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UNRAVELING THE MYSTERY OF A GODLY CHURCH AND HOME
A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY
EXPLAIN "CHURCH RULES"

July 6 and 7, 2024

Our perfect God has created us with unique gifts, talents, skills, and abilities. It is a perfect design. Today we consider this design as it pertains to the roles of men and women and how we live and relate to one another in the household of faith. For while the principles God has established in his Word are timeless, the applications of these principles can change over time. We ask for God's blessings as we seek to unravel the mystery of the roles of men and women.



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.

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 (from the Red Hymnal)

BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN RED 259, vv. 1-3

When All Your Mercies, O My God

**When all your mercies, O my God,
My waking soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.**

**Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ,
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes these gifts with joy.**

**Through ev'ry passing phase of life
Your goodness I'll pursue
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.**

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 Brothers and sisters in Christ, in his letter to the Philippians Paul calls on us to shine like stars as we hold firmly to the word of life.

C **Then he will be able to boast on the day of Christ that he did not run or labor in vain (Philippians 2:15,16).**

M Paul sees as his great calling the spiritual training of his faith-family, so that they can reflect God's love in Christ to the world around them. This is our great calling as well. Yet who of us can live up to this great task? Acknowledging our weakness and failures, as well as our need to be renewed through the power of confession and forgiveness, we come before our God in humble honesty and confess our sins.

All **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

**Through all eternity to you
A joyful song I'll raise,
But, oh, eternity's too short
To utter all your praise.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray.

Father God, you are eternal. You have no beginning and no end.

C **You have made us a part of your family—a family that will endure forever.**

M As we make our journey through life, keep us focused on the ultimate goal.

C **Empower us to live spiritually wise with our eyes on eternity.**

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



FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:1-8, Bible page 1179

We are called to imitate Christ, his humility, and his love.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 148, Red Hymnal page 121

All of creation knows its Creator and praises him.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45, Bible page 1014

Jesus seizes James and John's power-hungry request as an opportunity to teach the importance of self-sacrificing love.

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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY RED 505, vv. 1-4

Love Is the Gracious Gift

Love is the gracious gift of your goodness;
Love is the patient fruit of your care;
Love is the gentle work of your Spirit,
Who is the source of love ev'rywhere.

You loved me first, Lord, sending me Jesus.
Then I responded, trusting your Son.
Now you invite me to love my neighbor,
Showing your true love to ev'ryone.

Love means forgiveness, patience, and kindness;
Love is not jealous, boastful, or rude.
Love endures all things, bearing, believing;
Love hopes forever, rejoices in truth.

Love in a marriage, love freely given,
Love of a husband, love of a wife --
Made to continue, blossom, and flourish,
Grow ever deeper throughout this life.

SERMON

1 Timothy 2:8-15, Bible page 1193

Pastor David Kuehl

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

Love among Christians, love in the fam'ly,
Love for the Savior, whose blood was shed,
Love and submission one to another
As unto Christ, who reigns as our head.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

M Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope to others.**

M We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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.

Lord of the home, the Son you love
 Received a mother's tender care,
 A father's strength like yours above,
 A home with warmth and kindness there.

Help us, O Lord, our homes to make
 Your Holy Spirit's dwelling-place;
 Our hands and hearts' devotion take
 To be the servants of your grace.

We pray that all who with us dwell
 Your love and joy and peace may know.
 And while our lips your praises tell,
 May faithful lives your glory show.

Lord, may your Spirit sanctify
 Each household duty we fulfill.
 May we our Savior glorify
 With glad obedience to your will.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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

TIME AND TALENT VOLUNTEER FORM



Would you like to donate your time to our building project? We are looking for both skilled and unskilled labor to help with things like demolition, cleaning, painting, landscaping and hospitality (providing snacks for construction workers). The donation of your time can save the congregation thousands of dollars. Complete the Time and Talent form on the next page and return it to the offering box in the lobby or mail it to the church office. Copies are also available at the Welcome Center.