

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)



LWML

Lutheran Women *in Mission*



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

Worship Schedule: \*Saturday 5:00 pm \* Sunday 8:00 am Traditional \*  
\* Sunday 10:30 am Contemporary \* Wednesday 6:30 pm Lakeside \*

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

September 30<sup>th</sup> & October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus  
Jill George, Interim Principal  
Volume 23

Adam Tanney, Youth Director  
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director  
Christine Flores, Early Childhood Center (ECC) Director

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

Number 38

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 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**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:** *The Right Pair of Shoes*

Traditional Worship

**Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 2, pg. 167**

Contemporary Worship

**Special Order**

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Reformation Bible Study**

**567-5001 Sun. - 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

**Salvation**

**567-8195 Tues. - 7:00 p.m. Muecke's Home**

**Women's Bible Study**

**490-2879 Sat. (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 7:30 a.m. Whelan's**

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by LWML in honor of LWML Sunday. 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 Rick & Diane Zastrow in praise to God for their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

# REACHING DISCIPLES

## LWML

LWML meets Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Remember your Mites!

**LWML Zone 17 Fall Rally** will be hosted at St. John's, Sullivan on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration and refreshments beginning at 6:00 pm with program following. The guest speaker will be Rita Whittlow from Bethany Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. She will speak about this once German church, which is now ministering to inner city members and community. Everyone is invited to join us for this interesting evening. An ingathering of 8.5 oz. Styrofoam cups, 5 oz. juice cups, square napkins, apple juice from ALDI, quart size Ziploc bags, dish detergent, ½ gal. size bleach will be collected for Bible Studies and Soup Kitchen.

## EYE GLASSES FOR MISSIONS

LWML is collecting eye glasses for MOST Ministries. Glasses accepted are **adult** or **children**, over the counter **reading glasses** and **non-prescription sunglasses**. Collection basket will be located across from Thee Bookstore.

## MEYER CHILDREN SUPPORT

Our hearts are filled with mixed emotions of joy and sadness as we mourn the death of Dr. Ethan Meyer. His celebration of eternal life in heaven brings hope and joy to our family of believers. Yet we realize his passing has also left much sadness as we mourn. We especially remember his youngest children, Gabby - 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Eli - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, who are at St. Paul's. Accounts have been established at First Bank Financial Centre for those who wish to give a memorial on Dr. Meyer's behalf for their educational expenses.

# SERVING DISCIPLES

## LOOKING FOR NEW ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

We are looking for new members to join the Altar Guild. The more volunteers we have, the less frequent each person will be scheduled. At this time, members are scheduled once very five weeks. Please consider this opportunity to serve your Lord. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Fisher at 262.567.5998 or any Altar Guild member. Thank you!

## LORD'S CUPBOARD HAPPENINGS

Last year we handed out over 200 bags and anticipate more being needed this year. For those bags we are looking for 200 boxes of stuffing, 200 cans of cranberry sauce, 400 cans of green beans, 200 cans of cream of mushroom soup, 200 cans of fruit, 200 gravy packets. We are looking for donations to be dropped off by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Jamie Stache at 608-444-3556.

## LADIES AID

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing our annual Craft Fair. Please bring a package of paper plates to this meeting as a donation to various church groups. We hope to see you there!

## LORD'S CUPBOARD NEEDS A COOK!

Chuck Wenthur has been making the Lord's Cupboard meal for the past few years and now is unable to continue. A huge **THANK YOU** to him for his wonderful and delicious service to this outreach ministry! If you can help make the meal once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, please contact Mary Hickenbottom for more details. Serving approximately 100-125 meals each month. 414.333.3421 or mary@splco.org.

## NEW ELDER/USHER SCHEDULE

The new elder/usher schedule for October through December of 2017 is now available. You can pick up your copy in the podium in the narthex. Thank you.

## LADIES AID NEEDS HELP WITH SERVING FOR FUNERALS

Our Ladies Aid is looking for people to help when they are asked to serve the meal following a funeral. Please contact (call or text) Sharon Peterson, if you are interested in helping at 262-490-8671. Thank you!

## GROWING DISCIPLES

## LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

The lives, interests, and eternities of our neighbors have ultimate value and infinite purpose to our Heavenly Father. He holds each one as His special creature and precious child (Ezekiel 18:4, 32). This makes them also treasures to us (Philippians 2:3-4). The authority that assigns human beings their worth, even when unborn or impaired, comes from heaven and not from men (Matthew 21:23-27). *Heavenly Father, lend us Your eyes to take no pleasure in anyone's death but serve the least among us. Amen.*

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Please join us this school year in becoming a prayer partner with the children of our school. We are asking all school and congregational members to select a child for whom you will pray this entire school year. Likewise, they will be praying for you. Instructions are located near the boards, but here's how it works:

Locate a bulletin board in the Narthex or school lobby that has colorful handprints attached to it

- † Select one of the handprints
- † On the back of the handprint is a white slip of paper, put your name on it
- † Drop that slip of paper with your name on it in the box/basket located nearby
- † Take the colorful handprint home with you
- † Begin praying for the child whose name is on the handprint
- † The child will receive the paper with your name on it and will be praying for you.

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: The Right Pair of Shoes*

*October 1-8, 2017*

## ***The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God (Pastor Kelling)***

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: "the soul who sins shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of anyone" (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, "shall surely live; he shall not die" (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, "he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death" (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now "shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even "the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God" (Matt. 21:31–32).

## ***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***

**Verse:** Romans 6:23—The wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Psalm:** Psalm 84 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Sun.</b>
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	19	136	123	15	36	130	56	67
<b>Evening</b>	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 62	46, 93

## Catechism: The Ten Commandments—Review and The Close of the Commandments

<p><i>What does God say about all these commandments?</i></p> <p><b>He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."</b></p>	<p>Preschool +</p>
<p><i>What does this mean?</i></p> <p>God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Grade +</p>

## The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: The Right Pair of Shoes

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
<b>Sun.</b>	Jesus Forgives the Paralytic—Matthew 9:1-8	Deut. 2:16-37	Matt. 6:16-34
<b>Mon.</b>	Aaron and Miriam Speak Against Moses—Numbers 12:1-16	Deut. 3:1-29	Matt. 7:1-12
<b>Tue.</b>	Spies Are Sent into Canaan—Numbers 13:1-3 (4-16) 17-33	Deut. 4:1-20	Matt. 7:13-29
<b>Wed.</b>	Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan; Moses Intercedes—Numbers 14:1-24	Deut. 4:21-40	Matt. 8:1-17
<b>Thur.</b>	The Rebels Are Sentenced to Death—Numbers 14:26-45	Deut. 5:1-21	Matt. 8:18-34
<b>Fri.</b>	Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron—Numbers 16:1-19a	Deut. 5:22-6:9	Matt. 9:1-17

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

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, 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** – Bernice Brown; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl; Roger Fisher—Lyme's disease; Duane Olson—kidney cancer; Duane Peterson; Carol Fellin—cancer; Larry Hansen; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Esther Hart—hospice; Louise Lang; Marguerite Schneider; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware—shoulder surgery (October 12<sup>th</sup>); Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Tom—stage 3 bladder cancer; Liz (Barb Allwardt's sister)—colon cancer; the sister of a member with breast cancer; Dylan Coughlin—3 year-old with brain tumor; Kevin Kloss (John Tesch's nephew)—Leukemia; Judy (Amy Hackbarth's friend)—lung cancer; Beth Etzel—stage-four pancreatic cancer; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—cancer in bones; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; Julie; Joanne Montanegro-Greinke; Kayla (7 years-old)—brain cancer; Cheri (Tina Gartzke's friend); Linda F—breast cancer; Jack Anderson; Kim B.—breast cancer; Jeanie; Karen Peskie (Mike & Cheryl Reiner's sister-in-law)—Lymphoma; Lea Acord (Pat Borgman's friend); Dan (stage -four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer; Sarah Beine (stage 4 cancer)

**Other:** Luann (Ella Pakenham's grandma); Rebecca Mills; Gail Albright—IBS; David Lenske (Tammy Horton's dad)—stroke; Bryan True—coma from motorcycle accident; Chelsea Bunker—severe brain injury; Marlene Wille (wife of Jim, former St. Paul's members) - stage 3 colon cancer; Kimberly Stoner—knee surgery (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>); Naomi Morris (Lynn Kirkstein's friend); Sue Lentini (Dina Tanner's cousin)—heart surgery needed; Dan George (Jamie's brother)—liver disease; Sue Wolter (Pat Gartzke's sister); Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; Michael Hamton; Karen Christenson—dementia & stroke; Regina Mills; Dory Schultz; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister); Shawn—vascular problems; Kristal—lung surgery; Jonathan (Marilyn Marohn's nephew)—in need of a kidney; Doug—CCL; Megan Bertram; Ashlin—stage 4 renal failure; Clem—high calcium heart; Bob—prostate problems; Linda—diabetic dementia;

Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Pat—afib; Fred (Lynda Rades’s brother); Joel (Tina Gartzke’s nephew); Clarence; Pam; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** PFC Nicholas Lang; 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 a family in crisis; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

**Anniversary:** Rick & Diane Zastrow—32<sup>nd</sup>—October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Birth:** Elise Grace, daughter born to JJ & Anne Bruckner—September 27<sup>th</sup>  
(proud grandparents: Robin & Wendy Griepentrog)

**Birthday:** Bernice Brown—94<sup>th</sup>—October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving:** Sue Lentini for successful heart surgery

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**  
**Hymn of the Week: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

**LSB 655**

**Looking forward to The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 7/8, 2017**

**Hymns: 912, 544 (566, 861, 637) 644**

***The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the Lord of Hosts***  
**(Pastor Scharnell)**

“The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “on a very fertile hill” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “choice vines,” but also building the “watchtower” of His prophets and hewing out the “wine vat” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “he looked for it to yield grapes,” there were only “wild grapes” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “the fruits in their seasons” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “suffered the loss of all things” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” to “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:8–10).



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For the most current information on St. Paul's happenings, please visit our website at [splco.org](http://splco.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: October 2<sup>nd</sup>–8<sup>th</sup>  
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry Stephen Ministry Leaders Stephen Ministry Supervision	Hallway Room 201 Room 201	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Praise Team Practice LWML	Church Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Choir Life Together Adult Choir	Balcony Maxim's Balcony	5:20 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Aid Martin Luther Movie Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Marcus Hillside Church	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Bible Study Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Service Public School Confirmation 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bible History <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Reformation Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Sunday Night Alive (5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Church Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Gym/Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

# ATTENDANCE

September 23/24

**Church Attendance:**

5:00 pm—117

8:00 am—220

10:30 am—141

478 Total; 47 visitors; 431 members

**ST. PAUL'S OCTOBER 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 SUNDAY**

**5:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
<b>Special Music</b>	Bill Scheuer	Adult Choir	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	Mia Thurow
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Fisher	Barb Hentz	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Dave Meyer	Mark Thurow
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Margie Hertneky	Karen Meyer (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Darlene Adams
<b>Lectors</b>	Amy Hackbarth	Dave Meyer	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Wilbur Pieper	Mike Papa	John Melvin

**NEXT WEEK**

**5:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matt. 21:33-46
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Alyssa Dinnauer	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Martha Blanck	Leslyn Mueller	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Elders</b>	Arno Kirchenwitz	Bryan Polinske	Jon Schmeling & Josh Oddsen
<b>Greeters</b>	John Melvin	Jim & Judy Braatz (church) Gary Pribnow (school)	Anne Fait
<b>Lectors</b>	Chad Eberhardt	Don Meyer	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Bratz	Dan Friedrich	Truman Seifert

# THE 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **Psalm 25:1-10**

*Pew Bible pg. 582*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.  
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.  
Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!  
Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.  
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18**

*Pew Bible pg. 1248*

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

## **St. Matthew 21:23-27**

*Pew Bible pg. 1050*

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.