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MEET THE MAN...
WHO DEFIED DEMONS FOR YOU
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Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and his demons hate God. They demonstrate their hatred by hurting those whom God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is that demons are real, they are numerous, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he has undone the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S – CONNECTION CARD

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.

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

SUNDAY KIDS CLUB FOR 3K – GRADE 5 9:30 – 10:30 am at the school. Register online at 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

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION MUSIC (*Sunday*)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Setting C. Kohlmann, Arr. H. G. Du Mars
St. Paul's Adult Handbell Choir

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN RED 457

**1 Fight the good fight With all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**3 Cast care aside, Lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.**

Fight the Good Fight
**2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**

**4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.
He changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is Lord eternally.**

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 friends, the Scriptures declare that the devil is a liar and the father of lies. Jesus was speaking of the fallen nature of humankind when he said:

C **You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him (John 8:44).**

M That fallen nature still lives inside each one of us. It truly wants to carry out Satan's desires, and all too often does. Truly we deserve nothing but God's eternal punishment. But, as forgiven children of God, a new nature lives within us. This nature hates what is evil and loves what is good. This nature longs to confess, to repent, and to turn from our sin. Therefore, as God's dearly loved children, clinging to the forgiveness Christ won for us through his life, death, and resurrection, let us confess our sin and ask God to forgive us.

All **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.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

MARTIN LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER (*Thursday and Saturday*)

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously kept me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

MARTIN LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER (*Sunday*)

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:27-31, Bible page 720

When the devil's temptations make us tired and his accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to renew our strength.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*Thursday and Saturday*)

Psalm 103, Red Hymnal page 105

The Lord's love is with those who fear him from everlasting to everlasting.

ANTHEM (*Sunday*)

Brother James' Air

*Music by J. L. MacBeth, Arr. A. L. Page
St. Paul's Adult Handbell Choir*

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39, Bible page 1002

The devil loves to see God's children suffer. Jesus undoes the devil's work.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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.

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.**

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

SERMON

1 Peter 5:6-11, Bible page 1224

Pastor Nate Strobel (Thursday)

Pastor David Kuehl (Saturday and Sunday)

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son.

C **Through him we have confidence to enter your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions.**

M Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

C **Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works.**

M Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need. Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

C **Strengthen our faith so that we unfailingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.**

M Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

Special prayers and intercessions.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M Help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives,

C **knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.**

M Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

C **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.

CLOSING HYMN RED 472

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken.
For the foe, Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.

Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.

Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin Lurk within,
All your hopes to shatter; Heed not when they flatter.

But while watching also pray To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,
So that still Mind and will
Shall unite to serve him And forever love him.

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.

