

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 27th & 28th, 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 21

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 SEVENTH 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 Emeritus: John Kelling

Theme: *Spiritual Cataracts*

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 Doris Moore in loving memory of her husband, Asher and Bob & Agnes Thurow in praise to God for their 60th wedding anniversary on May 26th. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com.

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

The Board of Elders has voted to 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.

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." Candi 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.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

It's only 3 weeks until Mission Team 1737 (that's us) heads to the Dominican Republic. The prayers, encouragement, and financial support we've received from the congregation have been overwhelming! Thank you! We are now meeting weekly, and this past week were joined by Brian Zirbel, our team leader from MOST Ministries, who gave us more details about the mission. Our's is a Mercy/Construction trip. The main goal is to work with disabled residents at several group homes and orphanages. We will also be assisting with the construction of a kiosk, where group home residents will be able to sell crafts to help make themselves more self-sufficient. Please continue to pray for the success of team 1737, and watch for more updates in the weeks to come.

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!

ST. PAUL'S GARDENS

Because of health issues, the Pankow's will not be able to lead in planting and caring for the flowers in St. Paul's Gardens. If you are willing to serve your Lord and St. Paul's by providing that leadership, please call the church office at 262.567.5001 or the Pankow's at 262.560.0631. There are many wonderful people ready to help.

THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP

Remember Me...as you honor the soldiers who died in service to your country. Remember Me...when you visit the widows and the orphans. Remember Me...as you partake of my body and blood. *Dear Lord Jesus, help us to remember you in all we do. Amen*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

Destroying life or belittling dignity belongs to the devil's work (1 Peter 5:8). These methods inevitably end tragically for all involved (Acts 1:16-19). Christ's comfort invites sufferers instead to entrust their anxieties—and those who cause them—to a faithful Creator (1 Peter 5:7). *Holy Father, place our souls in Your hands that we may place Your hands on souls. Amen.*

GROWING DISCIPLES

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Spiritual Cataracts
May 28-June 4, 2017*

Spiritual Cataracts

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

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12 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 Widows: 1 Timothy 5:5-6; To Everyone: Romans 13:9, 1 Timothy 2:1

<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>The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Timothy 5:5-6</p>	3 rd Grade + 4 th Grade +
<p>The commandments...are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 13:9</p> <p>I urge...that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Timothy 2:1</p>	1 st Grade + 2 nd Grade +

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: *Spiritual Cataracts*

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	The Coming Persecution—John 15:26—16:4	Num. 14:1-25	Luke 18:18-34
Mon.	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Num. 14:26-45	Luke 18:35-19:10
Tue.	The Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes—Matthew 5:1-12	Num. 16:1-22	Luke 19:11-28
Wed.	Christ's Righteousness Fulfills the Law—Matthew 5:13-20	Num. 16:23-40	Luke 19:29-48
Thur.	You Shall Not Murder—Matthew 5:21-26	Num. 16:41-17:13	Luke 20:1-18
Fri.	You Shall Not Commit Adultery—Matthew 5:27-32	Num. 20:1-21	Luke 20:19-44

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

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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 – Sharon Peterson—recovering from surgery; Sue Lindemann—knee surgery; Bob Tetzlaff—hospice; Todd Gartzke; David Hertneky—broken arm; Matt Dinnauer; Bernice Jorgenson; Bobbie Scheuer; Duane Peterson—back surgery (May 31st); 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: 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: Sue Wolter (Pat Gartzke's sister); Karen Nicholson (Carl's sister)—broken leg; 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 Ron Olson (Laura Rohowetz’s dad), who passed away; the family of Jacob Juneau, who passed away; 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.

Anniversaries: Bill & Margaret Voss—71st—May 18th
Dave & Bonnie Schlieve—39th—May 27th

Birthday: Alex Knebel—28th—May 30th

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

Hymn of the Week: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

LSB 493

Looking forward to the Day of Pentecost

June 3/4, 2017

Hymns: 489, 913 (500, 497, 825) 906

Pastor Scharnell

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. “The hour” had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father “that they may be one” with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together “with one accord” into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). “Devoting themselves to prayer,” they wait upon the Lord in “the upper room” (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they “may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed” (1 Peter 4:13).

REGISTER NOW!

JUNE 19 – 22, 2017



**COST: \$15/ Child
\$35/ Family Max**

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:

[St Paul's Lutheran - Vacation Bible School Registration](#)

REGISTRATION

Child's Name: _____

Gender: Male Female Birthdate: ____/____/____ Grade Entering 2017-18: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Guardian: _____ Home phone: _____

Email: _____

Cell phone: _____ Emergency Contact phone: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Special Requests: _____

Name of Home Church: _____

Food Allergies: YES / NO Please List: _____

Medical Concerns: YES / NO Please List: _____

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Volunteer Name: _____ During VBS, I would like to help in one or more of the following areas:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please Check: Adult _____ Under 18 _____

If under 18 years old, please indicate the school grade level you will be entering the 2017-18 School Year: _____

- Exploration Team: Leader Helper
- Crafts: Leader Helper
- Games: Leader Helper
- Music: Leader Helper
- Missions: Leader Helper
- Nursery: Leader Helper

- Drama Sound/AV Teacher
- Photographer Clean-up Crew Teaching Assistant

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO PARTNER WITH US!

Age Level Preference

- 0–2 years 2–4 years
- 4–6 years 6–9 years
- 9–12 years Wherever needed most



WE NEED 20 ADULT VOLUNTEERS & 15 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS 2017 VBS A SUCCESS!

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 29th—June 4th
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY May 29 th	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED		
TUESDAY May 30 th	SPLS Spring Concert Praise Team Practice	Church Church	6:30 pm 7:45 pm
WEDNESDAY May 31 st	Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY June 1 st	Ladies Aid/LWML Combined Meeting Praise Team Practice	Rosati's Church	6:00 pm 8:00 pm
SATURDAY June 3 rd	Women's Bible Study Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY June 4 th	Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Blood Pressure Screening Contemporary Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Church Office Church	8:00 am 9:15 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 20/21

Church Attendance:

5:30 pm—95

8:00 am—171

10:30 am—183

449 Total; 52 visitors; 397 members

**ST. PAUL'S JUNE/JULY 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	Molly Wilke	Molly Wilke	
Acolytes	TBD	Caden Moldenhauer	Nathan Oelsner
Altar Guild	Jean Fisher	Leslyn Mueller	Barb Star
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Arno Kirchenwitz	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

NEXT WEEK

5:30 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Psalms 25:1-15	Acts 2:1-21	John 7:37-39
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	Luke Boldt
Altar Guild	Martha Blanck	Donna Andrus	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Bruce Bain	Mark Thurow
Greeters	Roxie Gerlach	Shirley Smart (church) Karen Meyer (school)	Anne Fait
Lectors	Chad Eberhardt	Jim Steinberg	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Bob Bratz	Gary Flanagan	John Melvin

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 68:1–10

_____ *Pew Bible pg. 611*

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; **your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

Pew Bible pg. 1296

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

St. John 17:1-11

_____ *Pew Bible pg. 1149*

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

May 27/28, 2017