kind of work ¹⁶ in gold and silver, bronze and iron—craftsmen beyond number. Now begin the work, and the LORD be with you."

¹⁷ Then David ordered all the leaders of Israel to help his son Solomon. ¹⁸ He said to them, "Is not the LORD your God with you? And has he not granted you rest on every side? For he has given the inhabitants of the land into my hands, and the land is subject to the LORD and to his people. ¹⁹ Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the LORD your God. Begin to build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the sacred articles belonging to God into the temple that will be built for the Name of the LORD."

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him. Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b NIV)

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9 Jesus is transfigured.

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

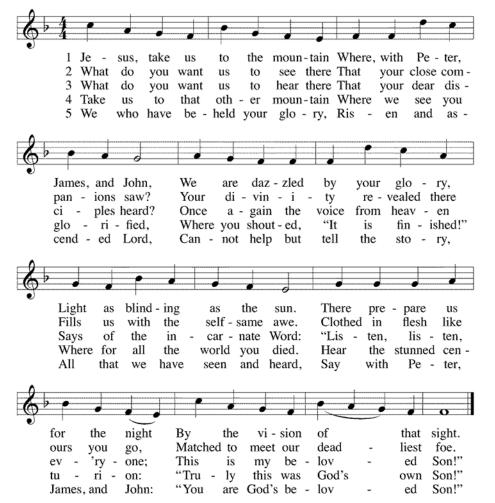
⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain.
- C Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments.
- M By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection.
- C And we will be "changed from glory into glory."
- M O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness.
- C Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, yes, our whole persons, to reflect the mind of Christ.
- M Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear, take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*
- M Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake. 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 also 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. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. 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

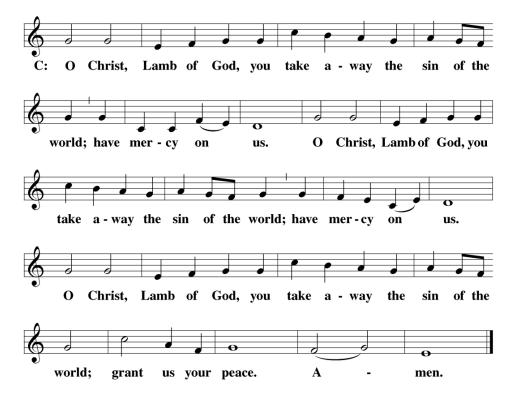


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be, We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.

How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain. Please see Communion note on page 10.

How Good Lord to Be Here

CLOSING PRAYER

- M Lord Jesus Christ, at this table you came to us-
- C in body broken, in blood outpoured.
- M Nourish us with this holy food,
- C that our hearts may always beat as one with yours.
- M You are Lord forevermore.
- C Amen.

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

Do You Really Know Me?

"Who do you say I am?" (Mark 8:30) Jesus asked his disciples that critical question just six months before his crucifixion.

Over the six weeks of the Lenten season, we will study the Gospel of Mark to answer that critical question anew. On the weekends, we will work our way through



Mark I-II. During our Wednesday meditations, we will focus on Jesus' suffering in the last chapters of Mark. Ash Wednesday will include the Imposition of Ashes and the Lord's Supper in both the 3:30 and 7:00 pm services. On the following Wednesdays of Lent, the 3:30 service will include a Children's Message as part of our on-going effort to welcome families back into regular in-person worship.

Ash Wednesday, February 17	Magnanimous	Mark 4:1-1
Wednesday, February 24	Patient	Mark 14:26-42
Wednesday, March 3	Courageous	Mark 4:43-65
Wednesday, March 10	Irreproachable	Mark 14:66-15:15
Weekends		
February 21	The Healer	Mark I-2
February 28	The Teacher	Mark 3-4
March 7	God in Flesh	Mark 5-6
March 14	The Compassionate	Mark 7-8

COMMUNION PROCEDURE

There will be two lines for distribution at most of our services. The church will be split in half. The two sections in front of the pulpit will receive Communion using the table in front of the pulpit. The two sections in front of the lectern will receive Communion using the table in front of the lectern.

Ushers will dismiss communicants from their pew; **however**, **no one will be dismissed to the center aisle**.

- *The pulpit side* will go to their *left* and use the aisle to the left of their pew to walk forward.
- *The lectern side* will dismiss to their *right* and use the aisle to the right of their pew to walk forward.

Communicants will wait in the aisle, socially distanced as indicated by the carpet circles. They will approach the individual distributing the bread, receiving the bread in cupped hands as he speaks. They will then move toward the center of the church to the wine trays, pick up their wine and drink it as the distributor speaks. All will return to their pew using the center aisle. Following the distribution, the pastor will pronounce the general blessing on the communicants.

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 to provide an overview of our teachings. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings. We invite you to register for this online class on the back of your Connection Card or by contacting Pastor Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

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" of Christian Worship to examine yourself. These prayers can be found at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card.

The light-colored cups contain non-alcoholic wine. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the distributer as you approach to receive the bread.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of February 15, 2021

MON	10:00 am	Lutheran Schools Week Walking Club (Main Church)
TUE	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Ministry Growth Team Meeting Walking Club (Main Church) Ministerial Team Meeting Public School Confirmation Classes Divorce Care (School Classroom 8) Alzheimer's Support Group Following the Promise Bible Study (online)
WED	6:30 am 3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy Communion Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Holy communion
THURS	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Resiliency Training Class (Main Church) Pickleball (Trinity Gym)
SAT	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:45 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service Kids Club The Bridge Communion The Bridge Traditional Worship Service

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT

Hello from Pastor Aaron West at St Matthew church in Spokane, WA. Our congregation (which has two sites 45 minutes from each other) is one of the most isolated congregations in our synod, with our closest WELS neighbors being about three hours either east or west.

Many members drive long distances to worship services and, therefore, have limited availability to activities outside of Sunday mornings.

The "Mission Journeys" program has helped reach out in ways we could not have done otherwise. We were blessed to have two "Mission Journeys" teams come to Spokane. One team was from Morrison-Zion Lutheran Church in Greenleaf, Wisconsin the second team from Michigan Technological University. Both groups made a deep impression on the members as well as the community with door-to-door canvassing, Bible information classes, VBS, Easter for Kids, and they participated in a snow -shoveling activity which helped Pastor West gain the goodwill of his new neighbors in Spokane. We gained several prospects for our church and school. God is good !! The "Mission Journeys" program is a great blessing to our church and to the people who participate.

For more information contact St. Paul's LWMS Reporter Nadine Steger at <u>gsteger I@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>www.stmatthewspokane.org</u> or <u>www.lwms.org</u>.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

HOSPITALIZED

Nancy Rindt (Linden Grove New Berlin) and Dorrette Probst and Dolores Witte (home hospice care). Bill Raduege and Sue Schultz have returned home.

BAPTISMS

Gage Thomas Rakowski, son of Kyle and Heather (nee Hougum) Rakowski, was born December I, 2019, and baptized in a private ceremony on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

Oliver Adam Kielpinski, son of Adam and Tiffany (nee Lazar) Kielpinski, was born on August 24, 2020, and baptized in a private ceremony on Sunday, February 14, 2021.

God bless Gage and Oliver in their baptismal faith.

ATTENDANCE

The following attended last weekend's services: 75 on Saturday, 45 on Sunday 7:45 am, 121 on Sunday 9:15 am, 65 at The Bridge, 23 on Sunday 10:45 am, and 18 on Wednesday.

LOVE THE FAMILY CHURCH – BE A MENTOR

We are seeking couples who have been married for at least ten years and who would enjoy mentoring a newly married couple. Couples will be asked to commit to five monthly meetings. Materials will be provided! Register your interest on the Connection Card or contact Meta Rosenberg at <u>mtkolander@gmail.com</u> or (920) 284-0658.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Nate Strobel is currently leading our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*— on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm – online only. If you miss a class, watch it later on YouTube. Enjoy camaraderie with Pastor Nate while you learn the basics of what the Bible teaches. You will track the promises of the Savior from the Garden of Eden down to your own heart and life.

ONLINE STUDY OF REVELATION

The next Revelation Study with Pastor Pete is Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 pm. Register your interest on the Connection Card or email him at <u>ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org</u>.

ST. PAUL'S HAS AN APP

Download our new app, **St. Paul's Muskego**. You can find it on Google Play or on the Apple App Store. You'll be able to watch Pastor Pete's video messages, read his blog, watch livestream services, easily give your offering, and so much more! It's a great way to simply your life and access what you need from your church. If you need help using the app, contact Tammy Miller at 414-422-0320, ext. 111, or tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org.

THE IMPORTANCE OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Currently we have about 50% of our pre-COVID-19 in-person worship attendance and about 500 views of our online worship opportunities each week.

ONLINE WORSHIP

For some, online worship is the best solution

- for health reasons,
- because of distance,
- to overcome scheduling conflicts, or
- because an individual is able to focus better using an online setting.

Parents have shared with us how online worship gives them a chance to bond in worship and model worship with their children in the intimacy of their home, where immediate discussion can take place. We are extremely thankful for the online worship ministry that has developed here at St. Paul's.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

At a recent discussion among our teachers, pastors, staff ministers, and office team, we recognized a number of reasons to encourage in-person worship.

- Worshipping with fellow Christians in one room is a foretaste of the joy of the communion of saints gathering in heaven.
- The reception of the Lord's Supper and the celebration of baptisms in worship.
- The friendships that are formed and strengthened before and after worship.
- The encouragement that friends, young and old, give to each other as they worship together.
- The structure and accountability that helps build a life-long pattern of regular worship.
- The role modelling that goes on as we watch others in worship and learn from them. For example, a child whose parents may not sing at home can be encouraged to join in singing praises by hearing and seeing other worshippers singing.

REGAINING A PATTERN OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP

To help people feel comfortable in regaining a pattern of in-person worship:

- We will continue our **five weekend worship services**, even though some services have very low attendance. For anyone desiring more social distancing we recommend the Sunday 7:45 and 10:45 am services because of the lower attendance.
- We will offer two Wednesday Lenten services at 3:30 and 7:00 pm. The Ash Wednesday services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Communion. During the remaining weeks of Lent, the 3:30 pm service will include a Children's Message by Pastor Pete in addition to the message from a guest preacher.
- We will add Easter Services. All services in the sanctuary will be identical: Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 6:30; 7:45; 9:15, and 10:45 am. At The Bridge, the Easter schedule will be 9:00 and 10:30 am.
- We will provide **more outdoor worship services** on June 6, July 4, August 1, and September 12. The concerns about COVID-19 will make regular, in-person worship for many people unlikely until the pandemic is past. At the same time, we will do all we can to welcome all who are ready to return.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

APPRECIATING OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Our Lutheran schools are treasured places...because Jesus is there. Lutheran Schools Week takes time to celebrate that – the joy and impact of Christ on our kids and families. Most parents realize it is really hard to raise children, have a successful marriage, and build a Christian home in today's culture that is abandoning a conservative, Biblical worldview at an alarming rate. We love being a congregation that partners with parents through our school to help build stronger Christian families!

If you were unable to attend the Open House or would like more information about School Choice, Principal Seth Fitzsimmons would be happy to set up a one-on-one visit with you. He can be reached at (414) 422-0320, ext. 118.

OUR SCHOOL'S ROLE IN BUILDING CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

"We are so glad we became part of the St. Paul's family. Such an important foundation especially in these unfortunate times. Our kids thrived at times and survived at others but all because of the amazing faith the staff has. Our children were filled with the Word and love instead of more fear and anxiety from worldly views" (A new St. Paul's school family).

We at St. Paul's want to bless more families in this way. We are so thankful that at this point we already have 95% re-enrollment for next year, which is far higher at this point than ever!

St. Paul's Lutheran School offers...

- Assistance to build a strong Christian family
- An amazing teaching staff leading your kids
- o Teaching and learning from a conservative, biblical worldview
- o Christian-centered character development and mentoring
- \circ 75% of students scoring advanced in reading, math, and language
- Flexible 3K & 4K programs

MORE INFORMATION?

- Before and after school care
- Generous tuition assistance—over \$600,000 in financial aid given each year
- o Participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental School Choice programs

NEW SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION FOR 2021-2022

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)			
Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit	
3	\$47,784	\$54,784	
4	\$57,640	\$64,640	
5	\$67,496	\$74,496	
6	\$77,352	\$84,352	
*Add \$9,856 for each additional family member			

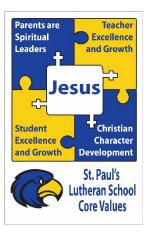
Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP)

Family Size	Single Parent Income Limit	Married Parents Income Limit
3	\$65,160	\$72,160
4	\$78,600	\$85,600
5	\$92,040	\$99,040
6	\$105,480	\$112,480
*Add \$13,440 for each additional family member		

Contact Principal Fitzsimmons at <u>sfitzsimmons@stpmuskego.org</u> or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, for more information about our school, the Parental Choice Programs, and/or to schedule a tour.

KIDS CLUB'S ROLE IN BUILDING CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Each Sunday at 9:15 am we partner with parents through our Kids Club program for children $3K - 6^{th}$ grade. We also provide a weekly Family Lesson for parents to use at home. For more information contact Dr. Nelson at <u>inelson@stpmuskego.org</u> or call (414) 422-0320, ext. 145.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. Go around the horn with your Small Group sharing the **highs and lows** of your week. Designate a "pray-er" to serve also as note-taker. Pray immediately on these things OR wait until after your discussion around the Word for the Spirit to *inform* your prayer.

2. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31

What does it mean to do something "for the glory of God?"

Thoughts on "eating or drinking" to God's glory. Any aha! moments in your life where you better understood this passage?

Questions for the group and for God?

3. Share the **Old Testament Lesson, 2 Chronicles 22**. How does David express what it truly means to give God the glory in everything?

4. Share the **Gospel Lesson, Mark 9:2-9**. Share the "Wow!s" and the "What?!s" as you ponder the scene, the God-Man, the presence of Moses and Elijah, and the instructions, "Listen to him!"

How does this scene "inform" your heart for the journey to Good Friday and Calvary's cross?

5. **Pray your way out**, reveling in the privilege and the awe of being tasked with living to the glory of God.

NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

WE HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE REALITY OF LIFE

A Most-Famous non-Quote: "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."

1. Let Us Glorify God In the "Ordinary"

A. See His Hand In Your Daily Bread

"M ______ N _____" is NOT the Giver

Jesus teaches us to give G_____ to our Father in heaven

B. See His Purpose In Eating and Drinking

What does "for the glory of God" L _____ like?

What is the C _____ as I strive to shine?

APPLICATION It is Transfiguration Sunday! Thank God that Jesus did not let "ME" get in the way of what he had to do.

2. Let Us Glorify God In the "Extra-Ordinary"

A. God Is In Your Giftedness – Paul, the Apostle

"In H _____ we live and move and have our being."

"In view of God's mercy, offer your B ______ as a living S ______ holy and pleasing to God."

B. His Plan Is When We Truly Shine - Jesus, the Messiah

"Let your light so shine before people...that they may G ______ your Father in heaven."

"You are the S ______ of the earth..."

APPLICATION The transfigured Lord Jesus is the Master of the Extra-Ordinary!

CONCLUSION Rise! Shine! Give God the glory!

Next Steps

- Self-Reflection I Reread I Corinthians 10:31 and have an honest conversation with God about your use of his *ordinary* blessings: food, drink, alcohol, money, sex, people. How about his blessings *unique* to you? Do we truly give God the glory as we live?
- Self-Reflection II Chances are our consciences spoke to us as we pondered Part I. Grab your bible again and turn to I John I:8-9. Let us confess our sins and hear God's heart that *loves* to forgive.
- **Ponder the grace of Jesus** as you listen to another song from the band, Anthem Lights, at this link, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVzIUicIXTY.