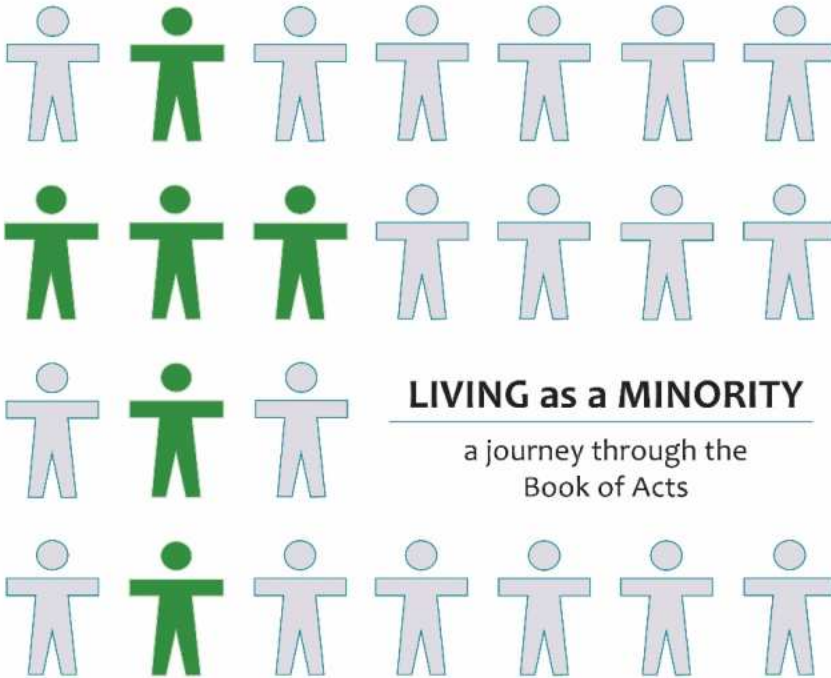


St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

Go Where the Spirit Leads



210 East Pleasant Street
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: www.splco.org

Worship Schedule: *Saturday 5:30 pm * Sunday 8:00 am Traditional *
* Sunday 10:30 am Contemporary * Wednesday 6:30 pm Lakeside*

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

July 16/17, 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 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Number 31

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 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Pastor: Steven Scharnell

Theme: *Living as a Minority*
Part 11: Go Where the Spirit Leads

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 4, pg. 203

Contemporary Worship

Special Order

BIBLE STUDIES

A Walk Through the Bible

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

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

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Stan & Louann Kuehl in praise to God for blessings received. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, through August 26th. Please call prior to coming to the office (262.567.5001), incase of fluctuations in the schedule.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 5:30 pm Worship Service, **Chase Michael**. He is the son of Michael & Amy (Velic) **Lauber**. Chase's sponsors are Andrew Velic & Emily Lauber. We also welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 8:00 am Worship Service, **Evan Thomas**. He is the son of Erik & Anna **Tinus**. Evan's sponsors are Jim Tessmer & Katy Tessmer. We will keep Chase and Evan in our prayers.

*Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities.

REACHING DISCIPLES

St. Paul's Fellowship Coffee Hour



This Sunday!

(Mark your calendars for the 3rd Sunday of Every Month!)

July Hosts: St. Paul's Journeymen

Time: 9:15 am to 10:25 am

Stay after the 8am Service!

Where: St. Paul's school lobby & hallway **or** outside by the lobby doors on sunny days

Welcome new members & visitors!

Enjoy the fellowship of our church members!

Coffee, milk, juice, water and sweet treats will be served

SERVING DISCIPLES

FAMILY PROMISE OF WESTERN WAUKSHA COUNTY SAYS, "THANK YOU!"

To all the wonderful volunteers that welcomed guests from Family Promise the week of June 26th - July 3rd - THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for donating items for breakfast and lunches.

Thank you for the delicious warm meals.

Thank you for sitting down to enjoy a dinner with new friends.

Thank you for playing games, having squirt gun wars, potting plants, grilling out, paddling in boats and sharing in the spectacular fireworks display.

Thank you for leaving your comfortable home behind to sleep on a creaky cot.

Thank you for taking time to listen and uplift a neighbor.

The donation of your time and the sharing of your kindness was appreciated by the guests.

Some things we heard guests say this week:

"This is the most fun I have had in months."

"I love waking up to see the beautiful lake."

"The people here are so nice".

"I have never been in a paddle boat before, it was awesome!"

"The fireworks were a perfect end to a great week!"

"Can't we just stay here another week?"

The guests felt welcomed, relaxed and we hope renewed in the hope that they can move forward another day knowing they are cared for by so many.

Thank you St. Paul's and Our Savior's.

You are appreciated.

Ann Corning, Laura Seipel and Deb Prange

Family Promise volunteer coordinators for OSLC and St. Paul's.

GROWING DISCIPLES

ST. PAUL'S GRADUATING & CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 1986 - 30th REUNION!

The St. Paul's Graduating Class **and** Confirmation Class of 1986 will be having their 30 year reunion on Saturday July 30th. We will be attending the church service at 5:30 and following will be going to Fiesta Cancun. \$15 per person includes ta co/fajita bar, chips and salsa. Cash bar. RSVP on Facebook (St. Paul's Class of 1986 30th Reunion) or call Michelle Pagenkopf at 262-370-4611 or email at kraft225@gmail.com. Thanks - Michelle Pagenkopf, Carey Meyer, and Nicole Goeman Britten.

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Living as a Minority, Part 11: Go Where the Spirit Leads

July 17 - 24, 2016

Go Where the Spirit Leads

There are three things here: first, we have to be open to hear the Holy Spirit. He knows the field/person that is ready to hear and believe. Second, we have to know where to hear the Spirit's direction. Third, we have to obey!

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

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

Verse: Colossians 2:6-7— As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Christ-Centered Theme: The Holy Spirit leads all believers to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the whole world, no exceptions.

Psalm: Psalm 27 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Daily Psalms								
Morning	19	136	123	15	36	130	56	67
Evening	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 62	46, 93

Catechism—The Ten Commandments: *The Third Commandment: What does this mean?*

<p><i>Third Commandment</i> 3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.</p>	<p>2nd Grade +</p>

Living as a Minority, Part 11: Go Where the Spirit Leads

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings
Sun.	Mark 4:13-20	<p>For Daily Prayer Readings, please refer to the “Living as a Minority” weekly devotions found on St. Paul’s website at www.splco.org.</p> <p>The devotions can be found by clicking on CHURCH → LIVING AS A MINORITY → Weekly Guides or on the bookshelves in the back of the sanctuary.</p>
Mon.	Confessing Christ—Luke 12:1-12	
Tue.	The Parable of the Rich Fool—Luke 12:13-34	
Wed.	The Faithful Servant—Luke 12:35-48	
Thur.	Christ Brings Division and Suffering—Luke 12:49-59	
Fri.	The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree—Luke 13:1-9	

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

Collect for Living as a Minority, Part 11: Go Where the Spirit Leads

Lord God of truth, You converted the apostle Paul from persecutor of the Church to Almighty God, You stirred to compassion the hearts of Your dear servants Dorcas, Lydia, and Phoebe to uphold and sustain Your Church by their devoted and charitable deeds. Give us the same will to love You, open our eyes to see You in the least ones, and strengthen our hands to serve You in others, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 – Jessica Groenke; Sam Marrari; Pastor Borgman; Esther Hart - broken hip; Karen Meyer - health issues; Don Gauerke; Michelle Pagenkopf - recovering from shoulder surgery; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider; Hadley McCormack - premature baby born at 1 lb. 3 oz.; Shirley Dibble; Ethan Meyer - brain tumor; Mabel Fredrick; Agnes Thurow; Alice Feldschneider; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltsack; Iris Jahnke; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Harry Finkelmeyer; Roy Hyatt - cancer returned; Kathy Strade (Paul Egger's niece); Daina Boppre - breast cancer; Peter Papa (Mike's dad) - prostate cancer in his spine; Quinn - breast cancer; Isiah Butler - Lymphoma; Dan Rogers (Jon Schmeling's brother-in-law) - bladder cancer; Julie; Laurie Farrell (Grant Hopkins' sister) - recovering from double mastectomy; 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; Jacalyn Balcuinas (Carol Lenz's daughter); Brian Keller; Jeanie; 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: Bruce - open heart surgery; Gaby Guadagno (Celeste Abel's mom) - brain tumor; Curt G.; Jean Schiellach (Shirley Dibble's sister-in-law) - 5 fractured vertebrae; Laurie DaFonte (Dina Tanner's sister) - gravely ill; Donald Ryan (Gail Frosch's dad); Ashlin - stage 4 renal failure; Gary Haimerl; Clem - high calcium heart; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister) - fractured back; 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; Mora; Carol Duchow (Dorothy's sister-in-law) - hospice; 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; Charles Tuff (Alzheimer's); Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Sgt. Tyler Peartree; 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 Derow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; the family of Erika Reiner, who died; the family of Ray (Michelle Schlomer's grandfather) who died; the family of Chuck Frazier, who died of ALS; the family of Reggie Jacobosky (Terry's mom), who died; Principal Jon Pickelmann as he deliberates Divine Calls to Lutheran Schools in Michigan; the Ellenberger family who grieves the loss of their daughter, Jessica and granddaughter, Mady and for strength during the upcoming hearings and trial; Josh, for help with alcoholism; Daniel to come back to the Lord; those struggling with addiction--Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Kerl.

Baptisms: Chase Michael, son of Michael & Amy (Velic) Lauber - July 16th
Evan Thomas, son of Erik & Anna Tinus - July 17th

Thanksgiving: Florence Zastrow for favorable test results

Public Reception of New Members: Erik Reichertz
Adam & Nicole Tanney
Erik & Anna Tinus, Addison & Evan
Jack & Sharon Stoner

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

Hymn of the Week: "For all the Faithful Women"

LSB 855

Looking forward to Living as a Minority, Part 12

July 23/24, 2016

531, 653 (534, 609, 652) 648

Be Surprised! (Part 1)

God the Holy Spirit performs miracles, and he does that when someone unexpected confesses Christ. Only those, inspired by the Spirit, are able to confess that "Jesus is Lord." Here we learn that the Gospel is not just for "Jews"; it is also for Gentiles. The Gospel is for everyone.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: July 18th - 25th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY July 18th	Lord's Cupboard Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm
TUESDAY July 19th	Board of Elders Meeting Praise Team Practice (Look2Him)	Room 219 Church	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY July 20th	Summer Worship by the Lake	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY July 21st	Praise Team Practice (In His Light)	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY July 23rd	Journeymen Saturday Evening Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY July 24th	Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Living as a Minority Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Room 201 Church	8:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am

Wednesday Summer Worship Services

Lakeside Summer Worship (in our backyard) is on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs! Sermons will be from the prior Sunday. (If there is inclement weather, services will be moved into the sanctuary.)

ATTENDANCE

July 9/10/13

Church Attendance :

5:30 pm - 91

8:00 am - 124

10:30 am - 115

Lakeside - 23

247 Total; 24 visitors; 223 members

ST. PAUL'S JUNE/JULY 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

Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
Special Music	Scott Thomas	Scott Thomas	
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Hannah Tuff & Leann Wolf
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Dorothy Duchow	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwi eg
Elders	Bruce Bain	Bryan Polinske	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Roxie Gerlach	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Jamie Stache
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Erik Benes
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Ushers	Gary Flanagan	Dan Friedrich	Truman Seifert

July 23/24

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Acts 11:1-30		Luke 24:44-48
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Jean Fisher	Wendy Tesch	Barb Star
Elders	Rick Zastrow	Mike Tesch	John Melvin
Greeters	John & Margie Hertneky	Karen Meyer (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Rick Zastrow	Todd Leonhardt	John Melvin

LIVING AS A MINORITY, PART 11: GO WHERE THE SPIRIT LEADS

Acts 9:32-10:48 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1168

³²Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. ³³There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. ³⁴And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. ³⁵And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

³⁶Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴²And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

¹At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ²a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. ³About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." ⁴And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. ⁶He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." ⁷When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, ⁸and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. ¹⁰And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ¹¹and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. ¹²In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."

¹⁴But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean."

¹⁵And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common."

¹⁶This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

¹⁷Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate ¹⁸and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. ¹⁹And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. ²⁰Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." ²¹And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?" ²²And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." ²³So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

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²⁵When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." ²⁷And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. ²⁸And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."

³⁰And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³²Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' ³³So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Mark 4:13-20 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1067

And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."