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## **GO DEEPER DEEP CLEAN:**

*Only when we see the depth of our sin can we appreciate the deep cleansing we receive through Jesus.*  
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*We welcome Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary student Nathan Wranovsky as our guest speaker. Nathan is the son of Steve and Amy Wranovsky. He is a Martin Luther College graduate and is in the second year of his seminary training. Last school year, he prepared two sermons which he is encouraged to preach as often as possible. We are thankful that he can share God's Word with us today.*



### **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S**

Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card so we can provide God's people here at St. Paul's with the best spiritual care. You can also fill out the card online by scanning the QR Code on the left.

### **BELLS AND WELCOME**

#### **OPENING HYMN 339, vv. 1-3**

**Today your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.**

**Today your gate is open, And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised: A glorious crown in heav'n.**

**Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits.  
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.**

#### **Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

**M** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

M Dear friends, how great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God.

C **And that is what we are!**

M The apostle John calls us to love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. We do not love as God love us. As we come before our God today, let us, therefore, confess our lack of love for others and the many sins that flow from our love of self.

All **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,**

**What should we do without you When heart and eye run o'er?**

**When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,**

**We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have sinned against you and others.

C **But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin.**

M Surround us with your unfailing love,

C **that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever.**

M We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C **and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 1:1-18, Bible page 679

*The heart that pleases God is the heart that 1) recognizes how deeply sin infects, 2) rejoices in the cleansing God provides and 3) serves God and others out of love and gratitude.*

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:8-2:2, Bible page 1228

*Deep cleaning from our sins comes after open and honest confession of our sin.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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 385, vv. 1-3

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed his blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am his and he is mine!

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity,  
Love that found me -- wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought him not.

Only Jesus can impart  
Comfort to a wounded heart:  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.

SERMON

Mark 10:17-31, Bible page 1013

*Nathan Wranovsky*

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*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,  
By your Spirit and your word.  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

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.

DISMISSAL OF ONLINE WORSHIPPERS (*Sunday 9:30 am*)

**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.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*Tune: "Aurelia"*

**O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

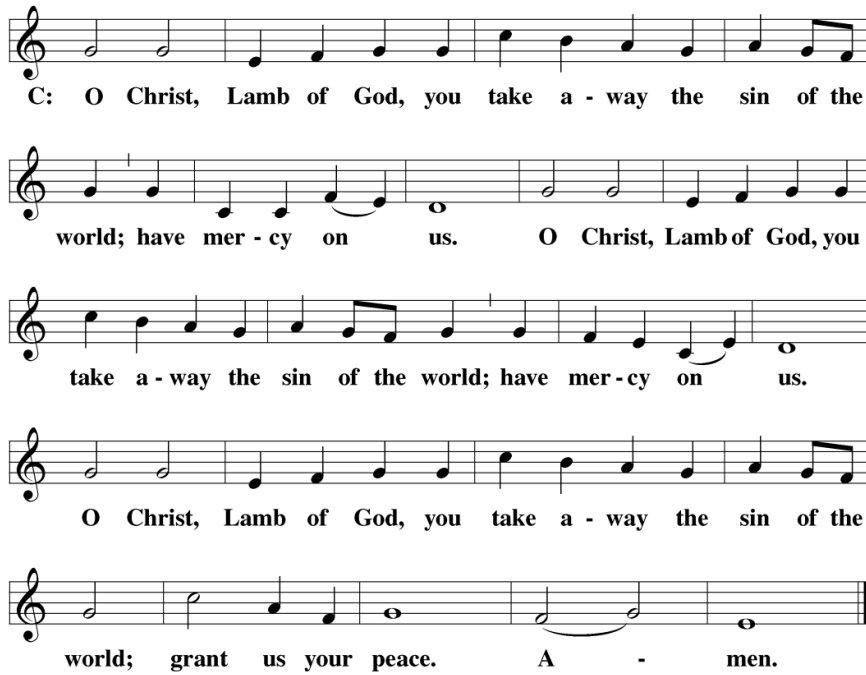
M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C **Amen.**

## 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

### *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. We invite you to register for this class on the back of your Connection Card or by contacting Pastor Nathan Strobel at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto: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" on page 156 of Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card. The light-colored cups in the tray contain non-alcoholic wine. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you will find them individually packaged at the Communion rail.*

Now I have found the firm foundation  
Which holds my life forever sure;  
'Twas laid before the world's creation  
In Christ my Savior's wounds secure,  
Foundation which unmoved shall stay  
When heav'n and earth will pass away.

It is that mercy never ending,  
Which human wisdom far transcends,  
Of him who, loving arms extending,  
To wretched sinners condescends.  
His heart with pity still will break  
Whether we seek him or forsake.

Our ruin God has not intended;  
For our salvation he has yearned.  
For this his Son to earth descended  
And then again to heav'n returned;  
For this so patient evermore  
He's knocking at our heart's closed door.

O depth of love, to me revealing  
The sea where my sins disappear!  
In Christ my wounds find perfect healing;  
There is no condemnation here!  
For Jesus' blood through earth and skies  
Forever "Mercy! Mercy!" cries.

Let mercy cause me to be willing  
To bear my lot and not to fret.  
While he my restless heart is stilling,  
May I this mercy not forget!  
Whatever comes my heart to test,  
His mercy is my only rest.

Lord, I will stand on this foundation  
As long as I on earth remain;  
This will engage my meditation  
While I the breath of life retain.  
And then, when face to face with you,  
I'll sing your mercy great and true.

## SONG OF SIMEON

*(Tune: Anthes, CW 339)*

O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!

All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

## CLOSING PRAYER

M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.**

## ST. PAUL'S CONNECTION