

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



210 East Pleasant Street
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066
Church Office: 262-567-5001 Website: www.spcco.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"*

March 18th & 19th, 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 12

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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: *Everyone's Thirsty*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 1, pg. 151

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.

REACHING DISCIPLES

LWML

Mission Minute Update

SWD Grant #2 Church Worker Student Grant of \$30,000 has been PAID In FULL! This grant assists students at one of the synodical universities/seminaries with funds toward tuition and board.

We still need \$73,109.50 to meet our \$2,000,000 grant goal before the national convention in June. We're almost there! Make a special mite donation in your box TODAY!

Scholarship applications are being accepted for women preparing for church work in the LCMS. Active female members of South Wisconsin District congregations who are preparing for "full time service"* and are an undergraduate at one of the Synod's educational institutions are eligible to apply. *(Full-time service in the church is any position available through the Board of Assignments of the Synod). Forms are available at LWML-SWD.org. Deadline is April 30, 2017.

CHURCH CARPETING

St. Paul's Ladies Aid has a goal of replacing the carpeting in church this year. They have pledged \$10,000 of their own money towards the project. To date they have received \$3,635 in donations from members. As the Church Properties Committee has offered to help remove the old carpeting, in order to save on the cost, we are already over halfway there.

A SAMPLE OF THE NEW CARPETING IS ON DISPLAY IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX. Please take a second to view the sample. **If you would like to offer your confidential opinion on the sample, you may do so by contacting the church office at 262.567.5001 or heather@spico.org. All opinions will be taken into consideration at our next meeting.**

As we still need about \$6,365, we are asking members to prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul's Ladies Aid with a memo of "Carpet Fund". Watch the church bulletin for updates on funding and thank you for your help.

SERVING DISCIPLES

USHER/ELDER SCHEDULE

The new elder/usher schedule for April through June is now available. There are copies in the podium in the narthex.

LORD'S CUPBOARD EASTER FOOD BAGS

DONATIONS NEEDED: 270 cans of corn, 210 instant potato (150 small pouches, 60 boxes), 210 boxes of Jell-O (150 small, 60 large), 210 cans of fruit (assortment fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges), 210 boxes of scalloped potatoes and 270 brown gravy packets. Also, if you are interested in contributing to the purchase of the hams, please let us know. We will be packing over 200 Easter food bags on Saturday, April 1st at 9 a.m. Please join us! Please call Jamie Stache with any questions 608-444-3556.

SUMMER JOB!

St. Paul's Summer Program is looking for Extended Care workers. The job runs from Monday, June 12th through Friday, July 28th. Hours are 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. Must be 18 years or older. Contact Jill George at jill@splco.org more details.

CHURCH CLEANING

On Saturday, April 8th, at 9:00 am, please join a group of women from Ladies Aid and LWML to help clean our church sanctuary. This is our spring cleaning before Easter, which is a wonderful way to express our love for the wonderful blessings God so richly promises. Some cleaning supplies will be available, but feel free to bring paper towels, rags, garbage bags and/or Murphy's Oil Soap for the pews. Thank you!

GROWING DISCIPLES

LADIES AID

An invitation to all our ladies to join us on Thursday, April 16th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our next meeting. Pastor Kelling will be leading us as we "Take a Walk with Jesus" during this Lenten season and beyond. Our servers for our meeting will be Florence Kroll, Grace Olson and Anne Fait.

We will also be reviewing the results of our Fisher Dinner scheduled to take place on March 31st and where we stand with the carpet fund. Events of the Mother ~ Daughter ~ Friend Banquet will be discussed as well.

Please remember to bring peanut butter and/or jelly for the Lord's Cupboard.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES

Luke 11:21-22—"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; 22 but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil." Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with: he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours – and we have none to fear.

FISH DINNER

We will be having our Fisher Dinner on Friday, March 31st from 4:30 pm—7:00 pm. If you are able to help in any way, please call Sue Lindemann at 262-567-8985. Thank you and God's blessings.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Sunday, March 26 @ 6-7:30 - No SNA - St. Paul's and LCL Spring Break.

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.

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Third Sunday in Lent: Everyone's Thirsty
March 18-25, 2017*

Everyone's Thirsty

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, "all the congregation of the people of Israel" grumbled against Him because "there was no water for the people to drink" (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at "about the sixth hour" (John 4:6, 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is "the gift of God" (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we "worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). "We rejoice in hope of the glory of God" because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:2, 5).

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: Jesus said, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

Verse: Psalm 26:8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

Psalm: Psalm 136:1-16 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	84	119:73-80	34	5	38	22	43	84
Evening	42, 32	121, 6	25, 91	27, 51	126, 102	107, 130	31; 143	42, 32

The Catechism: Ten Commandments—1-3 (Primary Texts)

Table of Duties—What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors: 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-18

<p>Ten Commandments—1-3 (Primary Texts) 1. You shall have no other gods. 2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. 3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.</p>	<p>1st grade+ 2nd grade+ 2nd grade+</p>
<p>What the Hearers Owe their Pastors The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. <p style="text-align: right;">1 Corinthians 9:14</p></p>	<p>1st grade+</p>
<p>Anyone who receives instructing in the word must share all good things with his instructor Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <p style="text-align: right;">Galatians 6:6-7</p></p>	<p>2nd grade+</p>
<p>The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." <p style="text-align: right;">1 Timothy 5:17-18</p></p>	<p>3rd grade+</p>

The Third Sunday in Lent: *Everyone's Thirsty*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	A House Divided Cannot Stand— Luke 11:14-28	Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22	Mark 9:1-13
Mon.	St. Matthew Passion: Palm Sunday— Matthew 21:1-17	Gen. 29:1-30	Mark 9:14-32
Tue.	St. Matthew Passion: Jesus Is Anointed— Matthew 26:2-16	Gen. 35:1-29	Mark 9:33-50
Wed.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Gen. Gen. 37:1-36	Mark 10:1-12
Thur.	St. Matthew Passion: Jesus Celebrates the Passover—Matthew 26:17-35	Gen. 39:1-23	Mark 10:13-31
Fri.	St. Matthew Passion: Jesus Prays in the Garden—Matthew 26:36-56	Gen. 40:1-23	Mark 10:32-52

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 – George Nagel; Bob Gauerke; Larry Hansen; Bill & Margaret Voss; 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—hospice; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Judy (Amy Hackbarth's friend)—lung cancer; Cheryl—recovering from cancer surgery; Grandpa Dave (family friend of Nagel's)—bladder cancer; Beth Etzel—stage-four pancreatic cancer; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—cancer in bones; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Daina Boppr—breast cancer; Quinn—breast cancer; 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; Jan; Mike Ball; Jessica; Chris Moha—breast cancer; Amy (Heather Gartzke's friend); 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-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer; Sarah Beine (stage 4 cancer)

Other: Kat's mom—broken leg; Kristal—lung surgery; Jennifer (Rick & Kathy Ware's daughter)—undergoing tests; Bruce Pine (Marena's dad)—car accident; Kyle Bruss's mother; Jane (Jason Schmittinger's mom)—back surgery; Jonathan (Marilyn Marohn's nephew)—in need of a kidney; Doug—CCL; Megan Bertram; Jane Nordstrom (Lois Wolf's mom)—continued healing & good test results; Rose (Pastor Krug's aunt); Kelly Braswell (BJ Lavota's sister)—MS; Barb Schlomer (Dave's mom)—severe headaches; Cory—healing; Kathy Kraklau (Susan DeWitz's mom)—stroke;

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; Bob—prostrate problems; Linda—diabetic dementia; Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Kelly; Brian Kloskowski—MS; Logyn; Pat—afib; TJ Easley (Dawn Lower's brother-in-law); Fred (Lynda Rades's brother); Lynne Kramer (Susie Meyer's dad); Joel (Tina Gartzke's nephew); Dwain Kline (Jennifer Truchan's grandpa)—hospice; 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 Renee to find a job; the family of Dorothy Huske (Linda [Steve] Hansen's mother), who died; the Stephen Ministry program—for the teachers and students; the Ellenberger family; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

Birthdays: Levi Tesch—3rd—March 14th
Tori Tesch—20th—March 16th

Reception of New Members: John Wagner & Andrea Bolson-Wagner, Lydia & James
John & Maggie Johnson, Madeline & Liam
Bob & Debra Karius

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

Hymn of the Week: "Children of the Heavenly Father" _____ LSB 725

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday in Lent

_____ March 25/26, 2017

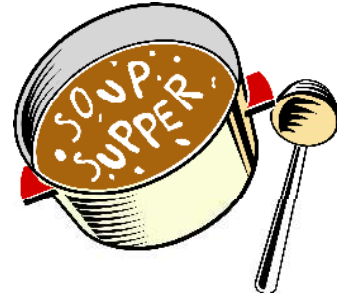
Hymns: 849, 646 (744, 422, 634) 420

The Gift and Responsibility of Sight (Pastor O'Donnell)

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "For his righteousness' sake," He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "at one time you were darkness," now "you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14).

HELP SUPPORT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC!

This summer a few members from St. Paul's are teaming up with members of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Pewaukee to travel to the Dominican Republic on a week long mission trip. We will be partnering with Lutheran missionaries to work in the group home for people with special needs and to help the ministry to continue to grow in an area that desperately needs the love of Jesus. We ask for your continued prayers for the people of the Dominican Republic and the mission team as they prepare to travel. There will be several upcoming fundraisers to help with the cost of the trip. Each Wednesday, through April 5th, there will be "light" Lenten soup suppers served from 5:30 - 6:15. Please consider coming to help support the mission trip and then stay for the service at 6:30.



St. Paul's Fellowship Coffee Hour March 19!



Hosted by the Board of Elders

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

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: March 20th—26th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY March 20 th	NO SCHOOL Lord's Cupboard Meal Stephen Ministry Training	Fellowship Hall Room 201	5:30 pm 6:00 pm
TUESDAY March 21 st	NO SCHOOL Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY March 22 nd	NO SCHOOL Lenten Hymn Sing Lenten Worship Parish Choir Lenten Soup Supper Lenten Hymn Sing Lenten Worship Adult Choir	Church Church Balcony Fellowship Hall Church Church Balcony	12:00 pm 12:15 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:30pm
THURSDAY March 23 rd	NO SCHOOL Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
FRIDAY March 24 th	NO SCHOOL		
SATURDAY March 25 th	Journeyman Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY March 26 th	Traditional Worship <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Public School Confirmation Class Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Various Rooms Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

ATTENDANCE

March 11/12

Church Attendance :

5:30 pm—121

8:00 am—80

10:30 am—164

365 Total; 27 visitors; 338 members

**ST. PAUL'S MARCH 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	In His Light
Special Music	Michelle Oddsen	Michelle Oddsen	
Acolytes	Colton Koepke	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Wendy Tesch	Barb Hentz	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zweg
Elders	Mike Tesch	Rick Zastrow	Scott Kalien
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Karen Meyer (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
Lectors	Dave Meyer	Dorothy Duchow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Todd Leonhardt	Gary Flanagan	Scott Kalien

NEXT WEEKEND

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Isai ah 42:14-21	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Acolytes	Olivia Blair	TBD	Dylan & Braden Ratzow
Altar Guild	Shirley Dibble	Leslyn Mueller	Jamie Stache
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Arno Kirchenwitz	John Melvin
Greeters	John & Margie Hertneky	Gary Pribnow (church) Jim & Judy Braatz (school)	Darlene Adams
Lectors	Barb Brockway	Jim Steinberg	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Bob Bratz	Truman Seifert

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Exodus 17:1–7 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 75

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Romans 5:1–8 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1198

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 4:5–26 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1131

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria? (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)" Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."