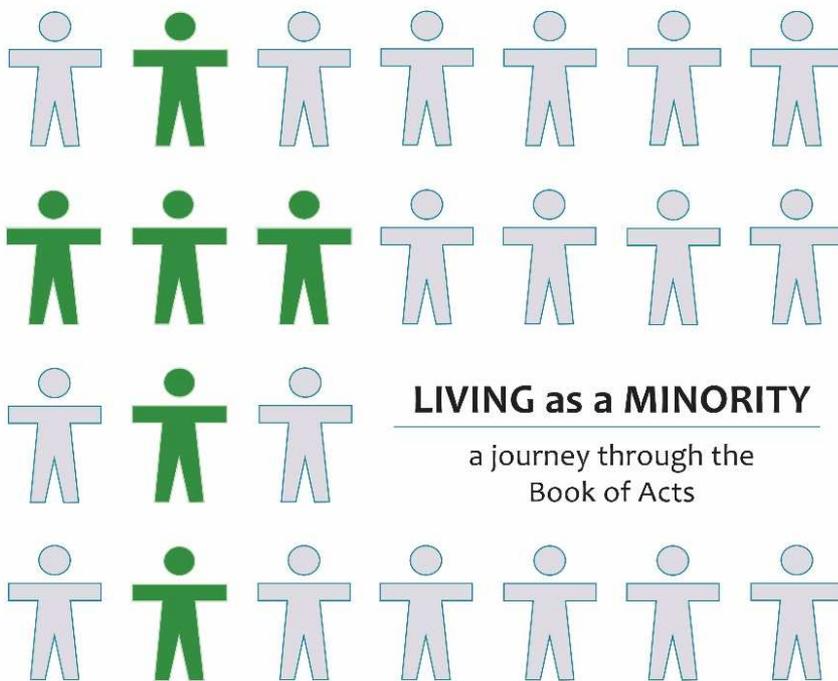


St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Kinder Place

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

Ambushed



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 *

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

October 8th & 9th, 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 41

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 21st 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: Steve Scharnell

Theme: *Living as a Minority*
Part 23: Ambushed

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 George & Carolyn Nagel in praise to God for their 57th wedding anniversary on October 3rd. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com.

Christian Citizenship Forum

Oct
23rd

Muslim Immigration to the United States: Christian Responses

Rev. Hicham Chehab, Presenter



From studying Islam to studying Christianity, from being a *Muslim sniper* to being a *Lutheran pastor*, Rev. Hicham Chehab bears witness to the fact that our Lord has a good plan and a good purpose for each life.

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Presentation, Responses, and Audience Questions, **3-4:30pm**
Middle Eastern Dinner, **4:30-5:30pm**

All are welcome. Admittance is free.
Free will donation for dinner.

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SERVING DISCIPLES

CONTRACTOR(S) NEEDED

My basement is half-finished, and we want to finish the other half before Thanksgiving. It will need some electrical work, some walls and ceiling drywalled, and carpet. This all needs to be done to code in preparation for sale and our move into Oconomowoc (God-willing) next summer. If you wish to place a bid, please call me at the office (262.567.5001) or email: podonnell@splco.org.

--Pastor Lance O'Donnell_+

WORDS FOR LIVING

CRISIS: AN EMOTIONALLY CHARGED TIME OF INSTABILITY DURING WHICH CRUCIAL CHANGE OCCURS

The written Chinese word for crisis is a combination of two characters: one for “danger” and the other for “opportunity.” This drives home the fact that every crisis, though it involves impending danger, also offers opportunities for personal or spiritual growth. Stephen Ministers are trained to walk with you through the dangers of your crisis and to help you find the opportunities God has in store for you. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please call Steve Hansen (646-0516), Jeff Stache (567-1302), Bobbie Scheuer (354-0033), or Carol Allen (468-4292).

GROWING DISCIPLES

EVER-READY MEETING (50+)

Our next Ever-Ready meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th 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.

LADIES AID CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ~ CAN YOU HELP US OUT?

The Ladies Aid Annual Bazaar is Saturday, November 5th. Our bake sale that day is such a big part of this annual event—so we need your favorite cookies, cupcakes, candy, breads and/or whatever you love to bake. Please bring any bakery items to the kitchen during the day on Friday, November 4th. We are also in need of the following to make our bread and butterhorns for the weekend—flour, granulated and powdered sugar, butter and milk. These items may be brought to the kitchen anytime before Thursday, November 3rd, labeled “Christmas Bazaar.” Thank you and your help is greatly appreciated! Call one of our officers if you have any questions. God bless!

SAVE THE DATE, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

2017 St. Paul's Woman's Retreat ~ “Sweet Life Café”

March 10-12, 2017

At the Beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI

Registration and details will be coming soon!

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Living as a Minority, Part 23: Ambushed

October 9–October 16, 2016

Ambushed

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.

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: Psalm 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

Christ-Centered Theme: All Scripture points to Christ.

Psalm: Psalm 111 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	91, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 62	46, 93

Catechism—The Creed—The First Article

<p><i>The First Article</i> I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.</p>	1 st Grade +
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> He also give me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.</p>	2 nd Grade +

Living as a Minority, Part 23: Ambushed

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	For Daily Prayer Readings, please refer to the "Living as a Minority" weekly devotions found on St. Paul's website at www.splco.org . 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.
Sun.	Matthew 7:12-14	
Mon.	Creation—The First Four Days—Genesis 1:1-19	
Tue.	Creation—Days Five and Six—Genesis 1:20-31	
Wed.	Creation—The Days of Rest—Genesis 2:1-7	
Thur.	Creation—Man and the Garden of Eden— Genesis 2:8-25	
Fri.	The Fall of Man into Sin—Genesis 3:1-8	

***Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's
 Collect for the Living as a Minority, Part 23: Ambushed***

Shed Your Holy Spirit upon Your people, O Lord, and make ready our hearts this day to hear and keep Your holy Word that in the communion of Your congregation we may rightly sanctify Your holy day and through Your Word with all Your saints come to eternal blessedness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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; Alex Knebel - recovering from severe burns; Tim Bratz; Laura Gruen - brain cancer; 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: Ann Lillyroot; 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; 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; 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 Heather Hans, who died unexpectedly; the Cutler’s; Kelly & Brain for their marriage; 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.

Anniversary: George & Carolyn Nagel—57th—October 3rd
Bill & Bobbie Scheuer—55th—October 7th

Birthday: Mike Reiner—46th—October 22nd

First Communion: Levi Benes & Peyton Mueller—October 8th

Wedding: Ashley Friedrich & Sean Poser—October 15th

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

Hymn of the Week: “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

LSB 819

Looking forward to Living as a Minority, Part 24

October 15/16, 2016

Hymns: 467:1-5; 665 (724, 622, 718) 467:6-7

Always Be Prepared to Make a Defense

Paul appears before Felix, then Festus, then Festus and Agrippa, and finally before Agrippa. He was prepared and made his defense. Do we know enough about Jesus Christ and our faith in him to make a defense when necessary?



Hosted by the 4K class on October 9th after the 8:00 am & 10:30 am church service...proceeds will be used to purchase a new flag for outside of the school!



5 - 12 GRADE
YOUTH
FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday October 22, 2016

6-9 P.M.

At Schuett Farms

State Highway 83 & Road X

Mukwonago, WI 53149

We will leave the church parking lot at 6, so please arrive at 5:45. We will enjoy a nighttime hike through a corn maze at Schuett Farms. The paths of the maze are dirt, so please come prepared. You will need a flashlight and a cell phone (if you have one) for use at the farm. At 8 we will make our way back to St. Paul's where we will enjoy a devotion and hot cider around a bonfire.



TICKETS ARE \$7



If you are available to drive at this event please contact
Wendy Petersen at wnpetersen@gmail.com or
Adam Tanney at adam@splco.org

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended the youth kick off BBQ on September 11. We had a great turn out and are looking forward to a fun year! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered for activities throughout the fall and winter. Please let Adam Tanney or Wendy Petersen know if you would like to help chaperone or organize any events.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sunday, October 9, 6-7:30 - Sunday Night Alive (both HS and MS)
- Saturday, October 22, 5:45-9 - Nighttime corn maze and bonfire (both HS and MS)

PIGLY WIGGLY

Keep bringing in your receipts! You can drop them off in the hallway by the elevator outside of the fellowship hall.

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: October 10th–16th

ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY October 10 th	Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	Room 201	7:00 pm
TUESDAY October 11 th	Ever-Ready Meeting Operations Committee Meeting (BOCP) Finance Committee Meeting (Stewardship) Praise Team Practice (Look2Him)	Room 219 Library Room 219 Church	10:30 am 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY October 12 th	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 13 th	NO SCHOOL Praise Team Practice (In His Light)	Church	7:00 pm
FRIDAY October 14 th	NO SCHOOL Friedrich/Poser Rehearsal	Church	5:00 pm
SATURDAY October 15 th	Friedrich/Poser Wedding Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Church Church Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY October 16 th	Traditional Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Hour Public School Confirmation Early Communion <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Living as a Minority Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service	Church School Lobby Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Room 201 Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am

ATTENDANCE

October 1/2

Church Attendance:

5:30 pm – 89

8:00 am – 144

10:30 am – 152

385 Total; 25 visitors; 360 members

**ST. PAUL'S OCTOBER 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	Renee & Sierra Ebert	SPLS 3 rd & 4 th graders	SPLS K4 & Kindergarteners
Acolytes	Tyler Flood	Makenna Paar & Luke Boldt	Hannah Tuff & Dylan Ratzow
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Barb Hentz	Sarah Neff
Elders	Mike Tesch	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (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

October 15/16	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Acts 24:1-26:32		Matthew 10:19-20
Acolytes	Ethan Jacobosky	Megan Frosch & Levi Benes	Leann Wolf
Altar Guild	Jean Fisher	Donna Andrus	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieg
Elders	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin
Greeters	Roxie Gerlach	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
Radio	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin

THE 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Acts 23:12–35 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1186

When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul. Now therefore you, along with the council, give notice to the tribune to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case more exactly. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near." Now the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him." So he took him and brought him to the tribune and said, "Paul the prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, as he has something to say to you." The tribune took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?" And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more closely about him. But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him, who have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him. And now they are ready, waiting for your consent." So the tribune dismissed the young man, charging him, "Tell no one that you have informed me of these things." Then he called two of the centurions and said, "Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go as far as Caesarea at the third hour of the night. Also provide mounts for Paul to ride and bring him safely to Felix the governor." And he wrote a letter to this effect: "Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them when I came upon them with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman citizen. And desiring to know the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their council. I found that he was being accused about questions of their law, but charged with nothing deserving death or imprisonment. And when it was disclosed to me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him." So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. And on the next day they returned to the barracks, letting the horsemen go on with him. When they had come to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. On reading the letter, he asked what province he was from. And when he learned that he was from Cilicia, he said, "I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive." And he commanded him to be guarded in Herod's praetorium."

Matthew 7:12-14 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1032

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."