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GRACE WINS
FINE-TUNE YOUR CONSCIENCE
July 13, 14, and 17, 2019

God uses our conscience to help us see our need for grace.

BELLS AND WELCOME

HYMN 221

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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

C **And also with you.**

M Brothers and sisters in Christ, as our Lord Jesus taught God's truth, he said it is not enough for his followers just to say "Lord, Lord" to him.

C **We will be judged, instead, by the fruit we bear in our lives.**

M These are the words of the Law. They are meant to show us that we fall far short of the mark of perfection God requires of his people. These words fill us with fear. They remind us that we deserve God's wrath and eternal punishment. But God has been merciful to us. He has sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, let us confess our sin to him and be assured of this love and 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.**

M God, our heavenly Father, who is able to make all grace abound to us, 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.**

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.

C **Guide our footsteps by the light of your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, may love you with all our hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves.**

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

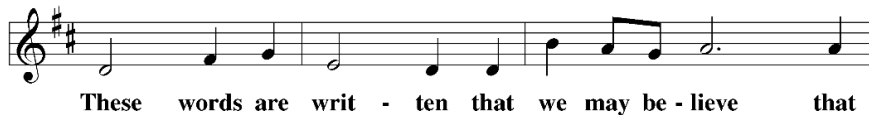


FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 12:1-10, 13, Bible page 310

In love, the Lord sends Nathan to call King David to repentance for his sins of adultery and murder.

VERSE OF THE DAY

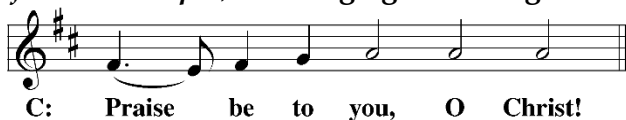


GOSPEL

John 8:1-11, Bible page 1072

Sin is easier to see in others, but in the end no one can escape that fact that we all stand guilty before God.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN 287

The Law of God is Good and Wise

SERMON

Romans 2:12-3:20, Bible page 1127

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

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.

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 304

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Jesus Sinners Does Receive

Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, 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.



ORGANIST *Darik Mischke*

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. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org to register.

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. The first pews in the left center section are reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail.



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 July 15, 2019

MON	8:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Alzheimer's Support Group (Church Library)
WED	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am 8:00 am 7:00 pm	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
SAT	8:00 am 3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Emily Davis and Jonathan Fink Wedding (Waukesha) 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 Grace Room Bible Study The Bridge Communion The Bridge Contemporary Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PICNIC—COMING SOON!

- When?** Sunday, August 4, at 11:30 am, following the outdoor church service.
- Where?** On the St. Paul's grounds.
- What?** Burgers, brats, and hotdogs for purchase. Plus, beverages, ice cream, and other treats.
- What Else?** Children's games and play area, face painting, adult bags tournament, musical entertainment.
- Why?** Because you couldn't have more fun on a Sunday afternoon if you tried!

We are still looking for more volunteer help. Primary needs are:

- Food Tent—We have 400 burgers and 300 brats to grill and, so far, only one griller. 2nd shift cashiers and general food preppers are also needed.
- Children Games—An attendant is needed for each game (there will be 5 or 6 games) times 2 shifts. This is an easy and fun job for a young adult!

Be generous with your time! Sign up for a volunteer position on the table in the lobby.



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISM

Skylar Rosalie Loomis, daughter of Brian and Elizabeth (nee Bannenberg) Loomis, was born April 10, 2019 and baptized in a private ceremony on Saturday, July 13, 2019. May God bless and keep Skylar.

CLOTHED IN CHRIST IN BAPTISM

A first step in your personal relationship with Christ is a one-hour visit and study on baptism. Schedule this first step visit with Pastor Nate Strobel by marking the Connection Card or contacting him at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Shelly Pearson, 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 June Hackbart in hospice care at Dycora in Greenfield. Donald Oakes at Froedtert, and Sandra Merfeld at St. Luke's. Gary Ives and Mark Thoss have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

838 attended last week's worship services.

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	\$0	\$4,500
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.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

FORWARD IN CHRIST FEATURES SON OF OUR CONGREGATION

Pastor Nick Mount is a son of our congregation. He was featured in an article in this month's *Forward in Christ*. Find a copy of the article in the Welcome Center. If you don't receive this monthly magazine in your home, you can order it from Northwestern Publishing House. Call 800-662-6022.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT—AUGUST 8 AND 9

On August 8 and 9, the Global Leadership Summit will telecast live in HD to over 500 locations nationwide. St. Paul's will be one of the live telecast locations this year for the first time. St. Paul's receives a discounted rate of \$119, which is a savings from the \$208.00 regular rate if you use our priority code PV2019. Register at StPaulMuskego.org\GLS.

HOLY LAND EXCURSION INFO MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Panitzke will be giving a short presentation about the upcoming trip to the Holy Land (June 16-25, 2020) on Sunday, July 21, at 9:15 am in the Faith Room for anyone interested. If you would be traveling alone, please speak to Pastor Panitzke. Single travelers, both male and female, have asked about finding a roommate to reduce costs. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

FOLLOWING THE PROMISE

This is the perfect place to start if you have never done a Bible study. God was planning for you before the creation of the world and his first promise to you is found in the first chapters of the Bible with his promises continuing throughout the Bible. Register with Pastor Nate on the back of the Connection Card, at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org, or by texting him at (414) 426-8236. The class is currently held on Tuesdays, 7:00-8:15 pm. Invite a friend and grow in the Word together.

PARENTS: REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FALL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASSES

If you have a child entering 6th-8th grade this fall who will be enrolled in a school other than St. Paul's Lutheran School, please contact Dr. Nelson at (414) 422-0320, ext. 145, or jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org to receive all the necessary information about the program and the August 19 orientation night that will be held in the church, 6:30-7:30 pm. These Wednesday afternoon classes begin August 28 at 4:30 pm.

WHAT MAKES TEENS TICK PRESENTED BY DR. JOEL NELSON

What Makes Teens Tick: A Look at Adolescent Development and Their Place in the Body of Christ continues for two more weeks. Join the discussion Sunday, July 14, at 9:15 am in the Grace Room.

KIDS CLUB THIS FALL

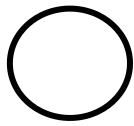
If being a part of shaping the next generation for the Lord is something you'd enjoy, contact Dr. Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the back of your Connection Card to experience the joys and rewards of youth ministry.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER INFANT OPENING

Our Child Care Center has an opening in the infant room (6:00 am – 6:00 pm, 6 weeks – 12 months). If you need child care arrangements, contact Child Care Director Kim Neubauer at (414) 422-0320, ext. 200, or kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org or for a tour and answers to your questions.

UNDER THE CANOPY NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday, July 21, St. Paul's Church Library Team will host the Under the Canopy after all services. Meet the Library Team members, enjoy refreshments, learn about library upgrades, and take advantage of some video give-aways set up in the lobby. The church library exists to help St. Paul's members and friends grow in their faith and commitment to Jesus.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. Share the highs and lows of your summer so far.

2. Read Romans 2:14-15. The requirements of God's law are written on _____.
 - Your conscience is "a voice within you which bears witness to God's law" (*Luther's Catechism* by David P. Kuske, question 19).
 - Your conscience is the judge within you that approves or disapproves of your actions, based on the law of God as you understand it.
 - Martin Luther said, "To go against conscience is neither right nor safe."

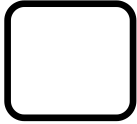
Discuss these ideas to better understand the importance of conscience and the power of conscience.

3. Read 1 Corinthians 8 and Paul's application of conscience. Paul was concerned that a person would go against his/her conscience by eating food sacrificed to idols. Why do you think he began the discussion with the comment, "Knowledge puffs up while love builds up" (1 Corinthians 8:1)?

4. Read Psalm 143. An accusing conscience can be like an enemy that pursues and crushes you (see verses 2-4). The closing petition (verses 11 & 12) mentions "your name's sake," "your righteousness," and "your unfailing love." Discuss how these terms/truths can be helpful to silence an accusing conscience.

5. Read Romans 5:1-2. What does it mean to you to know that, even though convicted by your conscience, you stand in grace like standing in the Winner's Circle?

6. Break up into groups of two or three. Is there a burden on your conscience that you would like to share in this smaller, intimate group? Is there a sinful pattern in your life that you would like this group to pray about, asking for God's deliverance for you?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Grace Wins: Fine-tune Your Conscience

Romans 2:12-3:20, Bible page 1127

1. Look under the hood to understand how your conscience works (Romans 2:12-16).
 - a. Conscience is “the voice of _____”
 - b. Conscience makes decisions based on God’s law as _____ understand it.
 - i. Conscience can err because of _____ from God’s law.
 - ii. Conscience can err because of _____ to God’s law.

2. Add the right fuel to make your conscience work best (Romans 2:17-3:2).
 - a. A gummed-up conscience is destructive.
 - i. To you personally
 - ii. To everyone in your area of influence. “Lose lives cost talk” (C.S. Lewis).
 - b. _____ is the fuel that will clean a gummed up conscience.

3. Fine-tune your conscience (3:2-20).
 - a. To become _____ of sin.
 - b. To celebrate “Grace Wins”!

Grace Allows Us to Stand in the Winner’s Circle – Romans 5:1-2

My Next Steps to Understand “Conscience”

- **Get Out Your Catechism** – Look up “conscience” in the index. In our current catechism, you can learn about conscience in Questions 18-22, beginning on page 42.
- **Read Romans 14:1-15:6** – See how the Apostle Paul applies the truth about conscience to “adiaphora,” that is, things that God has neither forbidden nor commanded.
- **Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1** – The Apostle Paul has a long discussion on conscience and the use of our Christian freedom.