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## LIVE LIKE YOU WILL LIVE FOREVER

### LIVE A LIFE OF FEARLESS WITNESS

October 31, November 2 and 3, 2024

*Jesus warns that living as his disciples will bring hardship. The world will think us "odd" ...evil...and lash out. "What's this message about 'sin' and the 'need for forgiveness'?" Sometimes it is easiest to just stay quiet. But that isn't the answer...we know it. For we have the truth that alone frees from guilt, sin, death...wrapped up in the God-man, Jesus. How can we NOT share him...lovingly...no matter what comes? That is what Martin Luther did. He stood firm in the truth about Jesus, knowing it might cost him his life. But Martin also knew he would live forever, and that TRUTH gave him **courage to witness** now. Just like you and me!*



#### WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S – CONNECTION CARD

*Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card, sharing any questions or prayer requests you might have. You can fill out the card online and find other resources by scanning the QR Code.*

**CHILDCARE EVERY SUNDAY 7:45 – 10:45 am** in east wing of the church.

**SUNDAY KIDS CLUB FOR 3K – GRADE 5** September – May. Register online at [stpaulmuskego.org/kidsclub](http://stpaulmuskego.org/kidsclub).

**ACCESSIBILITY** A hearing loop system and large-print worship folders are available.

**QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE?** Visit the Welcome Center in the lobby where a greeter will be happy to assist you.

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING

### BELLS AND WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN RED 538

### The Church's One Foundation

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.**

The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,  
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

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

HOLY BAPTISM (*Sunday 9:30 am*)

**Ruby Marie Fagan**

*Daughter of Justin and Ashley (nee Zietlow) Fagan, born September 3, 2024*

M God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

C **Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

M "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

C **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

M Without your Word, O God, our lives are built upon sand,

C **the sinking sand of selfishness; the foolishness of pride.**

M Hear us, Lord, as we confess our sin.

All **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. He said to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." Because of the promise of our Savior, Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C **Amen.**

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

RESPONSE HYMN RED 204, v. 2

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

Salvation true By faith in you  
That is your gospel's preaching,  
The heart and core Of Bible lore  
In all its sacred teaching.  
In Christ we must Put all our trust,  
Not in our deeds or labor;  
With conscience pure And heart secure  
Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.  
Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength,  
C **pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.**

M Keep them steadfast in your Word,  
C **protect and comfort them in all temptations,**

M defend them against all their enemies,  
C **and bestow on the Church your saving peace.**

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

FIRST LESSON

**Acts 7:51-60**, Bible page 1098  
*Stephen courageously shared his faith to the point of death, knowing that he was an heir of eternal life.*

PSALM OF THE DAY *(Thursday and Saturday)*

**Psalm 46**, Red Hymnal page 84  
*The Lord is with us; he is our rock and fortress.*

ANTHEM *(Sunday)*

**Our Hope Alone Is You**  
By J. M. Martin  
St. Paul's Adult Choir

GOSPEL

**Mark 13:5-11**, Bible page 1018  
*Jesus encourages and empowers us that we might be bold in sharing the gospel in these end times.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



CONFESSON OF FAITH

Second Article of the Apostles' Creed with Luther's Explanation

**C** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**M** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY RED 200, vv. 1-3

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread  
arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done;  
Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant one  
Whom God himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,  
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.

SERMON

Romans 5:17-21, Bible page 1130

*Pastor Nate Strobel*

*After the sermon, the Congregation sings:*

The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With his good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will -- Hate, steal, hurt, or kill --  
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

**C Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

**C The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant, Martin Luther, to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

**C God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

**C Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

**C May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

M May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

**C Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

M Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

M Lord Jesus, we thank you for the victory that you have won for us.

**C Empower us to go forth into the world with your great victory embedded in our hearts and flowing from our lips. 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.**

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*Refrain*

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

*Refrain*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

*Refrain*

## CLOSING PRAYER

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.



## ST. PAUL'S CONNECTION

### PASTOR ADAM MUELLER CALLED TO BE PASTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



St. Paul's has extended a call to Pastor Adam Mueller. He and his wife Amy have three children ages 13, 11, and 5. Pastor Mueller, 52 years old, has served for 12 years at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tucson. Redeemer is a congregation of about 500 souls with a Lutheran Elementary School. Please keep Pastor Mueller and his family in your prayers as they consider where they can best serve their Savior.

*Dear friends,*

*This letter acknowledges that I have received your call to shepherd the souls of St Paul's Lutheran in Muskego, Wisconsin, and to dispense his perfect gifts of grace in Jesus' name. With God's help, I promise to give careful consideration to the office that the Lord has called me to through you. As I deliberate, I anticipate speaking with your leaders to discover the rich opportunities for Gospel ministry.*

*As I begin this process, I would invite your prayers and counsel. My own prayers will be added to yours, especially that God's wisdom prevails and his kingdom comes.*

*Grace and peace,  
Pastor Adam Mueller*

Because of the pastoral shortage in our synod, many pastors receive calls every six months. As a result, only one in ten pastoral calls is accepted. Recognizing that fact, St. Paul's has begun calling now as part of our pastoral succession planning. If the Lord leads Pastor Mueller to accept our call, we will be able to benefit from an additional pastor on our staff until Pastor Kuehl retires in about a year.