

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

In
Christ
alone



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"*

January 14th & 15th, 2017

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus
Jonathon Pickelmann, Principal
Volume 23

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

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

Number 3

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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: *In Christ Alone*

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 the Schlomer family in loving memory of Michelle's father, Michael Galaszewski. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com.

THEE BOOKSTORE SALE!

Our Christian Bookstore located in the Fellowship Hall is having a sale. Save 50% on Christmas cards, napkins, children's activity books, etc. *Thee Bookstore* is open between worship services on Sundays.

REACHING DISCIPLES

LADIES AID

Our next Ladies Aid Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Pastor O'Donnell. Join us for our first meeting of the New Year. Bring a friend or ask a fellow member to join you. Please bring pasta and/or pasta sauce for our Lord's Cupboard.

SERVING DISCIPLES

LCMS STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES

Ephesians 5:27 "...so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." Our Lord has cleansed us with His blood – in His sight we are now pure and holy. He has given Himself, laying down His life for us. Now we are his spotless and beautiful bride. By His sacrifice, we are moved to sacrifice. By His cleansing, we find a desire to ourselves be clean and live blamelessly as He is blameless.

GROWING DISCIPLES

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Sunday, January 22nd @ 6-7:30 - High School SNA

More information about future youth events to come soon!

Feel free to contact Wendy Petersen at wnpetersen@gmail.com or Adam Tanney at adam@splco.org if you have any questions about youth group or upcoming events.

CHURCH CARPETING

On behalf of Ladies Aid's 130th anniversary celebrated in 2016, we make a commitment to replace St. Paul's church carpeting, which is over 25 years-old. The estimates we received ranged from \$21,000 to \$24,000. This is in part due to whether we can recruit volunteers to rip up the old carpeting. This process will only begin when we have the full funding for the project. At this time, the Ladies Aid has gifted \$10,000 and we have received over \$2,000 in donations. We're already almost halfway there!

Samples of the new carpeting will be available for viewing in the narthex in the near future. God has blessed us so abundantly, we would like to do our part in beautifying His house of worship.

If your heart has been touched, you may make a donation to the "Ladies Aid Carpet Fund" and drop it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. A huge "thank you" to those who have given, either through a memorial or in-kind. *Continue to watch the bulletin for updates on funding.*

St. Paul's Fellowship Coffee Hour



January 15!

Hosted by St. Paul's Ladies Aid

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

Time: 9:15 am to 10:25 am

Stay after the 8am Service!

Come a little early for the 10:30 Service!

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

Welcome new members & visitors!

Enjoy the fellowship of our church members!

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

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Second Sunday after Epiphany: *In Christ Alone*
January 15–22, 2017

In Christ Alone

“The Lord, the Redeemer of Israel” calls forth “his Holy One” (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, “from the womb” of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also “as a light for the nations,” whose salvation reaches “to the end of the earth” (Is. 49:6). John came “baptizing with water” (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended “from heaven like a dove” and “remained on him” (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and “called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we “are not lacking in any gift,” but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, “guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

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: True Christian witness points to Christ and calls us into His fellowship.

Verse: Acts 2:38-39 Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

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.
Daily Psalms								
Morning	67	51	54	65	143	86	122	110
Evening	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 19	141, 90	66, 23

The Catechism—The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

<p><i>What is Baptism?</i> Baptism is not just plain water; but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.</p>	3 rd Grade +
<p><i>Which is that word of God?</i> Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit</p>	1 st Grade + Kindergarten +
<p><i>What benefits does baptism give?</i> It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.</p>	3 rd Grade +
<p><i>Which are these words and promises of God?</i> Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark; Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.</p>	2 nd Grade +

The Second Sunday after Epiphany: *In Christ Alone*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299ff.	
Sun.	Water Turned to Wine—John 2:1-11	Ezek. 37:15-28	Rom. 6:1-23
Mon.	Esau Comes to Meet Jacob— Genesis 32:1-21	Ezek. 38:1-23	Rom. 7:1-20
Tue.	Jacob Wrestles with God— Genesis 32:22-32	Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29	Rom. 7:21-8:17
Wed.	Jacob and Esau Meet—Genesis 33:1-11	Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12	Rom. 8:18-39
Thur.	Jacob Returns to Bethel—Genesis 35:1-15	Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29	Rom. 9:1-18
Fri.	Jacob Returns to Isaac His Father— Genesis 35:16-20, 22b-29	Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23	Rom. 9:19-33

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul’s
Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our
days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – John Albright—back injury; Kaylyn Nord—knee injury; Larry Hansen; Bill Voss—Shorehaven rehab; August Fortmann; Ken Groenke; Tim Bratz; Laura Gruen—brain cancer; Esther Hart; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider; 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: Mike—cancer in bones; Dawn Hirn—ovarian cancer; Kathe Keithley—breast cancer; Ron Olson (Laura Rohowetz's father); Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Daina Boppr—breast cancer; Quinn—breast cancer; Isiah Butler—Lymphoma; Dan Rogers (Jon Schmeling's brother-in-law)—bladder cancer; Julie; Joanne Montanegro-Greinke; 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; 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: Jane Nordstrom (Lois Wolf's mom) - continued healing & good test results; Rose (Pastor Krug's aunt); Kelly Braswell (BJ Lavota's sister) - MS; Bob King; Barb Schlomer (Dave's mom)—severe headaches; Dale Berger (Victoria's brother)—recovering from stroke; Cory—healing; Kathy Kraklau (Susan DeWitz's mom)—stroke; Mary—thyroid nodules; Brayden Stacey—2 year-old with brain tumor; Ken; Don; Bruce—open heart surgery; Curt G.; 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; Pat—afib; TJ Easley (Dawn Lower’s brother-in-law); 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; the Ellenberger family; the family of Henry N. Bills (Susan Shepherd’s father), who died; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction -Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

Births: Jonathan Nicholas, baby boy born to Nick & Amanda (Hentz) Vogtmann—January 10th (proud grandparents: Steve & Barb Hentz)

Anastasia Grace, baby girl born to Brett & Hannah (Jackson) Scheuer—January 6th (proud great-grandparents: Bill & Bobbie Scheuer)

Jarrett Daniel, baby boy born to Kevin & Kim (Sherman) Harrison—January 4th (proud grandparents: Dave & Marilyn Sherman)

Birthday: Parker Schmittinger—1st—January 11th

Public Reception of New Members: Mark Justmann

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

Hymn of the Week: “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

LSB 540

Looking forward to the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany & NLSW January 21/22, 2017

Hymns: 849, 856 (412, 653, 839) 644

Let There Be Life!

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon “the people who walked in darkness” and “who dwelt in a land of deep darkness” (Is. 9:2). He also has “multiplied the nation” and “increased its joy” (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people” (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides “those who are perishing” from “us who are being saved” (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).

The Ever-Ready Adult Ministry Group invites you to a

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rosati's Pizza - Friday, February 3rd, 5:30 pm—7:00 pm

RSVP to John Kelling by Thursday, February 2nd.

(262-549-2150—please leave a message)



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST?

Our radio broadcast over WTKM is a very important outreach for our congregation. Below are the dates open for the year **2017**. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost is **\$95.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach. **You may also contribute any amount to the "radio fund" at any time.**

Jan. 22	Mar. 19	May 28	Sept 3	Nov. 19
Jan. 29	Apr. 2	Jun. 4	Sept. 10	Nov. 23
Feb. 5	Apr. 16 (6 am)	Jun. 18	Sept. 17	Dec. 3
Feb. 19	Apr. 23	July 23	Oct. 15	Dec. 10
Feb. 27	Apr. 30	July 30	Nov. 5	Dec. 17
Mar. 12	May 14	Aug. 6	Nov. 12	

If you are interested in sponsoring a Broadcast please fill out the bottom portion of this page and hand it into the church office.

NAME _____

DATE: 1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE _____

Please dedicate to _____

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: January 16th – 22nd

ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY January 16 th	NO SCHOOL Lord's Cupboard Meal Stephen Ministry Training	Fellowship Hall Room 201	5:30 pm 6:00 pm
TUESDAY January 17 th	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY January 18 th	Senior Adult Bible Study Parish Choir 5 Love Languages Bible Study Adult Choir TRIBE (Young Adult Bible Study)	Room 219 Balcony Room 219 Balcony Room 138	12:00 pm 5:20 pm 6:15 pm 7:20 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY January 19 th	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY January 21 st	KICK-OFF FOR NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Church Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY January 22 nd	KICK-OFF FOR NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK Traditional Worship <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Dominican Mission Adult Bible Study Public School Confirmation Class Contemporary Worship Sunday Night Alive (9 th -12 th graders)	Church Various Rooms Fellowship Hall Room 219 Church Room 138/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

January 7/8

Church Attendance:

5:30 pm—89

8:00 am—123

10:30 am—201

413 Total; 14 visitors; 399 members

**ST. PAUL'S JANUARY 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	Failenn O'Donnell	Failenn O'Donnell	
Acolytes	Tyler Flood & Levi Benes	Katie & Kody Watterson	Hannah Tuff & Hannah Showen
Altar Guild	Jamie Stache	Dorothy Duchow	Barb Star
Elders	Rick Zastrow	Bruce Bain	Scott Kalien
Greeters	John & Margie Hertneky	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
Lectors	Russ Meyer	Dorothy Duchow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Ushers	Rick Zastrow	Bob Bratz	Scott Kalien

NEXT WEEKEND

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-25
Acolytes	Molly & Sadie Wilke	Megan Frosch & Caden Moldenhauer	Ethan Jacobosky & Clayton Petersen
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Donna Andrus	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Wilbur Pieper	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	SPLS Students	SPLS Students	SPLS Students
Lectors	SPLS Students	SPLS Students	SPLS Students
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
Ushers	SPLS Students	SPLS Students	SPLS Students

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah 49:1–7 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 774

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

1 Corinthians 1:1–9 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1210

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1:29–42a ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1128

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of John."

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