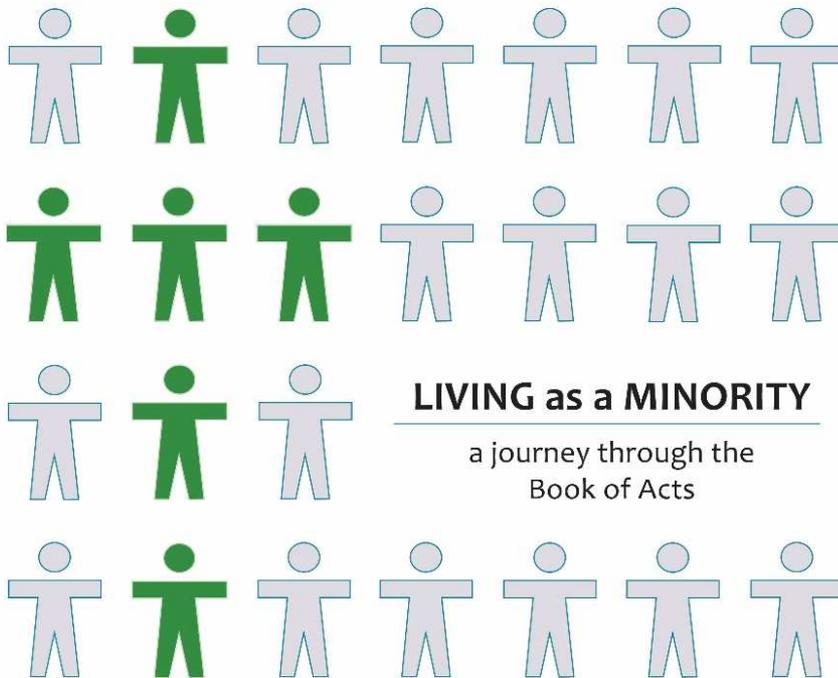


# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

## It Can Get Rough



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"**

October 1<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

Adam Tanney, Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, Kinder Place Director

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

Number 40

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.

## LWML SUNDAY

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

**Pastor:** Steve Scharnell

**Theme:** *Living as a Minority*  
*Part 22: It Can Get Rough*

Traditional Worship  
**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 2, pg. 167**

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 LWML in praise to God for blessing's 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 Rick & Diane Zastrow in praise to God for their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

# WELCOME TO SUNDAY/WEEKEND!

## REACHING DISCIPLES

### NEW ELDER & USHER SCHEDULE AVAILABLE!

The new elder/usher schedule which runs from October through December is available in the podium in the narthex. Please pick yours up today!

### HAVE YOU OPENED YOUR GIFTS?

A new trend is something called a “Reveal Party,” which is where good news is shared with friends in a fun and exciting way.

St. Paul’s is about to have its own Reveal Party...and the good news that we will be sharing is about you and your own special Gift package!

God has given each of us many gifts. Some of these are material gifts, some are in the form of talents and natural abilities. But His best gifts to you are what are called “Spiritual Gifts!” *For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same*

*function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. ~ Romans 12:4-6a (See also 1 Cor. 12:1-20 and Ephesians 4:16)*

However, many of us have no idea what these gifts are and/or how they can be used to further God’s Kingdom, thus this special Reveal Party.

This party will be held in two parts. The 1<sup>st</sup> part will be on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:30. At this session we will “unwrap” your gifts and learn what they are and why you have them. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session will be from 9:00 to 12:30 on October 15<sup>th</sup> and will be when we will explore how these gifts can be used.

The party will be held at the Allen’s house at N7865 Maple Ridge Rd., which is off Ski Slide Rd. Snacks and coffee will be provided — it wouldn’t be a party without food!

We do need to know if you will be joining us so that we can order the materials in time for the 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$15.00 for these materials. To register call the office at 262-567-5001 or Carol Allen at 262-468-4292.

### DONATION FROM ROUNDY’S TO LORD’S CUPBOARD

Roundy’s is again making a donation to the Lord’s Cupboard! We will be receiving 2 pallets of food (approx. 3800 pounds) and a \$500 check on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm at the Pick `n Save located at 1405 Capitol Drive in Pewaukee. What a wonderful blessing!

## **First Communion Hymn: *Serve the Lord with Gladness***

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners, guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory meet us face to face.

### ***Refrain***

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"  
Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command  
To proclaim His Gospel now in every land  
So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus, we can serve Him best.

### ***Refrain***

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy  
Than to serve the Master, work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner brought to hear His voice.

### ***Refrain***

## GROWING DISCIPLES

### **EVER-READY MEETING (50+)**

Our next Ever-Ready meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in Room 219. Pastor Kelling will be doing a program on "The Faith of the Presidents." *All* congregation members are invited to attend.

### **WORDS FOR LIVING**

#### **CONTROL: TO EXERCISE DIRECTING INFLUENCE, POWER, AND AUTHORITY OVER CONDITIONS**

Humans like to be in control, having the power to choose exactly what is going to happen and when. Unfortunately, life isn't like that — we only think we're in control! So when something happens and we realize we're not in control, we feel lost, overwhelmed, angry, even terrified. Stephen Ministers are trained to help when things are out of control. They provide support and encouragement while helping a person put faith and trust in God. If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please call Steve Hansen (646-0516), Jeff Stache (567-1302), Bobbie Scheuer (354-0033), or Carol Allen (468-4292).

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*Living as a Minority, Part 22: It Can Get Rough*

*October 2—October 9, 2016*

## ***It Can Get Rough***

Paul is arrested, he makes his defense, and he is tried before the Sanhedrin. We have to remember what Jesus promised: "When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you" [St. Matthew 10:19-20].

## ***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: James 2:10 Whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

***Christ-Centered Theme:*** John 15:8-9, "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."

**Psalm:** Psalm 62 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

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

**Catechism—Ten Commandments—Review and Close of the Commandments**

<p><i>What does God say about all these commandments?</i>  <b>He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."</b></p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i>          God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Grade +</p>

***Living as a Minority, Part 22: It Can Get Rough***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Stories for the Family &amp; School</b>	<p>For Daily Prayer Readings, please refer to the "Living as a Minority" weekly devotions found on St. Paul's website at <a href="http://www.splco.org">www.splco.org</a>.</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>
<b>Sun.</b>	Matthew 10:19-20	
<b>Mon.</b>	Jesus Warns of Offenses; Faith and Duty— Luke 17:1-10	
<b>Tue.</b>	God's Law Always Threatens and Accuses— Ex. 20:1-6	
<b>Wed.</b>	The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-14	
<b>Thur.</b>	God's Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshippers—Exodus 32:15-35	
<b>Fri.</b>	Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty— Luke 23:13-25	

***Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's Collect for the Living as a Minority, Part 22: It Can Get Rough***

Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

**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** – Duane Peterson—back issues; Dale Weber (knee surgery); Barb Pieper; Alex Knebel - recovering from severe burns; Tim Bratz; Nancy Ellsworth, Laura Gruen - brain cancer; Sam Marrari; Pastor Borgman; Esther Hart; Karen Meyer; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider; Hadley McCormack; 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:** Dawn Hirn—ovarian cancer; Kathe Keithley—breast cancer; Gaby Guadagno (Celeste Abel's mom) - brain tumor; District President John Wille; Sue (Dina Tanner's cousin); Ron Olson (Laura Rohowetz's father); Harry Finkelmeyer; Roy Hyatt - cancer returned; Daina Boppre - breast cancer; 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:** Edward Neitzel—healing and strength; Kathy Kraklau (Susan DeWitz’s mom) - stroke; Mary—thyroid nodules; Dale Berger - stroke; Dan and family for strength and courage; Brayden Stacey—2 year-old with brain tumor; Henry (Susan Shepherd’s dad); Ken; Don; Lincoln - 2 year-old diagnosed with Autism; Bruce - open heart surgery; Curt G.; Jean Schiellack (Shirley Dibble’s sister-in-law) - 5 fractured vertebrae; Donald Ryan (Gail Frosch’s dad); Ashlin - stage 4 renal failure; Ray Kugler for favorable test results; Clem - high calcium heart; 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; 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 Paul Goetzke, who died last week; for teenagers to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards healthy choices; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction--Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

**Anniversaries:** Rick & Diane Zastrow—31<sup>st</sup>—October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mike & Cheryl Reiner—22<sup>nd</sup>—October 1<sup>st</sup>

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

**Hymn of the Week: “Fight the Good Fight”**

**LSB 664**

<b><u>Looking forward to Living as a Minority, Part 22</u></b>	<b>October 8/9, 2016</b>
<b>Hymns: 467:1-5; 665 (724, 622, 718) 467:6-7</b>	
<b>Ambushed</b>	
Paul’s nephew learned that there was a Jewish plot to kill Paul. When it was reported, the decision was made to move Paul so that the governor could hear the case and make a decision. We should never be surprised if we are ambushed, but the Lord has already made his plans. That means that we have to stay on course, saying and doing what we know he wants us to say and do.	

	Hosted by the 4K class on October 9 <sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 am church service... proceeds will be used to purchase a new flag for outside of the school!
	

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: October 3<sup>rd</sup>–9<sup>th</sup>

ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry	Hallway	5:30 pm
TUESDAY October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice (Look2Him) LWML	Church Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Choir <i>Theology on Tap</i> (Life Together) Adult Choir	Balcony Crafty Cow Balcony	5:20 pm 6:30 pm 7:20 pm
THURSDAY October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Aid Praise Team Practice (In His Light)	Fellowship Hall Church	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Journeymen Spiritual Gifts Bible Study (see pg. 3) Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Maxim's Allen's Home Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 9:00 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Service Public School Confirmation <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Living as a Minority Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Sunday Night Alive (5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> ) Fall Festival	Church Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Room 201 Church TBD	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am TBD

# ATTENDANCE

September 24/25

Church Attendance:

5:30 pm – 100

8:00 am – 115

10:30 am – 151

366 Total; 18 visitors; 348 members

ST. PAUL'S OCTOBER EPISTLE IS NOW  
AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT  
[SPLCO.ORG](http://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	In His Light
Special Music	Parish Choir	Adult Choir	
Acolytes	TBD	Caden Moldenhauer & Megan Frosch	Leann Wolf & Nathan Oelsner
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Dorothy Duchow	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Arno Kirchenwitz	Scott Kalien
Greeters	John Melvin	James & Judy Braatz (church) Karen Meyer (school)	Anne Fait
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Bob Bratz	Scott Kalien

October 8/9	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Acts 23:12-35		Matthew 7:12-14
Acolytes	Tyler Flood	Makenna Paar	Hannah Tuff & Dylan Ratzow
Altar Guild	Wendy Tesch	Barb Hentz	Sarah Neff
Elders	Mike Tesch	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Jamie Stache
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Todd Leonhardt	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

## THE 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Acts 21:27—23:11 ~ ESV

*Pew Bible pg. 1184*

<sup>27</sup>When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, <sup>28</sup>crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place." <sup>29</sup>For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. <sup>30</sup>Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. <sup>31</sup>And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. <sup>32</sup>He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. <sup>33</sup>Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He inquired who he was and what he had done. <sup>34</sup>Some in the crowd were shouting one thing, some another. And as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. <sup>35</sup>And when he came to the steps, he was actually carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd, <sup>36</sup>for the mob of the people followed, crying out, "Away with him!" <sup>37</sup>As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, "May I say something to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek? <sup>38</sup>Are you not the Egyptian, then, who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?" <sup>39</sup>Paul replied, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no obscure city. I beg you, permit me to speak to the people." <sup>40</sup>And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying: <sup>1</sup>"Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you." <sup>2</sup>And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said: <sup>3</sup>"I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. <sup>4</sup>I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, <sup>5</sup>as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished. <sup>6</sup>"As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. <sup>7</sup>And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' <sup>8</sup>And I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.' <sup>9</sup>Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. <sup>10</sup>And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.' <sup>11</sup>And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus. <sup>12</sup>"And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, <sup>13</sup>came to me, and standing by me said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. <sup>14</sup>And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; <sup>15</sup>for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup>And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.' <sup>17</sup>"When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance <sup>18</sup>and saw him saying to me, 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly,

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because they will not accept your testimony about me.' <sup>19</sup>And I said, 'Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. <sup>20</sup>And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.' <sup>21</sup>And he said to me, 'Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'" <sup>22</sup>Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live." <sup>23</sup>And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, <sup>24</sup>the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this. <sup>25</sup>But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?" <sup>26</sup>When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen." <sup>27</sup>So the tribune came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" And he said, "Yes." <sup>28</sup>The tribune answered, "I bought this citizenship for a large sum." Paul said, "But I am a citizen by birth." <sup>29</sup>So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him. <sup>30</sup>But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them. <sup>1</sup>And looking intently at the council, Paul said, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day." <sup>2</sup>And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. <sup>3</sup>Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?" <sup>4</sup>Those who stood by said, "Would you revile God's high priest?" <sup>5</sup>And Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'" <sup>6</sup>Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial." <sup>7</sup>And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. <sup>8</sup>For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. <sup>9</sup>Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and contended sharply, "We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?" <sup>10</sup>And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks. <sup>11</sup>The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."

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When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

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