

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

Away We Go! (Part 1)



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"*

August 6/7, 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 34

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 12th 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: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *Living as a Minority*
Week 14: Away We Go! (Part 1)

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 a member 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. The **altar flowers** are sponsored by Jim & Linda Hertneky in praise to God for blessings received.



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.

BAPTISM

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 10:30 am Worship Service, **Trey Jeffrey**. He is the son of Jeffrey & Melissa (Schott) **Stone**. His sponsors are Blake Schott & Denise Craig. We will keep Trey 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

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Lake Country Lutheran High School is looking for families interested in hosting returning Chinese Students. The students last year were housed near Hales Corners and would like to be closer to school to become more active in the school life. A monthly stipend of \$900 is paid to the host family. Housing could be for 3 month, 6 months or for the entire school year. Please contact Dwayne Jobst at 262-367-8600 x301 or via email at djobst@lakecountryhs.org if you are interested in more information.

SERVING DISCIPLES

LEGION BAND CONCERT

On Wednesday evening, August 10, at 7:30 - 8:30 PM at the Rhodée Memorial Band Shell, City Beach, Oconomowoc, the Oconomowoc American Legion Band will be presenting Concert # 9 of the season "Music Makes the World Go Round"; with selections representing various countries: "Valdres" Norwegian March, "March On An Irish Air", "Japanese" selections, "The King and I", "Lady of Spain", "A Highland Fling", "Brazil", "Great Gate of Kiev", and "Swedish Folk Marsch" will be played by the band.

GROWING DISCIPLES

LORD'S CUPBOARD SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It's that time of year for families getting ready for the new school year. Please pick up some school supplies for our kids that come to the Lord's Cupboard. Place the items in the basket in the narthex or in the Lord's Cupboard box in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for helping out these families in our community!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ALL CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE

August 28th

10:30 am in the Sanctuary
(This will be the only worship service that weekend.)

During this special Worship Service, we will ask God to bless the upcoming school year and have a special *blessing of the backpacks service* in which ALL school-age children (St. Paul's and all other schools) will have the opportunity to have their backpacks blessed.

The worship service will be followed by our annual picnic which will be a fundraiser for the 7th graders to earn money for their South Dakota trip in fall of 2017.



The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Living as a Minority, Part 14: Away We Go! (Part 1)

August 7 - 14, 2016

Away We Go! (Part 1)

Apparently the Christians in Jerusalem became complacent. Persecution woke them up, and they started moving into the wider world. This text records the first missionary journey of Barnabas and Paul. What do we learn from their various stops? Called, miracles happen; people believe and are encouraged, forgiveness proclaimed, rejection and also misguided acclaim, stoning, and an open door. We can expect all of that at one time or another.

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: Luke 12:32— "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Christ-Centered Theme: The love of Christ is faith in action.

Psalm: Psalm 33 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

| | Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
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| Daily Psalms | | | | | | | | |
| Morning | 103 | 5 | 42 | 89:1-18 | 97 | 51 | 104 | 19 |
| Evening | 117, 139 | 84, 29 | 102, 133 | 1, 33 | 16, 62 | 142, 65 | 118, 111 | 81, 113 |

Catechism—The Lord’s Prayer - The Fourth Petition: *What is meant by daily bread?*

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| <p><i>The Lord’s Prayer (Fourth Petition)</i> Give us this day our daily bread.</p> | <p>Preschool +</p> |
| <p><i>What is meant by daily bread?</i> Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of this body, such as food, drink, dothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.</p> | <p>2nd Grade +</p> |

Living as a Minority, Part 14: Away We Go! (Part 1)

| Day | Bible Stories for the Family & School | Daily prayer readings |
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| Sun. | John 15:18-21 | <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. | The Rich Young Ruler—Luke 18:18-34 | |
| Tue. | Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus—Luke 18:35-43 | |
| Wed. | Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus’s House— Luke 19:1-10 | |
| Thur. | The Parable of the Minas—Luke 19:11-28 | |
| Fri. | Palm Sunday—Luke 19:29-48 | |

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

Collect for Living as a Minority, Part 14: Away We Go! (Part 1)

Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, 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 – Connie Evans; Irene Behl; Matt Dinnauer; Laura Gruen - brain cancer; 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 Faltersack; Iris Jahnke; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: District President John Wille; Sue (Dina Tanner's cousin) - facing complex cancer surgery; Ron Olson (Laura Rohowetz's father); Harry Finkelmeier; 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; 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: Ken; Don; Pauline Nagobads - recovering from auto accident; Lincoln - 2 year-old diagnosed with Autism; 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; Donald Ryan (Gail Frosch's dad); Ashlin - stage 4 renal failure; Gary Haimerl; Ray Kugler for favorable test results; 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; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction--Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Kerl.

Baptism: Trey Jeffrey, son of Jeffrey & Melissa (Schott) Stone - August 7th

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

Hymn of the Week: "Thy Strong Word"

LSB 578

Looking forward to Living as a Minority, Part 15

August 13/14, 2016

Hymns: 712, 575 (861, 602, 570) 830

Always Return to the Basics

Here again there was the possibility of dividing the church, the issue legalism. Under the Spirit's leading, "house-keeping" was discussed openly, and a decision was reached to return to the basics concerning Christ. Then the decision was communicated so that everyone was on the same page. Because we are sinners, there will always be this need to do "house-keeping" so that we will keep our focus on the mission.

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: August 8th - 14th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

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| MONDAY August 8 th | Stephen Ministry Continuing Education | Room 201 | 7:00 pm |
| TUESDAY August 9 th | Board of Elders Meeting Praise Team Practice (Look2Him) | Room 219 Church | 6:30 pm 7:00 pm |
| WEDNESDAY August 10 th | Summer Worship by the Lake | Backyard | 6:30 pm |
| THURSDAY August 11 th | Praise Team Practice (In His Light) | Church | 7:00 pm |
| SATURDAY August 13 th | Journeymen Saturday Evening Worship AA Meeting | Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall | 7:30 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm |
| SUNDAY August 14 th | 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 30/31/August 3

Church Attendance :

5:30 pm - 105

8:00 am - 104

10:30 am - 126

Lakeside - 21

356 Total; 31 visitors; 325 members

ST. PAUL'S AUGUST 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

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| Music Leaders | Sheri Fleischfresser | Sheri Fleischfresser | In His Light |
| Special Music | Kathy Mueller | Kathy Mueller | |
| Acolytes | TBD | Makenna Paar | Leann Wolf |
| Altar Guild | Martha Blanck | Leslyn Mueller | Sarah Neff |
| Elders | Bryan Polinske | Dave Meyer | Jon Schmeling |
| Greeters | Roxie Gerlach | Jim & Marlene Steinberg (church) Don & Harriet Groose (school) | Wayne & Diane Gartzke |
| Power Point | N/A | N/A | Erik Benes |
| Radio | N/A | Steve Hansen | N/A |
| Ushers | Dan Friedrich | Mike Papa | Truman Seifert |

August 13/14

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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| Readings | Acts 15:1-35 | | Matthew 20:17-19 |
| Acolytes | TBD | TBD | Aaron Pickelmann |
| Altar Guild | Margie Hertneky | Donna Andrus | Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieg |
| Elders | Mike Tesch | Rick Zastrow | John Melvin |
| Greeters | Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer | Ralph & Donna Andrus (church) Chuck & Jenny Laabs (school) | Darlene Adams |
| Power Point | N/A | N/A | Cheryl Oelsner |
| Radio | N/A | Jim Juneau | N/A |
| Ushers | Todd Leonhardt | Rick Zastrow | John Melvin |

THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Acts 13:1–14:27 (pg. 1172 in *Pew Bible*)

1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. 6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. 7 He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. 9 But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, 14 but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. 15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." 16 So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

"Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. 17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. 18 And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. 19 And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. 20 All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. 21 Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' 23 Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. 24 Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

26 "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. 27 For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. 28 And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. 29 And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead, 31 and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. 32 And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers,

33 his he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you."

34 And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,
"I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David."

35 Therefore he says also in another psalm,

"You will not let your Holy One see corruption."

36 For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, 37 but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. 38 Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything 39 from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. 40 Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

41“Look, you scoffers,
be astounded and perish;
for I am doing a work in your days,
a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.”

42As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. 43And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

44The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. 45But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. 46And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

48And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. 49And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. 50But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. 51But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. 52And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

1 Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. 2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. 3 So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. 4 But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. 5 When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, 6 they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, 7 and there they continued to preach the gospel.

8 Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, 10 said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet!” And he sprang up and began walking. 11 And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, 15 “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. 16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” 18 Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. 20 But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. 23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. 25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, 26 and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. 27 And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

John 15:18-21 – ESV (pg. 1148 in Pew Bible)

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.”