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## THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP FOLLOWERS ARE LOVING SERVANTS

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*Humility and pride are opposites. Pride exalts self at the expense of God and others. Humility exalts God and others at the expense of self. As we see all that Jesus did to serve us, our hearts melt. Within us grows a Christ-like passion to serve others with a love like his. Those who are Christian leaders understand that their leadership can only be achieved through loving service. For followers of Christ are humble servants.*



### 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 9:30 – 10:30 am** at the school. 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 242, vv. 1-2

**Oh, that I had a thousand voices  
To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be,  
What great things God has done for me.**

**O forest leaves, so green and tender,  
That dance for joy in summer air,  
O meadow grasses, bright and slender,  
O flow'rs, so wondrous sweet and fair,  
You live to show his praise alone;  
With me now make his glory known.**

#### Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

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 Jesus Christ is our best and our truest friend. He made the ultimate sacrifice when he laid down his life to rescue us from sin and death, bringing us back into God's family.

C **We know that Jesus calls us to be that kind of friend to all those he has placed into our lives, loving them as he has loved us.**

M But there are so many activities and concerns that crowd into our lives, robbing us of our excitement and damping our desire to be true and faithful friends. We are sorry and ashamed. Through the Holy Spirit we come to our God with repentant hearts, confessing our sins, and pleading for his mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.**

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

RESPONSE HYMN RED 242, v. 3

**All creatures that have breath and motion,  
That fill the earth, the sea, and sky,  
Now join me in my heart's devotion;  
Help me to raise his praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite  
Express the wonders of his might.**

**Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices**  
*(Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday 8:00 am)*

RESPONSE HYMN RED 442, v. 1

**Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen To give you the kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!**

**Have No Fear Little Flock**  
*(Sunday 9:30 am)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, teach us, inspire us, and empower us to be true and faithful friends to those around us.

C **Fill us with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience, and godliness.**

M When we grow weary, remind us again of the faithful friendship you have shown us. We pray, Jesus, in your name. You live and reign with Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## FIRST LESSON

**Numbers 12:1-15**, Bible page 145

*The pride of Aaron, the high priest, and Miriam, a prophetess, led the Hebrews to badmouth humble Moses and belittle Moses' wife, simply for being of another race.*

## PSALM OF THE DAY (Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday 8:00 am)

**Psalm 133-134**, Red Hymnal page 115

*How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!*

## ANTHEM (Sunday 9:30 am)

**Firm Foundation**

*By J. Harvill and N. Gordon  
St. Paul's School Junior Choir*

## SECOND LESSON

**James 3:13-18**, Bible page 1218

*James teaches that ambitiously pursuing greatness is not just prideful but also demonic. True greatness in Jesus' kingdom is acting toward others in ways that are humble.*

## 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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY BLUE 737, vv. 1-3**

**Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way**

**Lord, help us walk your servant way  
wherever love may lead  
and, bending low, forgetting self,  
each serve the other's need.**

**You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,  
but pow'r you laid aside.  
You lived your years in servanthood,  
in lowliness you died.**

**No golden scepter but a towel  
you place within the hands  
of those who seek to follow you  
and live by your commands.**

**SERMON**

**Luke 10:25-37, Bible page 1040**

*Pastor David Kuehl*

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

**You bid us bend our human pride  
nor count ourselves above  
the lowest place, the meanest task  
that waits the gift of love.**

**Lord, help us walk your servant way  
wherever love may lead  
and, bending low, forgetting self,  
each serve the other's need**

**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.**

**DISMISSAL OF ONLINE WORSHIPERS (Sunday 9:30 am)**

## 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. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. 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 -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## 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

### 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 499

## O God of Mercy, God of Might

O God of mercy, God of might,  
In love and mercy infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in your sight,  
To live our lives to you.

You sent your Son for all to die  
That fallen man might live thereby.  
Oh, hear us, for to you we cry  
In hope, O Lord, to you.

Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:  
To feel for those his blood has bought,  
That ev'ry deed and word and thought  
May work a work for you.

All are redeemed, both far and wide,  
Since Jesus Christ for all has died;  
Grant us the will, and grace provide,  
To love them all in you.

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care  
May we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there  
Give help as though to you.

And may your Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till you receive in heav'n above  
All those who lived for you.

#### CLOSING PRAYER

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.



#### BLESSING

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 GROUNDBREAKING RECAP

Copies of the Commemorative Groundbreaking Ceremony folder are available at the Welcome Center. Be sure to check out the St. Paul's YouTube Channel for the entire Groundbreaking Ceremony. Thank you for your continued support of **Because iT Matters**.

