



**St. Paul's**

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples*



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# NEVER WASTE A FAILURE

## **Church, School and Early Childhood Center**

210 E. Pleasant St.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
[www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org)  
262-567-5001

## **Worship Schedule**

Saturday: 5pm traditional  
Sunday: 8am traditional  
Sunday: 10:30am contemporary

Advent, Lent, Summer special services

January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Steven Scharnell, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus  
Jill George, Principal  
Volume 24

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 4

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 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**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:** *Never Waste a Failure*

Traditional Worship

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

Contemporary Worship

**Special Order**

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Adult 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>) - 8:00 a.m. Whelan's**

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by a member in praise to God for blessings received. St. Paul's 8:00 am church service can be heard Sunday over WTKM (104.9 FM) and worldwide at wtkm.com. The **altar flowers** are sponsored by Barb Krug in loving memory of her daughter, Carolyn.

## REACHING DISCIPLES

### FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>-MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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 on February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Help us welcome guests and live out our faith in service to our neighbors in need. There are currently 4 families in the program-5 adults and 3 children (10 and two 2 year-olds) and one of the moms is pregnant. Please go to our website to sign up [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org) or directly to the Family Promise sign-up genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9ad2ba13-family12> or contact Mary Hickenbottom with any questions at 414.333.3421 or [mary@splco.org](mailto:mary@splco.org). *Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this needed outreach ministry in our community!*

## SERVING DISCIPLES

### LCLHS THUNDER FOOTBALL

Registration for Thunder Tackle Football, grades 5-8, sponsored by Lake Country Lutheran High School will be occurring throughout the months of January and February. Registration forms can be found online at the LCLHS website: [www.lakecountryhs.org](http://www.lakecountryhs.org) under the Athletics tab, then go to Lightning Athletics, Youth Programs, and then Thunder Football. For those that have questions or are seeking more information, there is also a document on the website with general Thunder Football Information for those frequently asked questions. You may also contact the Thunder Football director directly: David Bahr, [dbahr@lakecountryhs.org](mailto:dbahr@lakecountryhs.org) or by phone at 262-367-8600 ext. 215.

## GROWING DISCIPLES

### LADIES AID

St. Paul's Ladies Aid meeting is Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Cheryl Oelsner. She will be talking about her experience on her trip to the Dominican Republic. Join us for an interesting evening. Please bring "paper towels" for the Lord's Cupboard. Thank you!

**Mark 1:22** "And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes." Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need him to show us what to believe and how to live – for Jesus' authority is always connected to His love.

## St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

**National Lutheran Schools Week Wrap-Up.** . .What a great week we had celebrating with other Lutheran Schools. St. Paul's hosted a chapel celebration of song and Scripture led by Mr. Paul Bahr. Attending were Good Shepherd (Watertown), Lebanon Lutheran (Lebanon), St. John's (Mayville), and St. Stephen's (Horicon) for a total of over 500 students and teachers making a joyful noise together! This was followed by a Bible trivia challenge between the schools, and St. Paul's was the winner!! Warriors' way, all the way!

***It is always fun to ask our students what they love about St. Paul's Lutheran School. Many of them respond that they get to learn God's Word every day and that they have wonderful friendships and caring teachers. Here are a few more to share...***

There is so much positivity in the building. Everyone knows everyone, and it's great to build a strong faith being around the people you know and love. (*Abby, 8<sup>th</sup>*)—I am the third generation of my family going here. (*Maddie, 5<sup>th</sup>*)—My mom and dad love me to send me here. (*Griffin, K*)—I'm thankful that the lunch ladies make us delicious food. (*Colton, 5<sup>th</sup>*)—The teachers make you understand if you are stuck. (*Samantha, 4<sup>th</sup>*)—We are like one big family. (*Lydia, 8<sup>th</sup>*)—We get to see the Lord's house every Thursday. (*Emma, 2<sup>nd</sup>*)—My Nana works there. (*Aaron, 4<sup>th</sup>*)—The teachers will help you if you ever need help. (*Brigitte, 6<sup>th</sup>*)—We set goals and we meet them. (*Mary, 5<sup>th</sup>*)—We have fun while we do work. (*Samantha, 7<sup>th</sup>*)—It is where I made all of my friends. (*Alex, 4<sup>th</sup>*)—Everyone is nice and won't bring you down. (*Lily, 8<sup>th</sup>*)—We get to go on the ice during winter! (*Daniel, 7<sup>th</sup>*)—We have a great education, and we worship God in all that we do. (*Jessie, 5<sup>th</sup>*)—It's like home to me. You can always talk to the teachers (in a fun or serious way). (*Megan, 8<sup>th</sup>*)—It has a great library and an awesome church. I love to learn. (*Brenainn, 4<sup>th</sup>*)—They treat me like family. (*Connor, 8<sup>th</sup>*)—Everybody here loves Jesus! (*Carissa, 2<sup>nd</sup>*)—They give me all the things I need to learn. (*Sabrina, 4<sup>th</sup>*)—It's actually really exciting learning with the teachers. (*Cameron, 5<sup>th</sup>*)—The music program is great. I also like the activities like the lock-in. (*Josh, 8<sup>th</sup>*)—It helped me make good friends. (*Noah, 6<sup>th</sup>*)—You make stronger connections with God!! And develop faith! (*Sadie, 5<sup>th</sup>*)—I love St. Paul's because of the relationships with the teachers and the care they give for you. (*Ethan, 8<sup>th</sup>*)—We have teachers helping us. (*Ashley, K*)—It can be an inspiring place to make friends. (*Sammy, 4<sup>th</sup>*)—It has a Christian atmosphere. (*Brett, 8<sup>th</sup>*)

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

# The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: Never Waste a Failure*

*January 28—February 4, 2018*

## **Never Waste a Failure**

Function: Confronted by the truth of Christ, and trusting in Him for our life and salvation, we face the disappointments of life as opportunities to know His hope and love.

Form: Question Answered

The Jews dealt with the national failure and exile by creating the place of learning and worship called the synagogue, and in those synagogues Jesus showed that in Him the LORD had kept his promise to raise up "a prophet" like Moses. "To him you shall listen," because the Word of the Lord is "in his mouth" (Deut. 18:15-18). Indeed, He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks "a new teaching with authority" (Mark 1:22, 27). He came not to establish a political kingdom or do each one's bidding, but to provide true rest for our souls through His death and resurrection. Many today are still disappointed with this type of messiah and view the cross as a failure, but those who believe are set free from bondage to sin through Jesus Christ, "through whom are all things and through whom we exist." (1 Cor. 8:6) These use their freedom in hope and love, caring for others, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9-12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

## **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:** Christ forgives us, calls us out of death and despair, and into hope and love.

**Verse:** Psalm 130:3-5 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.

**Psalm:** Psalm 95 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>	110	62	13	96	116	85	61	103
<b>Evening</b>	66, 23	73, 8	36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98	117, 139

**The Catechism: *Confession and Office of the Keys***

<p><i>What is Confession?</i>          Confession has two parts.          First, that we confess our sins          and second, that we receive absolution,          that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself,          not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven          before God in heaven.</p>	<p>Kindergarten +</p>
<p><i>What sins should we confess?</i>          Before God we should plead guilty of all sins,          even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer;          but before the pastor we should confess only those sins          which we know and feel in our hearts.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> grade+</p>
<p><i>Which are these?</i>          Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments:          Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife of worker?          Have you been disobedient, unfair, or lazy?          Have you ben hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome?          Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds?          Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything,          or done any harm?</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> grade+</p>

**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: *Never Waste a Failure***

<b>Day</b>	<b>Bible Stories for the Family &amp; School</b>	<b>Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard—Matthew 20:1-16</b>	Zech. 6:1-7:14	Rom. 16:17-27
<b>Mon.</b>	Lutheran Service Book Readings	Zech. 8:1-23	2 Tim. 1:1-18
<b>Tue.</b>	The Parable of the Prodigal Son— Luke 15:25-32	Zech. 9:1-17	2 Tim. 2:1-26
<b>Wed.</b>	The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin—Luke 15:1-10	Zech. 10:1-11:3	2 Tim. 3:1-17
<b>Thur.</b>	David’s Sin with Bathsheba— 2 Samuel 11:1-27	Zech. 11:4-17	2 Tim. 4:1-18
<b>Fri.</b>	The Prophet Nathan Confronts David— 2 Samuel 12:1-25	Zech. 12:1-13:9	Titus 1:1-2:6

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

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**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** – Don Schmitt; Kathy Wickersham—hip replacement; Ryan Albright; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; Duane Olson—cancer; Carol Fellin—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Louise Lang; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware; Ed Krelwitz; Harry & Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Barb Krug; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Beth—Lymphoma; Sue Lentini (Dina Tanner's cousin)—cancer returned; Naomi Morris; Janice (Diane Bleke's sister); 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; Beth Etzel—stage-four pancreatic cancer; co-worker of Michelle Pagenkopf; Mike—cancer in bones; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; Julie; Kayla (7 years-old)—brain cancer; 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:** son of a friend of the Juneau family with meningitis—surgery; Cheryl (Mark Prange's mom); son of a member for healing of separated shoulder; a member's mom—quick recovery from surgery; Justin—rotator cuff surgery; Kathleen O'Donnell—knee replacement surgery; Sicily (3 year-old)—Guillain-Barre syndrome; Shirley Katusich; Merita Dinnauer; Andrew (Rick Ware's cousin)—CLL chemo complications & PML Syndrome; Vicki Kuhl—afib; Sue Jansen

(Shirley Dibble's niece); Rebecca Mills; Gail Albright; Chelsea Bunker—severe brain injury; Marlene Wille (wife of Jim, former St. Paul's members)—stage 3 colon cancer; Dan George (Jamie's brother)—liver disease; 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; 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:** Justin Michener; 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; Matt, friend of Heather Gartzke; for David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri.

***Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism***  
***Hymn of the Week: "O Son of God, Eternal Savior"***

**LSB 842**

***Looking forward to The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany***  
***Hymns: 797, 541 (841, 976, 528) 790***

**February 3/4, 2018**

***Just Like You (Pastor Scharnell)***

The Lord alone "is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth" (Is. 40:28). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. "He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength" (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. His Word continues to be shared through those whom He has sent, who are "entrusted with a stewardship" to "preach the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16-17). Thus, we are set free by the Word of Christ, and we exercise our freedom in loving service to others.



June 25-28

We need adult help:

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|-----------------|-------------|
| *Co-directors   | *Decoration |
| *Registration   | *Snack Time |
| *Promotion      | *Games      |
| *Dramatic skits | *Art        |

(Teen-volunteer request will come later)

Contact Jill George to get involved

[principal@splco.org](mailto:principal@splco.org)

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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](http://splco.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: January 29<sup>th</sup>—February 4<sup>th</sup>  
 ADVANCE THE MISSION  
 REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

TUESDAY January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Choir Life Together Bible Study Adult Choir	Balcony Room 219 Balcony	5:20 pm 6:15 pm 7:20 pm
THURSDAY February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ladies Aid Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women of Joy Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Worship Service Coffee Hour (sponsored by SPLS 5 <sup>th</sup> graders) Blood Pressure Screening Public School Confirmation 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bible History <i>Time to Grow</i> (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Sunday Night Alive (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Church School Lobby Church Office Room 219 Room 204 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## **Deuteronomy 18:15–20 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 205*

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

## **1 Corinthians 8:1–13 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1216*

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

## **St. Mark 1:21–28 ~ ESV**

*Pew Bible pg. 1064*

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.