

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

(The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod)

An Invitation to Revere



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

October 14th & 15th, 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 39

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 19th 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: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *An Invitation to Revere*

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. (1st & 3rd) - 7:30 a.m. Whelan's

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Don & Harriet Groose in in praise to God for their 61st wedding anniversary on October 28th. 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 Jack & Sharon Stoner in praise to God for their son, Kent's, birthday.

REACHING DISCIPLES

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Isn't it wonderful? They just had their first baby! She seems to be so tired and overwhelmed. I wonder if she could use a Stephen Minister to share her thoughts? We are here for you. Call Steve (262-646-4049), Carol (262-468-4292), Jeff (262-567-1302) or Bobbie (262-354-0033).

LWML ~ MISSION MINUTE UPDATE (GRANT #1)

PROVIDING FOOD & THE GOSPEL TO STARVING CHILDREN: \$40,000

Mercy Meals of Siouxland, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa, began packaging fortified rice/soy meals in 2012. Mercy Meals donates all meals to Orphan Grain Train for transportation and delivery to Christian organization in many countries including India, Romania, Ecuador, Navajo reservations and Ysleta Mission in El Paso, TX. This grant will feed body & souls of 50,000-75,000 starving families.

SERVING DISCIPLES

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 1st. If you have any questions, please call Jamie Stache at 608-444-3556. We will be packing Thanksgiving Food Bags on Saturday, November 18th, at 9am.

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP OCTOBER 22nd-29th

Our Savior's and St. Paul's volunteers will be welcoming families without shelter to stay for food, fellowship and overnight shelter at Our Savior's Church on October 22nd-29th. Help us welcome guests and live out our faith in service to our neighbors in need this fall. Currently we have 2 families in the program—a total of 2 adults and 3 children (9 months, 3 and 16 years-old). Please sign-up for any of the service opportunities (serving the food, spending some time in the evening with the families, setting up on the 22nd or taking the stuff down on the 29th, or staying overnight) by going to our church website: splco.org or contact Mary Hickenbottom 414-333-3421 or mary@splco.org. Specific items needed: Butter, Yogurt, Leaf Lettuce, Gallon of Vanilla Ice Cream all by noon on 10/22. Muffins, Fruit Platter (no oranges), Pizza & Salad all by 5pm on 10/27. Contact Mary if you can donate any of these specific food items. Thank you for your willingness to serve and please continue to pray for these families and for the volunteers who are changing lives in our community!

OUR "2017 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR" IS FAST APPROACHING...

Saturday, November 4th, is the date! We need your help! We are looking for bakers to donate Christmas cookies of all kinds or any bakery items for the bake sale. We are also looking for donations of baked goods—flour, sugar, powdered sugar, butter, etc. Please contact Sharon Peterson at 262-490-8671 or Sue Lindemann at 262-567-8985 if you are able and/or willing to help in any way. If crafting is your specialty, please consider donating some items for the craft fair. All items should be brought to the kitchen by Wednesday, November 1st. Bake sale items can be brought Friday or Saturday morning.

2nd Holy Communion Hymn: Thy Word Is a Lamp

LSB 973

Refrain Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

GROWING DISCIPLES

SAVE THE DATES!

ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

Are You Living the Hidden Life of the Heart?

1 Peter 3:4 (ESV) "...let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious."

The Women's Retreat is a time to experience God's gift of Jesus and His presence with us. Come learn how women, throughout history, have had remarkable opportunities – just with the gift of their presence – to share God's love and influence with those around them. Learn how to embrace your spiritual gifts along with the gift of your presence to be a light in this world.

March 9 – 11, 2018

Osthoff Resort

Elkhart Lake, WI

	Register By Dec 17th	Register By Jan 31st
4 women in 2 bedroom suite	\$185	\$210
3 women in 2 bedroom suite	\$215	\$240
2 women in 2 bedroom suite	\$275	\$300

Each suite has one king-size bed. Package include 2 night deluxe accommodations, Saturday breakfast buffet and dinner, Sunday breakfast buffet

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost: An Invitation to Revere

October 15-22, 2017

An Invitation to Revere (Pastor O'Donnell)

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He "will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth" (Is. 25:8). Therefore, "let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made "for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine" (Is. 25:6). It is the royal "wedding feast" of the Son of God, "and everything is ready" (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, "both good and bad," to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the "wedding garment" of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, "do not be anxious about anything," do not take this invitation for granted; rather, "in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God," and "rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil. 4:4–6).

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: In our Baptism Christ clothes us in His Righteousness and invites us to the eternal wedding feast, an invitation we dare not take for granted.

Verse: 1 Timothy 1:15—This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Psalm: Psalm 8 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	110	62	13	96	116	85	61	103
Evening	66, 23	73, 8	36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98	117, 139

Catechism: The Creed: The First Article (continued)

<p><i>The First Article</i> I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.</p>	2 nd Grade +
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.</p>	2 nd Grade +
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.</p>	2 nd Grade +
<p><i>What does this mean? (continued)</i> For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.</p>	2 nd Grade +

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost: An Invitation to Revere

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son— John 4:46-54	Deut. 13:1-18	Matt. 13:1-23
Mon.	The Sin of Peor—Numbers 25:1-18	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15	Matt. 13:24-43
Tue.	Joshua Is Ordained to Take Moses' Place— Numbers 27:12-23	Deut. 15:19-16:22	Matt. 13:44-58
Wed.	Moses Reminds the People of God's Law— Deut. 1:1a, 3; 5:1-11a, 12, 16-22	Deut. 17:1-20	Matt. 14:1-21
Thur.	Moses Warns the People Against Rebelling—Deuteronomy 5:32—6:25	Deut. 18:1-22	Matt. 14:22-36
Fri.	The Lord Will Raise Up a Prophet Like Moses—Deuteronomy 18:9-22	Deut. 19:1-20	Matt. 15:1-20

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

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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 – Bernice Brown; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; 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—recovering from shoulder surgery; 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

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; 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; Barb (Dave Schlomer's mom)—severe headaches;

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 struggling with job loss; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

Anniversaries: Don & Harriet Groose—61st—October 28th
Dave & Jackie Meyer—14th—October 18th

Birthdays: Wayne Gartzke—80th—October 16th
Roger Gartzke—80th—October 16th
Bobbie Scheuer—76th—October 19th

Public Reception of New Members: Cory Gardner and daughter, Alexis
Nathan & Christina Nasett and children, Braxton & Gracelyn

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

Hymn of the Week: “A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

LSB 510

Looking forward to The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 21/22, 2017

Hymns: 940 (v. 1-4), 940 (v. 5-7) (808, 627, 727) 525

Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer

Dr. Peter Scaer is deeply involved in life issues and serves as president of Allen County Right to Life. He is a founding member of Shepherds United, an ecumenical Christian group formed to defend life, natural marriage and religious liberty. He speaks out on the issues that affect both our Church and society, always placing the focus on Christ, who gives us life and defines for us what it means to be truly human.

St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

Third Grade is a Thrilling Place to Be!

Third grade is a special year where children become more independent and begin to see themselves as unique individuals. We began our school year figuring out where we are located in the world – address, city, state, country, continent, and finally planet. As one child commented, “The world looks like a small place, but when you study it, you see how big it really is!” Students begin to sense that their lives here in Oconomowoc are just a small part of the world at large. They begin to understand more about the greatness of God as they look at the world He created.



To celebrate the changing seasons of summer to fall, we are making fall wreaths with the scripture, “Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good, and his love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1. Though we see the seasons changing, scripture reminds us that we have a God who does not change. What great comfort that brings us all.

As we prepare to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we are busy memorizing and practicing our songs for the special church service on October 29. The third grade class spends the year studying *My First Catechism* (a first catechism version for younger children), and we will also spend time studying Martin Luther and the history of the Reformation. Please pray for our students as they learn and grow this year in third grade.

2017-2018 School Year Theme Verse: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

Mission Statement: *Helping God’s children grow to be energetic servant leaders for HIM through love, respect, and a commitment to excellence.*

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: October 16th–22nd
ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

MONDAY October 16 th	Lord's Cupboard Meal Stephen Ministry Continuing Education	Fellowship Hall Room 201	5:30 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY October 18 th	Parish Choir Life Together Adult Choir	Balcony Maxim's Balcony	5:20 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY October 19 th	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
FRIDAY October 20 th	RACE FOR EDUCATION	Fowler Park	8:15 am
SATURDAY October 21 st	Women's Bible Study Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY October 22 nd	Traditional Worship Service Public School Confirmation 5 th & 6 th Grade Bible History <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Reformation Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Christian Citizenship Forum Christian Citizenship Dinner Sunday Night Alive (9 th – 12 th)	Church Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Room 138/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

October 7/8

Church Attendance:

5:00 pm—111

8:00 am—157

10:30 am—188

456 Total; 41 visitors; 415 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
Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
Special Music	Sara Benes	Sara Benes SPLS Handbell Choir	
Acolytes	TBD	Caden Moldenhauer	TBD
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Donna Andrus	Sarah Neff
Elders	Bruce Bain	Rick Zastrow & Chad Eberhardt	Erik Benes
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Don & Harriet Groose (church) Jim & Marlene Steinberg (school)	Jamie Stache
Lectors	Erik Benes	Cheryl Tesch	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Erik Benes
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushers	Gary Flanagan	Rick Zastrow	Scott Kalien

NEXT WEEK	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Isaiah 45:1-7	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Wendy Tesch	Brenda Jacobosky
Elders	Dave Meyer	Mike Tesch & Todd Leonhardt	John Melvin
Greeters	John & Margie Hertneky	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Al & Kathy Mueller
Lectors	Barb Brockway	Dorothy Duchow	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Mike Papa	Todd Leonhardt	John Melvin

THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible pg. 745

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Philippians 4:4-13

Pew Bible pg. 1250

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

St. Matthew 22:1-14

Pew Bible pg. 1051

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."