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GRACE WINS

WHEN I KNOW I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE

August 24, 25, and 28, 2019

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command" (John 14:15). I do love Jesus, yet I so often find myself doing what Jesus has forbidden. Am I the only one with this problem?

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 235, vv. 1-3

Praise the Almighty; My Soul Adore Him

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



M Dear God, our perfect, heavenly Father, you created us. You knit each one of us together in our mother's womb. You know us better than we know ourselves.

C **You know every sinful thought that flows through our minds and every evil deed we've ever committed, whether done in the open or hidden behind closed doors. There is no where we can run or hide.**

M Father, you have taught us that we don't need to hide. When we come to you and confess our sin, you are gracious and merciful. You forgive us in Christ. We run to you, therefore, and confess our sin, seeking refuge in your loving and forgiving arms.

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 is a just and holy God, full of grace and mercy. With an everlasting love he gave his only Son as a 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.



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

SONG OF PRAISE 235, v. 4

Praise the Almighty; My Soul Adore Him

**Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise him solely,
With happy heart its Amen sings!
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in the garden, when you needed the companionship and support of your disciples, they fell asleep. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. As we come before you in worship, we recognize that we are like them. The good we want to do we do not do. The evil we do not want to do, this we keep on doing.

C **Lord, we are weak.**

M But you are strong. Pour your strength into us through your Word and Sacrament. Our spirits are willing. We pray, Jesus, in your name. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 2:8-15a, Bible page 214

*The God of grace has no qualms about using a prostitute to rescue his servants.
Don't call anything unclean that God has made clean. That includes you.*

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Alleluia! For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Alleluia (*Ephesians 2:8*).

GOSPEL

John 21:15-17, Bible page 1089

If a man who publicly denied Jesus could lead God's church, there is hope for all of us.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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CONFESSION OF FAITH

Third Article with Luther's Explanation

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church, he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day, he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY 393

If Your Beloved Son, O God

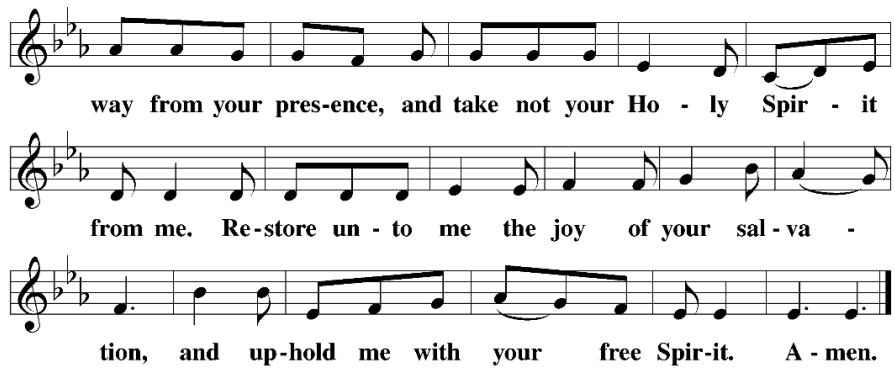
SERMON

Romans 7:7—8:17, Bible page 1132

Pastor Peter Panitzke

After the sermon, the congregation sings:





way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

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 un - to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 below.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 397
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**Just As I Am, without One Plea
Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness**

CLOSING PRAYER

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) *Pastor David Kuehl*

ORGANIST *Carol Nelson*

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, entitled *Following the Promise*, to provide an overview of our teachings. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org to find the session that works best for your schedule.*

*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* to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.*

FAMILY CHURCH 2.0

CREATING A SAFE PLACE

Join us beginning the weekend of September 8 as we take up The Family Church again with the theme: “Creating a Safe Place.”

September 8 – The Safe Place: God’s Design

September 15 – Our Safe Place: Powered by Hope

September 22 – Called to Create God’s Safe Place

September 29 – Inviting Others into the Safe Place



If you would like to review or share any of the video testimonials or messages from last year’s series, you can find everything at StPaulMuskego.org/Family-Church/.

BUILDING MARGIN

The weekend of September 29, as part of our RAWKs Fund Seed Packet Distribution, we will be giving away a number of copies of *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*. Author Rosaria Butterfield challenges us to build margin into our lives so that we can love others – both inside the family of God and outside the family of God.

- Build margin into your time. Make time to be part of a life group to grow in your relationship with Jesus and with others.
- Build margin into your finances. We will again give away RAWKs Fund Seed Packets to encourage you as an individual, a family, and a small group to set aside a portion of your offering to do Random Acts of Worship Kindness (RAWKs).

JOIN A SAFE PLACE – BE A PART OF A LIFE GROUP

New Life Groups will be formed at GroupLink on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm. We’ll explain what a small group is like, provide snacks to enjoy, and 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. Use the Connection Card to let us know if you will be able to attend.

CREATE A SAFE PLACE – BE A LIFE GROUP HOST

Hosting isn’t rocket science! It is as simple as 1, 2, 3, 4.

1. Pick a night for the group and stay consistent.
2. Prepare enough seats for the group (either consistently in your home or rotate locations among the group).
3. Have a firm start and end time.
4. Have snacks (a cold glass of water or more elaborate if you wish).

If you are willing to consider being a host, mark your interest on the Connection Card.

CELEBRATING THE SAFE PLACE

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!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of August 26, 2019

MON	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
TUE	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise (Faith Room)</i>
WED	4:30 pm	Public School 6-8 Grade Instruction Classes
	5:00 pm	PreK Orientation (School Classroom I)
	7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
THURS	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	5:00 pm	PreK Orientation (School Classroom I)
SAT	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
SUN	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:45 am	The Bridge Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES IN TWO WEEKS

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 in the school. Kids Club uses Bible stories, music, singing, and lesson reinforcement activities in large and small groups that engage all the learning styles. For more information contact Dr. Joel Nelson at jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org. You can find a Kids Club schedule of lessons on our website at www.stpaulmuskego.org/grow/sunday-morning-youth-ministry/.

NEW SEASON OF BIBLE STUDIES TO BEGIN

A diverse line-up of Bible studies has been scheduled for the Grace Room on Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15, beginning September 8. Check the church website under the heading “grow” to learn more about the courses and their presenters. .

On August 25, Dr. Stephen Geiger of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary presents, *Living Faith: The Letter of James*. September 1 will be dedicated to exploring how the weekly Group Work discussion guides in the worship folder are used, including breaking into small groups to talk over some of the Group Work questions.

September 8, the 2019-2020 Grace Room series of Bible studies begins with *Relationships in the Shadow of the Cross*, a four-week study exploring skills to more effectively communicate across the sexes, based on the principles God lays down for us in the scriptures. This course will be presented by 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. The Beckers also lead workshops and Bible studies throughout our church body on men and women issues.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

BAPTISMS

Emory Boone Kmiec, son of Andy and Lauren (nee Jacob) Kmiec, was born August 15, 2019, and baptized in a private ceremony on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

Avery Jade Korth, daughter of Justin Korth and Crystal Duane, was born December 15, 2018, and was baptized in a private ceremony on Saturday, August 24, 2019.

We pray for God's blessing over Emory and Avery that they grow in their baptismal faith their whole life long.

FUNERAL

Paul Ciardo, born September 25, 1968, entered eternal life with his Savior on August 17, 2019. A gathering will be held at Krause Funeral Home in New Berlin on August 26, at 10:00 am, with a memorial service following at 11:00 am. May the God of all comfort and peace be with the loved ones of Paul.

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. Jenna Burczyk and baby Isaiah have been discharged from the hospital.

ATTENDANCE

913 attended worship services last week.

SOME COOL THANK YOU'S!

- Page through the book from Garden Homes Lutheran Church and School at our Welcome Center in the lobby. It is their thank you for our Cool Million tithe gift of \$10,000 we gave them last March.
- We have also received a note of thanks from Friends of China for the Cool Million tithe gift we presented to the Lambrecht family at our church picnic. "The Friends of China Evangelists have been blessed by your generosity. Your gift makes so many ministry opportunities possible. Thank you!"
- All our children and teachers in our elementary school and youth ministries thank you for a cool school! A major portion of our Cool Million offering effort was used to replace an old boiler system with a new HVAC system. This makes our school a year-round gospel-ministry tool.

The next major project will be our church roof replacement which will take place in October. If you would like to contribute, mark your offering clearly "Cool Million" or give online at StPaulMuskego.org/give.

Thank you!

TWO OPPORTUNITIES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

A new session of *Following the Promise* begins in September with the following options:

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

This class is for members and non-members to revisit God's saving plan for the world in his Son, Jesus. 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!

FIND FINANCIAL PEACE 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, with childcare provided. 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. Mark the back of your Connection Card to register or contact Course Instructor Kevin McSwain directly at k.mcswain@ymail.com.

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Discover your female uniqueness alongside women leaders at the women's leadership conference, *Gifted to Lead: Growing in Your Gifts*, Saturday, October 19, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Hosted by the Christian Women's Leadership Circle at Wisconsin Lutheran College, this half-day conference will explore and encourage women's growth in character, confidence, competence, and commitment. To register, for more information, or to sponsor this event, visit www.christianwomenlead.com/leadership-conference-2019. To ensure you receive all conference materials, register by September 15. Final registration is October 4.

SCHOOL BEGINS WITH MINDS SET ABOVE

School began last Tuesday with 228 students praising Jesus at our opening service. Our theme of the year, Set Your Minds on Things Above, was introduced to the students as we remembered Ms. Martens and gave thanks for her servant leadership among us and elsewhere that touched so many lives for Christ.



PRE-K BEGINS AFTER LABOR DAY

Our 3K and 4K will begin the week after Labor Day with an anticipated enrollment of 79 with a few open seats still available. We offer a variety of scheduling options – half day or all day, the number of days, and wrap-around care. Contact Pre-K Director Michele Drska at (414) 422-0320, ext. 144 for further information.

WATCH FOR OUR FLOAT IN THE MUSKEGO FESTIVAL PARADE

St. Paul's will be sponsoring a float in the Muskego Festival Parade on Sunday, August 25. One of our worship bands, His Way – featuring Mike and Emily Krill, will be performing on the float for the community. Watch for us and give a friendly wave and hello as we throw out lots of candy to 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 – 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.

HANDBELL REHEARSAL BEGINS SOON

Handbell rehearsal will resume on Tuesday September 10, at 6:30 pm in the church balcony. There is room for one more player. If you are interested in playing bells, please contact Dave Lemke at (262) 679-9537 or dlemke718@gmail.com.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

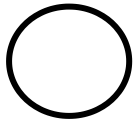
All ladies are invited to join the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study at 9:00 am beginning September 3, in the Faith Room. The first study will look at Joshua and worry. For more information contact Michele Eiche at meiche4@wi.rr.com.

LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, join in fellowship and fun on Wednesday, September 4, at noon, in the Grace Room. Pizza, salad, and dessert will be served. A schedule of speakers and activities for the upcoming year will be shared. Contact May at (414) 422-47789 with questions.

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.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

1. What was the craziest (legal) thing you did in high school?

2. Read Romans 7:14-25.
 - a. Do you remember the first time you realized you were not the only one struggling with sin and doubt? If you do, share your experience with the group.

 - b. Paul makes a distinction between himself and “the sin living in me” (7:17). How does that knowledge that you have this “alien” (sin) living inside comfort you and/or challenge you?

3. Read Romans 8:1. Imagine that Jesus is a coat you put on every day. There is “no condemnation” as long as you wear that coat.
 - a. How could that image change your outlook at home or work?

 - b. How can you remind yourself every day that you are safe wearing “Christ Jesus”? See also Galatians 3:26-27.

2. Read Romans 8:5-8. Pastor talked about “the bondage of the will” and the “freedom of the will.” When was our will “bound”? In what way is our will “free”?

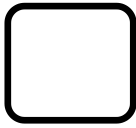
3. Read Romans 8:12-16. The Holy Spirit gives you the privilege of calling God “Abba Father” or “dear Father.” How does the father in the parable of the lost son (Luke 15:11-24) help you better understand this privilege?

4. Close with reading together the explanation of the Address of the Lord’s Prayer from Luther’s Small Catechism and close with the Lord’s Prayer.

Our Father in heaven...

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

Grace Wins When I Know I'm Not the Only One

Romans 7:7 – 8:16

Romans Review

- Risk, Reach, Rescue with Grace – the reason for Romans (1:1-17).
- Without Grace, no one wins (1:18-3:20).
- Grace explained (3:21-3:31).
- Grace proven in Abraham's life (4:1-25).
- Grace increases (5:1-21).
- Grace empowers (6:1-7:6).
- Grace in real life – **I am not the only one!** (7:7-25).

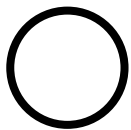
Grace Wins When I Know I'm Not the Only One!

5. Praise the Son! I'm not the only one carrying my sin (8:1-4).

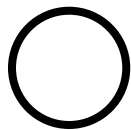
- a. What are the righteous requirements of the law (Ezekiel 18:4)?
- b. Go back to the sacrifice of atonement (Romans 3:25, Leviticus 16).

6. Praise the Holy Spirit! I'm not the only one fighting against the sin (8:5-14).

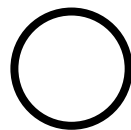
- a. Understand the bondage of the will and the freedom of the will.



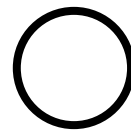
Before fall



After fall



After conversion



In heaven

- b. The struggle is evidence of the Spirit in you!

7. Praise the Father! I am never the only one!

- a. Listen for the Spirit's testimony.
- b. Claim the privilege of prayer.

My Next Steps in the Struggle

- Read Romans 7:14-25. Remember you are not the only one.
- If you don't already have one, ask the Lord to help you find a "confessor" with whom you can share your struggles and who can help you see that you are never "the only one," that the Triune God will not forsake you in your struggles.