

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



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

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

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

November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<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 46

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 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

**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:** *Very God*

Traditional Worship

**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 3, pg. 184**

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 Dave & Jackie Meyer in praise to God for their son, Caleb's, 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

This year, the Oconomowoc Christmas Parade is at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to the difficulty this will pose in accessing our parking lot and church entrance for our Saturday evening service that day, **WE ARE MOVING OUR WORSHIP TIME BACK TO 3:30 PM.** Please make a note of it.

## REACHING DISCIPLES

### CHRISTMAS CARING TREE GIFTS

It's here-the best giving time of the year! We are blessed to be able to help those children in need from our community along with the residents of Bethesda. The trees are in the narthex and in the school entryway with the ornaments which have the child's/Bethesda resident's name, their age, and choice of asked for gift or clothing items (recommended price range \$20/\$25). **On the back of the ornament are the instructions for this gift with due date (December 12<sup>th</sup>) for the gift to be returned to the church in time for pickup and delivery.** If for some reason you want to participate and are unable to get the gift and wrap it, please consider the idea of offering a gift card (use the scrip program!) or money to purchase a gift card. Please give this to the church office or in the offering plate (in an envelope marked Christmas Caring Tree). For any questions please reach out to Lynne Lavota @ [262-527-4768](tel:262-527-4768) cell.

*Thank you for your generosity, prayers and have a blessed Christmas season!*

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### HELP WITH LORD'S CUPBOARD THIS MONDAY NIGHT

This Monday night, November 21<sup>st</sup>, is the food pantry giveaway, the community meal and the Thanksgiving food bag handout. We could use some extra help, please! We anticipate serving 125-150 traditional Thanksgiving meals with Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing and green beans. Extra dessert is always welcome! Please have them in the kitchen by 4 pm on Monday. Extra servers and cleanup are welcome also. You and/or your kids can help the people by taking their food bags out to their cars, bring back carts, help with getting their beverages at the meal and restock the pantry toiletry items as they get low. If you can be at church in the Fellowship Hall about 5 pm, we should be done by 7 pm with all the cleanup. Thank you for your support, prayers and donations to this community outreach ministry! May you and your family have a thankful and blessed Thanksgiving together!

## **COME JOIN US!**

As indicated on the previous page, our Saturday evening worship service on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be held at 3:30 pm due to the Christmas Parade taking place at 5:00 pm. We are planning on handing out hot chocolate following the worship service to parade goers. If you are interested in donating hot chocolate or volunteering to help, please contact Dave or Jackie Meyer at jackiedave1018@gmail.com.

## **GROWING DISCIPLES**

### **ST. PAUL'S LADIES AID & LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our combined Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Rosati's. Fellowship will begin at 5:00 pm with dinner to follow at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$15 per person. Please call Sue Lindemann (262-567-8985) or Mary Lou Pagenkopf (262-567-7905) by November 25<sup>th</sup> if you plan on joining us. The menu will be chosen by you that evening—Lasagna, Chicken & Penne Pasta or Eggplant Parmigiana. Ladies Aid: please bring red or green non-perishable food items for our Lord's Cupboard. LWML: Please remember your mites and Christmas stocking. You may also bring a gift to exchange if you'd like. Thank you!

### **COME HELP US DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS!**

On Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please come and join us in making our church beautiful. We will begin at about 9:00 am and with lots of helping hands, we should be finished in a couple of hours. Thank you so much!

### **ATTENTION LADIES!**

The registration is now open for the 2017 Woman's Retreat, "Sweet Life Café" which will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. Early registration, which includes a discount, is due by December 15<sup>th</sup>; final registration is due by January 15<sup>th</sup>. More information and registration form can be found on the website [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org) or in the school office.

### **CHURCH CARPETING**

The Ladies Aid, in recognition of our 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary, would like to announce that we have voted to replace the church's carpeting. Of the three bids we received, Vic's Carpeting of Oconomowoc won our support.

We plan on doing this, much like the organ...only when we have the full funding...hopefully, by late spring or early summer. If you are so moved, and would like to donate to this, please make a check out to Ladies Aid—Carpeting Fund.

God has truly blessed our church, and we'd like to help do our part in restoring that beauty, for all that the Lord has done for us.

Thank you for your support!

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*  
*The Last Sunday of Church Year: Very God*  
*November 20-27, 2016*

## **The Last Sunday of the Church Year**

The Apostle Paul says everything that is of God dwells in Christ. We confess this in the Nicene Creed, "Christ is very God of very God,...being of one substance with the Father." In this personal union the two natures have such a grand, intimate, indescribable communion that even the angels are astonished by it. (FC SD VIII 30) Jesus of Nazareth is God in the flesh. This is how we as sinners can have the assurance that Christ's work reconciles us to God.

## **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**

**Christ-Centered Theme:** For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

**Verse:** 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

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

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	110	62	13	96	116	85	61	103
<b>Evening</b>	66, 23	73, 8	36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98	117, 139

**Catechism—The Lord’s Prayer—Introduction and First Petition**

<i>The Lord’s Prayer (Introduction)</i> <b>Our Father who art in heaven.</b>	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
<i>The Lord’s Prayer (First Petition)</i> <b>Hallowed be Thy name.</b>	Preschool +
<i>What does this mean?</i> God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +
<i>How is God’s name kept holy?</i> God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade +

***The Last Sunday of the Church Year: Very God***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Stories for the Family &amp; School</b>	<b>Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299ff.</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	The Women Weeping as Jesus Is Led to be Crucified—Luke 23:27-43	Dan. 1:1-21	Matt. 28:1-20
<b>Mon.</b>	Jacob and Esau—Esau Sells His Birthright—Genesis 25:19-34	Dan. 2:1-23	Rev. 18:1-24
<b>Tue.</b>	Isaac and Abimelech—Genesis 26:1-11	Dan. 2:24-49	Rev. 19:1-21
<b>Wed.</b>	Isaac Blesses Jacob—Genesis 27:1-29	Dan. 3:1-30	Rev. 20:1-15
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>No School—Thanksgiving Break</b>	Dan. 4:1-37	Rev. 21:1-8
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>No School—Thanksgiving Break</b>	Dan. 5:1-30	Rev. 21:9-27

***Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul’s***  
***Collect for the Last Sunday of the Church Year: Very God***

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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**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** – Ken Groenke; Helen Kitzman; Paula Papa; Jeanette Leonhardt—stroke; Trent Heinzl; 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; Sue (Dina Tanner's cousin); Ron Olson (Laura Rohowetz's father); 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; 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; 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:** Barb Schlomer (Dave's mom) - severe headaches; Steve Matter (Barbara Zimmerman's brother-in-law) - knee-replacement surgery; Dale Berger (Victoria's brother) - recovering from stroke; Cory—healing; Pam Gallina—knee-replacement surgery; Kathy Kraklau (Susan DeWitz's mom) - stroke; Mary—thyroid nodules; Dale Berger - stroke; 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; 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:** PFC Nicholas Lang (South Korea); 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; for children to do well in school, make good choices and succeed in the areas they enjoy; friends of a church member struggling in their marriage; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction--Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

**Birthday:** Caleb Meyer—5<sup>th</sup>—November 21<sup>st</sup>

**Thanksgiving:** Ann Duggan for her eye healing

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**  
**Hymn of the Week: "Jesus, Remember Me"**

**LSB 767**

**Looking forward to Next Week**

**November 26/27, 2016**

**Hymns: 332 (v. 1-4), 332 (v. 5-8) (516, 632, 349) 348**

**Now is the Time**

The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem "humble, and mounted on a donkey," riding on "a beast of burden" (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matt. 21:9). For we are called "to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob," His holy Church, "that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths" (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we "walk in the light of the Lord" (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which "does no wrong to a neighbor" (Rom. 13:10). We "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light," for "salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, "for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming" (Matt. 24:42).

# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

to benefit children with special needs



Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 25th, 26th, and 27th

11 A.M. – 4 P.M. ALL DAYS



Celebrate the Christmas season at Zachariah's Acres.  
Cocoa, crafts, hay wagon rides and more.

**100% of proceeds benefit children with special needs.**

Handmade wreaths & Christmas decor by our special kids!

Decorate your home with a beautiful, freshly cut fir or pine tree.

All trees grown in WI; most are pre-cut for your convenience.

Pre-cut Tree: \$10/foot suggested donation

Cut Your Own Tree : \$15/foot suggested donation



**Directions to Zachariah's Acres:** N74W35911 Servants' Way Oconomowoc, WI 53066

(This address cannot be found in online map searches, please follow the directions listed.)

From Hwy 16, take exit #176 Hwy P/Brown St, and turn right for 3.1 miles.

Cross Hwys. Z & K, and turn right on Servant's Way.

For more information visit [zachariahsacres.org](http://zachariahsacres.org) or e-mail [emily@zachariahsacres.org](mailto:emily@zachariahsacres.org)

**ZACHARIAH'S  
ACRES**



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: November 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>  
 ADVANCE THE MISSION  
 REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lord's Cupboard Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm
TUESDAY November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Praise Team Practice (Look2Him)	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Thanksgiving Eve Worship	Church	7:00 pm
THURSDAY November 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b> Thanksgiving Day Worship	Church	9:00 am
FRIDAY November 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
SATURDAY November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Journeymen Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Service Early Communion Class Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service	Church Room 204 Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

# ATTENDANCE

November 12/13

**Church Attendance:**

5:30 pm – 95

8:00 am – 127

10:30 am – 217

439 Total; 38 visitors; 401 members

**ST. PAUL'S NOVEMBER 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.

<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
<b>Special Music</b>	Allison Bandomir	Adult Choir	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kate & Levi Benes	Makenna Paar & Luke Boldt	Hannah Tuff & Hannah Showen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Tesch	Dorothy Duchow	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Mike Tesch	Dave Meyer	Bryan Polinske
<b>Greeters</b>	Roxie Gerlach	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Chuck & Jenny Laabs (school)	Brenda Nagel
<b>Lectors</b>	Russell Meyer	Dave Meyer	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Todd Leonhardt	Mike Papa	Truman Seifert

<b>November 26/27</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 21:1-11
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	Olivia Blair & Luke Boldt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Martha Blanck	Leslyn Mueller	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Elders</b>	Bruce Bain	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Shirley Smart (church) Karen Meyer (school)	Anne Fait
<b>Lectors</b>	Barb Brockway	Rick Zastrow	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Flanagan	Rick Zastrow	John Melvin

# THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

## Malachi 3:13–18 ~ ESV

*Pew Bible pg. 1021*

"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'" Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

## Colossians 1:13-20 ~ ESV

*Pew Bible pg. 1251*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## Luke 23:27-43 ~ ESV

*Pew Bible pg. 1124*

And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."