

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

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"*

May 20th & 21st, 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 20

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: *Hold on to the Word*

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 Harry Peterson in praise to God for Dorothy's 96th birthday on May 22nd. 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 George & Pat Menden in praise to God for their 43rd wedding anniversary on May 25th. The additional flowering plants were given by the family of Bob & Agnes Thurow in praise to God for their 60th wedding anniversary on May 26th.

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

The Board of Elders has voted to move change the start time of the Saturday evening service to 5pm. **This change will be in effect starting with the June 3rd service.** This change is based on the feedback we received from the congregation. 64% of the survey respondents voted in favor of the move.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into St. Paul's church family during the 10:30 am Worship Service, **Adaline Denise & Sylis Mason Montgomery.** Adaline is the daughter of Tyler **Eichstaedt** & Marisa Mastalir. Sylis is the son of Marisa Mastalir. Adaline's sponsors are Richelle Mastalir & Cody Melchior. Sylis's sponsors are Shana Mastalir & Whitney Towle. We will keep Adaline & Sylis in our prayers.

Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities

REACHING DISCIPLES

TRICIA'S TROOPS CANCER CONNECTION

A huge thank you to all of those who attended the Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet Tuesday, May 16th and donated bags of hard candy for chemo care bags. Thirty-three pounds of candy was delivered to Tricia's Troops Cancer Connection. When I walked in the door I was greeted with "I can't believe it. I was just filling bags and realized that I had run out of candy." Candy was happily surprised. I asked her if they had any other big needs at this time and she listed 4 items that they are low on- lotions (fragrance-free 8 oz. size preferred--Eucerin, Lubriderm, Neutrogena, Cetaphil, Lindi Skin, Jergens Healing), Water bottles (BPA free), Puzzle books (crosswords, word search, Sudoku) and Journals. For members wishing to contribute to these needs, there will be a container in the narthex that resembles a large spool of thread that these items can be placed in until the end of June. Thank you for your support.

A huge thank you to Barb Brockway and Deb Prange for showing and telling about some of their quilts. Also, a huge thank you to Sue Lindemann and all the special girls that she had help her with the table decorations and Biblical-theme quilt blocks that they made and shared with everyone. There was also a special acknowledgment and thank you to Mary Lou Pagenkopf for being President of St. Paul's Ladies Aid for thirty years.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

Looking for a volunteer(s) who could go to Shorehaven every Monday or Wednesday and read newspaper articles to Harry Peterson who has very limited sight now. He would have the papers there. It would be spending about an hour with him either at 10:00 a.m. or somewhere between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Please call Duane Peterson 414.573.2708 or Sharon Peterson 262.490.8671 if you would be able to help out. Thank you.

SERVING DISCIPLES

LORD'S CUPBOARD NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are looking for a volunteer to help setup the food to hand out that we get from Kwik Trip. We need someone to be there at 4:00/4:30, help during the pantry which is 5:30-6:30, then put away any food left and the tables. Usually all done by 6:45. It's pretty easy, there is someone else that is there to show you the ropes and the benefits are life changing!! If you are able to help or you know of someone, even if it is for just some of the pantries (1st and 3rd Mondays-changes with holidays), please contact Mary Hickenbottom 414-333-3421 or mary@splco.org Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry to our community. Please pray for the families that need this help and for the volunteers. God's blessings!

THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

1 Corinthians 4: 1&2. This is how one should regard us, servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. *Heavenly Father, help us to be trustworthy in all things. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

GROWING DISCIPLES

RED, WHITE AND BOOM!" SPRING CONCERT

On Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 PM, at the Oconomowoc Arts Center (641 E Forest St.), the Lake Country Orchestra along with the Oconomowoc Community Chorus will be presenting its Spring Concert "Red, White and Boom"! The groups are under the direction of Gail Schroeder-Hoffman. Ralph Garcia will be both singing and announcing for this event. The Patriotic concert will feature selections including "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Thank You Soldiers", "Armed Forces Salute", "God Bless America", "On Wisconsin" and "In Flanders Fields". Tickets are available at the door: Children just \$6, and Adults only 12. Please plan on joining these wonderful local groups for a rousing patriotic concert being presented just a week before Memorial Day!

LWML & LADIES AID COMBINED MEETING

Our last meeting before summer will be held on Thursday, June 1st, at Rosati's at 6:00 pm. We will have an evening of fellowship after a brief devotion and meeting. Contact Kathy Mueller (262-468-6926) or Mary Lou Pagenkopf (262-567-7905) if you plan to attend. We hope to see you all there!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul's Marriage Retreat at Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan, WI
November 10th—12th

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Hold on to the Word
May 21-28, 2017

Hold on to the Word

"The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:24-25) wants all people to seek Him that they might "feel their way toward him and find him" (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols "formed by the art and imagination of man" (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and "has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us "as orphans" (John 14:18), but He gives "another Helper," the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18). Because He "suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous" (1 Peter 3:18), we "honor Christ the Lord as holy" and are always "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks" for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism "now saves" us "as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21).

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 love me, you will keep my commandments."

Verse: John 14:2-3 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-9 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	93	97	98	99	47	96	92	93
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 114	136, 117

The Catechism: Ten Commandments—1-10 (Primary Texts); Table of Duties—To Employers and Supervisors: Ephesians 6:9; To Youth: 1 Peter 5:5-6

<p>Ten Commandments—1-10 (Primary Texts)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 4. Honor your father and your mother. 5. You shall not murder. 6. You shall not commit adultery. 7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor 9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. 10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. 	Pre+
<p>Masters, treat your slaves in the same way do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ephesians 6:9</p>	3 rd Grade +
<p>Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothes yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Peter 5:5-6</p>	1 st Grade + 2 nd Grade +

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Hold on to the Word

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Jesus Has Overcome the World—John 16:23-33	Num. 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25-15:10
Mon.	The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47	Num. 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
Tue.	The Genealogy of Jesus—Matthew 1:1-17	Num. 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
Wed.	The Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17	Num. 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
Thur.	The Temptation of Our Lord—Matthew 4:1-11	Num. 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
Fri.	Jesus’ Ministry and the Call of the Fishermen—Matthew 4:12-25	Num. 11:24-29; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37

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

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 – Bob Tetzlaff—hospice; Todd Gartzke; David Hertneky—broken arm; Matt Dinnauer; Bernice Jorgenson; Bobbie Scheuer; Duane Peterson—back surgery (May 31st); Jacob Juneau—St. Luke's; Carol Fellin—cancer; Larry Hansen; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain cancer; Esther Hart; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider—recovering from fall; Ethan Meyer—brain tumor; Mabel Fredrick; Agnes Thurow; 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: Ron Olson (Laura Rohowetz's dad); Dylan Coughlin—3 year-old with brain tumor; Kevin Kloss (John Tesch's nephew)—Leukemia; Dan Callahan (Tom & Pat Truebenbach's brother-in-law); Judy (Amy Hackbarth's friend)—lung cancer; 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: Armin Tessmann (Gwen Nicholson's brother); Michael Hamton; Karen Christenson—dementia & stroke; Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson's sister) liver problems; Regina Mills; Dory Schultz; Tina Hahn (BJ Lavota's sister)—heart stent; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister); Lois—hospice; Shawn—vascular problems; Jennifer—digestive absorption issues; Kat's mom—

broken leg; Kristal—lung surgery; Jennifer (Rick & Kathy Ware’s daughter)—pray for complete recovery; 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; Curt G; 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: Tucker Stargard; PFC Nicholas Lang (South Korea); 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 Alice Feldschneider, who passed away; St. Paul’s Church Leadership Team for financial direction & wisdom; protection and guidance for the grandson of a member who has moved away and broken all contact with his family; Josh, for help with alcoholism; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

Anniversary: Bob & Agnes Thurow—60th—May 26th
George & Pat Menden—43rd—May 25th

Birthday: Dorothy Peterson—96th—May 22nd

Baptisms: Adaline Denise Eichstaedt—May 21st
Sylis Mason Montgomery—May 21st

Public Reception of New Members: Paul Junio

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

Hymn of the Week: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” _____ LSB 556

Looking forward to the Seventh Sunday of Easter . May 27/28, 2017
Hymns: 587, 493 (623, 539, 525) 491

Pastor Kelling

We live in a world that is moving at warp speed. So much has been invented, developed and improved in our lifetime than ever before. The “Big Box Stores” are running out of space for all the choice options we have. More people are shopping online giving them access to far more products.

We also live in a world that is looking for something after this life. Many religions claim to have the answer – just follow these steps to happiness. But their quest never reaches satisfaction. They just can never do enough to reach the goal. Their vision of the goal is clouded by changing choices, unreachable standards, and loss of interest.

How different for us as God’s redeemed children. The answer we too may be seeking – IS NOT IN US! Our steps to happiness and the fulfillment of life can only be found in Jesus. That is the core belief of our religion (Lutheranism) and faith. Our spiritual vision is clear and focused solely in Jesus. Soon the speed of life will end, and our eternity will be calm, peaceful and forever in the presence of the Trinity So where is your eternal life?



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Regular Voters' Meeting
May 21, 2017
12:00 pm in the Church**

AGENDA

Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Voters' Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2016
- E. State of the Parish Report
- F. Treasurer's Report
- G. Committee Reports (*Land Committee, Capital Campaign Committee*)
- H. Administrative Reports
(*Board of Elders, Operations Committee, Education Committee*)
- I. Old Business
- J. New Business
 - 1) Motion to approve slate of candidates for leadership positions
 - 2) Motion to approve Line of Credit increase ***
- K. Adjournment
- L. Closing Prayer

***New Bylaws state: A minimum of 75 voting members must be present to constitute a quorum when the vote pertains to the following: 1) Purchasing or selling of real estate; 2) **Incurring any formal debt**; 3) Extending a call to a Pastor. If a quorum is not met, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled for a future date. At the future meeting, then all voting members present shall constitute a quorum.

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: May 22nd–28th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY May 22 nd	Stephen Ministry Training	Room 201	7:00 pm
TUESDAY May 23 rd	Confirmation Meeting Praise Team Practice	Room 219 Church	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY May 24 th	Kinder Place Graduation	Church	6:30 pm
THURSDAY May 25 th	Ascension Day Meal Ascension Day Worship Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church Church	5:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm
SATURDAY May 27 th	Journeymen Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY May 28 th	Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

Wednesday Summer Worship Services

Lakeside Summer Worship (in our backyard) will return on Wednesday, May 31st at 6:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs! Sermons will be from the prior Sunday. (If there is inclement weather, services will be moved into the sanctuary.)

ATTENDANCE

May 13/14

Church Attendance:

5:30 pm—103

8:00 am—151

10:30 am—158

412 Total; 33 visitors; 379 members

**ST. PAUL'S MAY 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	TBD	TBD	Hannah Tuff & Leann Wolf
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Barb Hentz	Audrey Martens & Gerri Zwieg
Elders	Wilbur Pieper	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Ralph & Donna Andrus (church) Don & Harriet Groose (school)	Kim Tuff
Lectors	Dave Meyer	Rick Zastrow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	Truman Seifert

NEXT WEEK

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Psalms 68:1-10	1 Peter 4:12—19; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Nathan Oelsner
Altar Guild	Jean Fisher	Leslyn Mueller	Barb Star
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Dave Meyer	Scott Kalien
Greeters	John & Margie Hertneky	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Chuck & Jenny Laabs (school)	Brenda Nagel
Lectors	Barb Brockway	Gary Ketchum	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Mike Papa	Scott Kalien

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 66:8–20

Pew Bible pg. 610

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,

that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

1 Peter 3:13–22

Pew Bible pg. 1295

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

St. John 14:15-21

Pew Bible pg. 1146

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."