

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



210 East Pleasant Street  
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066  
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)

Worship Schedule: \*Saturday 5:30 pm \* Sunday 8:00 am Traditional \*  
\* Sunday 10:30 am Contemporary \*

**St. Paul's Mission Statement: "Reaching, Serving and Growing Disciples"**

April 30/May 1, 2016

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus  
Jonathon Pickelmann, Principal  
Volume 22

Ben Mueller, Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, Kinder Place Director

Office Hours - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Number 20

WELCOME to everyone, especially our guests.  
Your presence is important to us.

St. Paul's is an evangelical Christian congregation, embracing historic Christian teaching on all doctrines, centered on Jesus Christ. Our desire is to bring the Gospel both to those who are searching for answers to the meaning of life and to those who desire a closer relationship with God. We here at St. Paul's have chosen to align ourselves with the teachings of the Lutheran Reformation, due to the clarity with which these help us to see the true meaning of God's Word. Specifically, St. Paul's is a ministry of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, one of America's truly biblical churches!

- **Members and guests:** please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate to indicate your presence today. For Holy Communion, please read our confession and indicate your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.
- Those sharing our beliefs, especially from parishes in fellowship with us, are welcome to receive.
- If you desire Holy Communion but hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, please speak with a Pastor or an Elder.
- Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.

**Please note:** *Half the inner circle of individual glasses in each tray contains water with **one drop** of communion wine for those hesitant to drink larger amounts of wine. Those glasses with wine are rose in color.*

## THE 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER CONFIRMATION

**Come to worship.** As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *Overcome*

Traditional Worship

**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 1, pg. 151**

Contemporary Worship

**Special Order**

## BIBLE STUDIES

**A Walk Through the Bible**

**567-5001 Sun. - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

**2 Timothy and Titus**

**567-8195 Tues. – 7:00 p.m. Muecke's Home**

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Dennis & Florence Zastrow in praise to God for their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 5<sup>th</sup>. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com. The **altar flowers** are sponsored by Mary Hickenbottom in praise to God for her parents' (Dennis & Florence Zastrow) wedding anniversary.

## REACHING DISCIPLES

**LWML** meets on Tuesday, **May 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Note date change)

### **MOVING HELP NEEDED**

Here is your opportunity to be Jesus' hands and feet to a sister in Christ, mother of 3, whose hand is in a cast following surgery due to domestic abuse. We are moving boxes on May 13<sup>th</sup> and furniture on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jane (Zenner) Moll at 414-801-1147 or janemariemoll@gmail.com if you can help.

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Here's your chance for a mission opportunity that will benefit Bethany Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. The date is May 21, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and we will be repairing Bibles and hymnals, packing health kits for the homeless and washing the folding chairs that are used for the Soup Kitchen. Depending on which project you'd like to be a part of, please bring tape to repair the books, quart and gallon sized freezer weight Ziploc bags or a bucket. Bethany will provide lunch. Please contact Kathy Mueller (262-468-6926) by May 13<sup>th</sup> if you would like to help.

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### **CARING TREE--MONTH OF MAY~REACHING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY**

St. Paul's Ladies Aid is collecting items for chemo care tote bags. Tricia's Troops Cancer Connection in Oconomowoc collects and distributes chemo care tote bags to men and women who are receiving their first chemo treatment at a local Waukesha County cancer clinic. These tote bags are filled with a variety of items to provide comfort, relief and inspiration. These "grab and go" totes can then be taken to each treatment to remind cancer fighters they are thought of, cared for and never alone in their journey.

Tricia's Troops also provide limited financial assistance and free support services for such things as: home cleaning, laundry, transportation, child/pet care, meal/grocery support, respite care, wigs and more. As they are a not-for-profit organization, they also need monetary assistance or gift cards to help provide these services. Checks would be made payable to Tricia's Troops, Inc.

Check out the May caring tree and lend us a hand by helping to supply them with needed supplies and support. Candi at Tricia's Troops says they especially need plastic drinking glasses--the kind with a lid and straw to aid in drinking while laying down.

Thank you for all the help you can give. For further information, you can go to [WWW.TRICIASTROOPS.ORG](http://WWW.TRICIASTROOPS.ORG). If you would like to volunteer or find out other ways you can help; such as helping at their yearly fund raiser or being a part of their prayer group, call Candi at 262-569-7800 or e-mail [candi@triciastroops.org](mailto:candi@triciastroops.org).

## 1,000 COOKIES NEEDED!

St. Paul's is sponsoring 1,000 cookies again to the Oconomowoc 2016 LakeWalk for Cancer. We need 9 more volunteers to make 4 dozen cookies each (chocolate chip, sugar or peanut butter). Cookies need to be dropped off in the school kitchen by 3:00 pm on May 6<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Pam Tanner at [pam\\_tanner@yahoo.com](mailto:pam_tanner@yahoo.com) or 262-370-7499.

## GROWING DISCIPLES

### LADIES AID

Reminder-Don't forget to bring your bag of hard candy to the Mother~Daughter~Friend Banquet for "Tricia's Troops" (root beer, peppermint, lemon or ginger). Also, our May meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We will be doing a potluck that evening, so please bring your favorite eats!

## Children's Rummage Sale ~ May 21<sup>st</sup>

8am—2pm

St. Paul's Kinder Place will be having a rummage sale held in the gym of St. Paul's School. We are now accepting donations of any lightly used clothes, toys, games, books, and children's furniture. They can be dropped off at Kinder Place or the Church Office.

Donations are tax deductible.

*We hope to see you there!*

### EBERT'S GREENHOUSE VILLAGE/St. Paul's Fundraising voucher

Shop Ebert's Greenhouse Village on **Wed/Thurs, May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Wed/Thurs, May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10%** of your purchase will be donated to St. Paul's Lutheran School.



Ebert's Greenhouse Village – W1795 Fox Road – Ixonia, WI 53036

920.261.5645 – [www.ebertsgreenhouse.com](http://www.ebertsgreenhouse.com)

Hours: M-F 8am – 8pm; Sat. 8am – 6pm; Sun. 10am – 6pm

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Orner at 414.333.5377



Restrictions: Voucher must be present at time of purchase in order for St. Paul's to receive donation.

Offer valid only 5/4-5/16 and 5/25-26/16. Offer cannot be combined with other offers.

Offer cannot be used in concert w Scrip. Offer is not good on sale items. Offer does not include sales tax.

Other restrictions may apply.

St. Paul's PTL Spring Fundraiser

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Office Use Only: Sale Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Amt: \_\_\_\_\_ Cashier's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Overcome*

May 1-8, 2016

## **The Order of Meditation and Prayer**

### **Overcome**

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Through His resurrection from the dead Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that "whatever you ask of the Father" in Jesus' name, "he will give it to you" (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our "joy may be full" (John 16:24). Yes, we are "glad and sing for joy" (Psalm 67:4) because The Lord "has judged the people with equity" (Psalm 67:4) in Christ. Through Baptism we are acquitted and set free to truly Live through the Word and in communion with "the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14). In this one, holy and Christian church our temple is "the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb" (Rev. 21:22).

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

### **Invocation**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**Christ-Centered Theme:** Christ has overcome the world; in Him we, too, overcome.

**Verse:** John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

**Psalm: Psalm 67 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304**

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	93	97	98	99	97	51	104	19
<b>Evening</b>	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111	81, 113

## Catechism—To Wives

Wives, submit to your husbands, as to the Lord. <b>Ephesians 5: 22</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade +
[This is the way the holy women of the past Who put their hope in God Used to make themselves beautiful.] They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. <b>1 Peter 3:5-6</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +

## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Overcome*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299ff.	
<b>Sun.</b>	Jesus Has Overcome the World— John 16:23-33	Num. 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25-15:10
<b>Mon.</b>	Jesus Restores Peter—John 21:15-25	Num. 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
<b>Tue.</b>	The Great Commission—Matthew 28:16-20	Num. 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
<b>Wed.</b>	St. Mark Records the Command to Preach— Mark 16:9-20	Num. 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
<b>Thur.</b>	Jesus Opens the Scriptures to the Disciples— Luke 24:44-53	Num. 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
<b>Fri.</b>	The Ascension of Our Lord—Acts 1:1-14	Num. 11:24-39; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37

## **Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's**

Collect for The Sixth Sunday of Easter: O overcome

O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Daily Themes for Prayer**

**Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*

**Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*

**Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

**Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

**Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*

**Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

**Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

### **In Our Prayers this Week**

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS** – Shirley Dibble (double-knee replacement - May 5); Bob Klee - CIDP; Bill Voss; Ethan Meyer - brain tumor; Glenn Leidel; Peter Radulovich; Mabel Fredrick; Laura Gruen; Don Gauerke; Agnes Thurow; Jim Wilson (ALS) & Karen Wilson; Alice Feldschneider; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Esther Hart; Iris Jahnke; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Quinn - breast cancer; Isiah Butler-Lymphoma; Dan Rogers (Jon Schmeling's brother-in-law) - bladder cancer; Julie; Jacalyn Balcuin (Carol Lenz's daughter); Laurie Farrell (Grant Hopkins's sister) - recovering from double mastectomy; Roxanne (Corienne Walek's mom); Rebecca Paulson; Joanne Montanegro-Greinke; Ethan; Michael Graham; Jenny Lemke (friend of the Uttech's); Kayla (7 years-old) - brain cancer; Cheri (Tina Gartzke's friend); Linda F - breast cancer; Lloyd Crom; Jack Anderson; Patrick McNally; Kim B. - breast cancer; Brian Keller; Jeanie; Grace Wilhelm (Multiple Myeloma); Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law) - Lymphoma; Lea Acord (Pat Borgman's friend); Donald - bladder cancer; Korbin Berg - colon cancer; Jan; Mike Ball; Jessica; Chris Moha - breast cancer; Amy (Heather Gartzke's friend); Robert Counsell; Pat (Renee Ebert's aunt) - ovarian cancer; Ray Liska; Sue; Jim; Cheri Benz - breast cancer; Cami - healing; Tim - lung cancer; Pastor William Meyer (Don Meyer's brother) - Lymphoma; Dan (stage 4 prostate cancer);

Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain - kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski - throat cancer; Nancy - breast cancer; Sarah Beine (stage 4 cancer) **Other:** Gary Haimerl; Clem - high calcium heart; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister) - fractured back; Ray (Crystal Parker's friend); Ken (Kathie Ware's twin brother) - congestive heart failure; Kelly Braswell (BJ Lavota's sister) - MS; Brian Kloskowski - MS; Logyn (1 1/2 year old) - unknown health issues; Pat - afib; Noah - medical issues; TJ Easley (Dawn Lower's brother-in-law); Margaret Bauman (Pat Menden's sister) - hospice; Ruby Zimmerman - minor stroke; Ruth Borgman; Mora; Carol Duchow (Dorothy's sister-in-law) - hospice; Barb - severe daily headaches; Fred (Lynda Rades's brother); Lynne Kramer (Susie Meyer's dad); Joel (Tina Gartzke's nephew); Dwain Kline (Jennifer Truchan's grandpa) - Alzheimer's; Clarence; Pam Leimer (Pat Borgman's cousin) - stroke; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan's son) - MS; Kelly Kulas; Ray (Michelle Schlomer's grandpa); Charles Tuff (Alzheimer's); Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Zach Howard, Theresa; Phil Preston; Captain Chad Kelling and his unit VMM-223; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, Tom, Brad, Ben, Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Christie Nelson (China), Ray Wigdal (China), Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; the family of Dennis (Leslyn Mueller's brother), who passed away last week; Josh, for help with alcoholism; Daniel to come back to the Lord; those struggling with addiction--Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri; the friend of a member in an abusive relationship; missionaries being attacked by ISIS; the Christians being persecuted in the Middle East.

**Anniversary:** Dennis & Florence Zastrow - 65<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Birthdays:** Sofia Abel - 16<sup>th</sup> - April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Trevor Leonhardt - 15<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of the Week: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**LSB 411**

**Looking forward to Living as a Minority, Part 1**

**May 7/8, 2016**

**Hymns: 840, 491 (620, 532, 834) 821**

***Living as a Minority 1: Power Promised***

Christ is risen and ascended, and He's still very much in mission. Contexts vary, and Spirit blows when and where he pleases, but through His beloved Christ continues to call people to repentance and forgiveness. This has never been easy, but in the U.S. it is a challenging time. Biblically confessional Christians are a minority today, yet our readings teach us that we have nothing to fear because Jesus has promised us the power we need to live out our discipleship, despite conflict. Our text also shows the need that the church has for "house-keeping details" (the election of Judas' replacement). Both are necessary: outreach and "house-keeping" with the emphasis on outreach. This will be played out in the whole Book of Acts.



# CELEBRATE ASCENSION!

## SWD Circuit 22 Ascension Service

at St. John's Lutheran Church – Ashippun

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Dinner 5:30 p.m. ~ Service 7:00 p.m.

*The offering will go to "Free at Last" Prison Ministry*

St. John's Lutheran Church

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**St. Paul's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Regular Voter's Meeting

May 15, 2016 ~ 12:00 in the Church

### AGENDA

*Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples*

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Special Voter's Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2016
- E. State of the Parish Report
- F. Treasurer's Report
- G. Committee Reports (Land Committee, Capital Campaign Committee)
- H. Administrative Board Reports  
(Christian Growth, Church Properties, Education & Early Childhood, Elders, Evangelism, Service & Mission Outreach, Stewardship, and Youth)
- I. Old Business
  - a. Motion to approve changes to Constitution/Bylaws
- J. New Business
  - a. Motion to approve slate of candidates for leadership positions
  - b. Motion to approve 2016-2017 financial ministry plan
- K. Adjournment
- L. Closing Prayer

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to be directed to St. Paul's online giving webpage.



For the most current information on St. Paul's happenings, please visit our website at [splco.org](http://splco.org).

**UPCOMING EVENTS: May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**ADVANCE THE MISSION**  
**REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES**

MONDAY May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry	Hallway	5:30 pm
TUESDAY May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mother~Daughter~Friend Banquet	Oconomowoc Golf Club	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Life Together Bible Studies Adult Choir Praise Team Practice	Various Rooms Balcony Church	6:30 pm 7:20 pm 8:45 pm
THURSDAY May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Dinner at St. John's Ashippun Ascension Worship at St. John's Ashippun Praise Team Practice	St. John's Ashippun St. John's Ashippun Church	5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY May 7 <sup>h</sup>	Saturday Evening Worship AA Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Public School Confirmation Class Time to Grow Contemporary Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Room 201 Various Rooms Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

# ATTENDANCE

April 23/24

Church Attendance :

5:30 pm - 86

8:00 am - 189

10:30 am - 166

441 Total; 31 visitors; 410 members

ST. PAUL'S MAY EPISTLE IS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT SPLCO.ORG.

**FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN**  
 We rejoice to have families with small children participating in our worship services. There are baskets available with items that might be helpful for your children behind the back pews.

THIS WEEKEND	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
<b>Special Music</b>	Kathy Mueller	Adult Choir	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Caden Moldenhauer	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Tesch	Dorothy Duchow	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Elders</b>	Mike Tesch	Dave Meyer	John Melvin
<b>Greeters</b>	Brenda Nagel	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
<b>Lectors</b>	Barb Brockway	Gary Ketchum	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Todd Leonhardt	Mike Papa	John Melvin

May 7/8	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 1:1-26		Mark 16:15-16
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Makenna Paar	Josie & Annalee Duchow
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Barb Hentz	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	Rick Zastrow	Karen Meyer (church) Jim & Judy Braatz (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
<b>Lectors</b>	Chad Eberhardt	Glenn Gartzke	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	Truman Seifert

# THE 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Psalm 67 - read responsively (ESV)

*Pew Bible pg. 611*

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
**and make his face to shine upon us,**

that your way may be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you!**

The earth has yielded its increase;  
**God, our God, shall bless us.**

God shall bless us;  
**let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

## Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27 (ESV)

*Pew Bible pg. 1327*

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the

Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

## John 16:23-33 (ESV)

*Pew Bible pg. 1149*

In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016