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**THE JOY IN FINDING THE CURE**  
**THE FIRST STEP IS THE DIAGNOSIS**  
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*Deadly diseases have been overcome in the past. Smallpox, a horrible killer, was eradicated in 1980. Polio was eradicated by vaccinations in United States in 1979. Imagine the joy that researchers had when they found those cures! There is a deadly disease that infects all of us. Today we join Paul in looking for the cure. The first step is to make the diagnosis.*



**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.

**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN RED 238, vv. 1-4**

**1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!**

**Let all within me join**

**And aid my tongue to bless his name**

**Whose favors are divine.**

**3 'Tis he forgives my sins;**

**'Tis he relieves my pain;**

**'Tis he that heals my sicknesses**

**And makes me young again.**

**Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul**

**2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,**

**Nor let his mercies lie**

**Forgotten in unthankfulness**

**And without praises die.**

**4 He fills the poor with good;**

**He gives the suff'ers rest;**

**The Lord has judgments for the proud**

**And justice for th' oppressed.**

- 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 Sisters and brothers in Christ, Paul says in the book of Romans, chapter 3: “We know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.”
- C **“Therefore, no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin” (vv. 19-20).**
- M This is a clear reminder that apart from God’s grace and the salvation that Christ has won for us, we are lost. There is nothing we can do to earn God’s favor and love. “But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify” (v. 21). God has been merciful to us. He has sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, let us confess our sin to him and be assured of this love and forgiveness.
- 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, who is able to make all grace abound to us, 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

O Lord, Our Lord

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.  
 Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.  
 You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight.  
 You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.  
 O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us;  
 you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.  
 You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!  
 O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for your gospel message, for the peace and the hope it brings to our lives. Yet Satan is continually trying to rob us of this confidence.

C **Protect us from Satan's lies and from the pull of our own sinful pride. There is no salvation apart from Christ and nothing more we need other than Christ.**

M We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## FIRST LESSON

**Acts 15:1-11**, Bible page 1108

*The early church struggled to understand the relationship between God's law and the gospel.*

## SECOND LESSON

**Galatians 1**, Bible page 1167

*Paul addressed the relationship between God's law and the gospel in his letter to the Christians in the province of Galatia.*

## 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.**

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why waver at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
So then this word must true remain:  
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died, your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.

By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise  
When you are by your sins oppressed,  
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,  
And when your heart is seeking rest.  
What reason cannot comprehend  
God by his grace to you did send.

SERMON

Galatians 1, Bible page 1167  
*Pastor Nate Strobel*

*After the sermon, the congregations sings:*

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice.  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad; all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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.

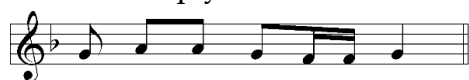
## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



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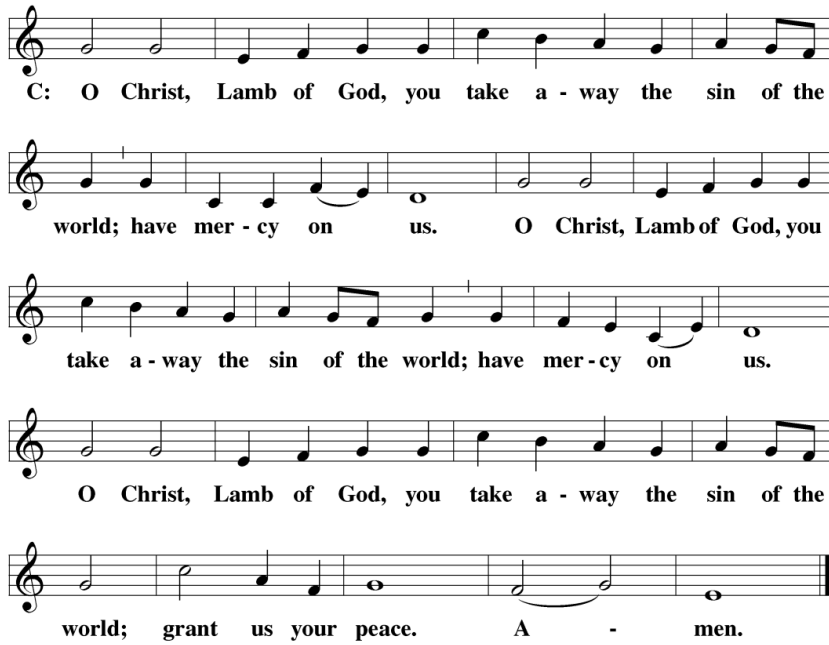
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

### 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 to provide an overview of our teachings. If you are not a member of our Lutheran denomination, please speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar. Thank you.*

*Non-alcoholic wine (light-colored wine in tray) and gluten-free wafers (at Communion rail) are available.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN RED 391

God loved the world so that he gave  
His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ is the solid rock of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death.  
All who confide in him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die  
His Son with saving grace is nigh.  
His Spirit in the Word does teach  
How we the blessed goal may reach.

## God Loved the World So that He Gave

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives the sins that you have done.  
You're justified by Jesus' blood;  
Baptized, you are a child of God.

When you are sick, when death draws near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death  
This is the anchor of my faith!

Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

#### CLOSING PRAYER

- M Merciful Father, we give you thanks and praise that you have fed us with the precious body and blood of your dear Son for the forgiveness of our sin. By your grace fill us with the desire and the power to walk worthy of our holy calling and to reflect your glory in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, 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.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS