



St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reaching, Serving, and Growing Disciples



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

**Church, School and
Early Childhood Center**

210 E. Pleasant St.
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
www.splco.org
262-567-5001

Worship Schedule

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

Advent, Lent, Summer special services

April 7th & 8th, 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 14

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 SECOND 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: *The Benefit of a Second Opinion or
Second Look*

Traditional Worship

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 1, pg. 151

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.

Women's Bible Study

490-2879 Sat. (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 a.m. Whelan's

The **radio broadcast** is sponsored by John & Sue Lindemann in praise to God for their 47th wedding anniversary on April 3rd. 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 Dorothy Duchow in loving memory of her husband, Bill.

REACHING DISCIPLES

PRAISE TEAM MUSICIANS NEEDED.....

Our St. Paul's Praise Teams, who assist in leading the music for the contemporary worship services, are looking for musicians to join them. **Look2Him** Praise Team is in IMMEDIATE need of a lead guitarist. They practice every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 9pm in church.

In His Light Praise Team is looking for a drummer, a keyboardist and a violinist to fill out their team. They practice on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the church.

Whether you play one of the above instruments or any other instrument, or if you are a singer and you would love to help lead the congregation with contemporary style praises to our Lord, please don't be shy about sharing your talents! It would be great to have enough people come forward to fill out the needs listed above and to also put together an "alternates list". Alternates would be musicians and singers that the teams could call on for occasional participation when a need arises.

Other opportunities to help: a few more people to learn to run the sound system and the power point for the 10:30 contemporary services. Training would be provided.

If interested in using your God given talents here at St. Paul's for our contemporary services, please contact Linda Leidel (Look2Him) via phone 262-569-2933 or email laleidel@gmail.com or contact Michelle Oddsen (In His Light) via phone 262-434-0439 or email michelle.oddsen@gmail.com. "Rise up and praise Him!"

SERVING DISCIPLES

WINE PULL



The popular wine pull will be available at the Hero Crusade. Our goal is to raise \$600. To do that we will offer 30 bottles of wine at \$20 a "pull." Please help us make our goal a reality and consider donating a bottle of wine valued near the \$15 range. Donations can be left in the school office until Friday, April 13th.

GROWING DISCIPLES



John 20:19 "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbor .

Witness: The risen Christ calls us to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name to all nations, beginning right in our own neighborhoods and in our home homes.

St. Paul's Ballot for Nominations

This ballot is used to recommend individual(s) within the congregation for a leadership position.

The process consists of:

1. Fill out the ballot with the name of the individual you are recommending and for what position within the St. Paul's organization. Individuals being recommended are expected to currently be involved in Worship, the Lord's Supper, and Bible Study.
2. Turn the ballot in by way of the offering plate or return the ballot to the church office **NO LATER THAN APRIL 15TH**.
3. The ballots are turned into the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will review the recommendations for the best ministry opportunity based on skills sets of the individual and the needs of the respective committee. Upon approval from the committee for a position, nominee will be contacted by a committee member to inform them they have been chosen to be a candidate for a given office.
4. Nominees are asked to prayerfully consider the position. If they request additional information the Nominating Committee will supply the duties of that position, board or committee.

GOVERNANCE MODEL

2018 Leadership Positions

POSITION		CURRENT	Term Ends	CANDIDATE	Term Ends
President		George Menden	2018		2020
Vice President #1		Al Mueller	2018		2020
Vice President #2		Dave Meyer	2019		
Treasurer		Jon Schmeling	2018		2020
Education Committee, Director		Darren Ratzow	2019		
Operations Committee, Director		Scott Kalien	2019		
Board of Elders	1	Rick Zastrow	2019		
	2	Wilbur Pieper	2019		
	3	Erik Benes	2019		
	4	Todd Leonhardt	2019		
	5	Tom Truebenbach	2018		2020
	6	Arno Kirchenwitz	2018		2020
	7	Mark Thurow	2018		2020
	8	Josh Oddsen	2019		
	9	Chad Eberhardt	2019		

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Second Sunday of Easter: The Benefit of a Second Opinion or Second Look

April 8–15, 2018

The Benefit of a Second Opinion or Second Look (Pastor Kelling)

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He "came and stood among them," and with His Word and the wounds in "his hands and his side," He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The apostles "have seen and heard" this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we "too may have fellowship" with the risen Christ, with the apostles and "with one another" (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by "their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus," and all who believe this Word are "of one heart and soul," because in Him they truly have "everything in common" (Acts 4:32–33).

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 8:28 We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Psalm: Psalm 33 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

Daily Psalms	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
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: Of Citizens

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Matthew 22:21	1 st Grade +
It is necessary to submit to the authorities, Not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, For the authorities are God's servants, Who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes, if revenue, then revenue, If respect, then respect, if honor, then honor. Romans 13:5-7	3 rd Grade +
I urge, then, first of all, That requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving Be made for everyone - For kings and all those in authority, That we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. 1 Timothy 2:1-3	2 nd Grade +
Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, To be obedient, To be ready to do whatever is good. Titus 3:1	1 st Grade +
Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake To every authority instituted among men: Whether to the king, as the supreme authority, Or to governors, Who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong And to commend those who do right. 1 Peter 2:13-14	4 th Grade +

The Second Sunday of Easter: The Benefit of a Second Opinion or Second Look

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Jesus Appears in the Upper Room to His Disciples—John 20:19-31	Ex. 20:1-24	Luke 4:1-15
Mon.	The Resurrection of Our Lord—John 20:1-18	Ex. 22:20-23:13	Luke 4:16-30
Tue.	The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-27	Ex. 23:14-33	Luke 4:31-44
Wed.	Jesus Is Revealed in the Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:28-35	Ex. 24:1-18	Luke 5:1-16
Thur.	Jesus Eats Broiled Fish in the Upper Room—Luke 24:33-49	Ex. 25:1-22	Luke 5:17-39
Fri.	Jesus Ordains the Apostles—John 20:19-31	Ex. 31:1-18	Luke 6:1-19

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

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 – Katie Waldorf—favorable test results and healing; Jim Campbell—hospice; August Fortmann; Rob Bratz Jr—throat cancer; John Tesch—recovering from knee surgery; Barbara Wildes; Brent Nicholson—kidney dialysis; Wayne Gartzke—stroke; Jim Hertneky—recovering from back injury; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; My Ubl—healing for multiple health issues; 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: Daina Boppre—bone cancer; Sandy - kidney cancer; Jimi Duer—pancreatic cancer; Marilyn Hastert (Angie Scharnell's stepmom)—liver cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin) - breast 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; Dylan Coughlin—3 year-old with brain tumor; Kevin Kloss (John Tesch's nephew)—Leukemia; Mike—bone cancer; 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; Dan (stage-four prostate cancer); Crystal Schultz; Joann Romain—kidney cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

Other: Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson's sister)—broken hip; Karey—healing from stomach issues; Jean Schiellack (Shirley Dibble's sister-in-law); Susan—memory issues; Sharon—circulation problems; son of a friend of the Juneau family with meningitis—surgery; Carol (Mark Prange's mom); Rev. William Meyer; Sicily (3 year-old)—Guillain-Barre syndrome; Shirley Katusich; Merita Dinnauer; 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—Spain; 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 family health and harmony of a member; Matt, Brian—for mental clarity and to gain employment; friend of Heather Gartzke; for David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri

Anniversaries: Roger & Pat Gartzke—54th—April 11th
John & Sue Lindemann—47th—April 3rd

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

LSB 471

Looking forward to the 3rd Sunday of Easter
Hymns: 483, 476 (725, 633, 392) 482

April 14/15, 2018

Proclaim the Promise (Pastor scharnell)

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples “that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead” and “that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations” (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that “God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets” (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they “delivered over and denied” this Lord Jesus and “killed the Author of life.” Yet God “glorified his servant Jesus” and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15).

St. Paul's Lutheran School ~ Celebrating 140 Years

What is it like to be a Middle School student at St. Paul's? This age is such an important time to explore interests and to try different things. In addition to a comprehensive core curriculum which is integrated with our Christian faith, students also have classes in Spanish, Art, Physical Education, Computer Applications, Fit For Life (Health/Wellness), Language Arts Enrichment, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math).



Middle School students at St. Paul's are also very blessed to participate in various music electives. Current offerings include Handbells, Concert Choir, Middle School Choir, Praise Team (beginning and advanced), Band (grades 4-8), and Guitar (grades 4-8, beginning and advanced classes).

Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest: Recently, some of our 7th and 8th graders were awarded for their creativity and talent. Students who placed in the 2-Dimensional division were Madeline Crowley (1st Place), and Megan Frosch & Daniel Grady (Honorable Mention). Students who placed in the 3-Dimensional division were Ethan Jacobosky (2nd Place) and Failenn O'Donnell (3rd Place.) First through third place winners will have their pieces entered in the regional contest. If they place at that level, the piece will move onto the state competition. CONGRATULATIONS!

A poster with the text: "ART HAS THE ROLE IN EDUCATION OF HELPING CHILDREN BECOME LIKE THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF MORE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE". The words are in various colors and fonts, with "ART" in large orange letters at the top.

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+ + + **ENROLLING NOW FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR** + + +
Contact the school office to begin the registration process!



CHAPEL OFFERING UPDATE: Thank you to all who donated to our Third Quarter chapel offerings to benefit Military Biblesticks. We raised over \$2500 dollars which means an entire platoon will be blessed by the Word of God. To God be the glory!

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: April 9th – 15th

ADVANCE THE MISSION

REACHING, SERVING & GROWING DISCIPLES

TUESDAY April 10 th	Operations Committee Meeting Combined Altar Guild/Elders Meeting Board of Elders Meeting Praise Team Practice	Room 201 Room 219 Room 219 Church	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY April 11 th	Parish Choir Adult Choir	Balcony Balcony	5:20 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY April 12 th	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:30 pm
SATURDAY April 14 th	Journeyman Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:30 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY April 15 th	Traditional Worship Coffee Fellowship Hour Time to Grow (Sunday School) Public School Confirmation Class Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Sunday Night Alive Youth Group (9-12)	Church School Lobby Fellowship Hall Meet in Gym Room 219 Church Gym/Room 138	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

April 1

Church Attendance:

6:00 am—127

8:00 am—344

10:30 am—318

789 Total; 97 visitors; 692 members

ST. PAUL'S APRIL EPISTLE IS
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

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	Look2Him
Special Music	Dave Meyer	SPLS 3 rd & 4 th graders/Dave Meyer	
Acolytes	Colton Koepke	Sadie Wilke & Lydia DeWitz	Sami Abel & Madeline Crowley
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Barb Hentz	Sarah Neff
Elders	Bryan Polinske	Todd Leonhardt	Josh Oddsen
Greeters	John & Margie Hertneky	Jim & Marlene Steinberg (church) Jim & Judy Braatz (school)	Tom & Denise Showen
Lectors	Erik Benes	Jim Steinberg	
Power Point	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Radio	N/A	N/A	Jamie Stache
Ushers	Dan Friedrich	Todd Leonhardt	Truman Seifert

NEXT WEEKEND

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36-49
Acolytes	TBD	Mason Paar	Hannah Tuff
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Leslyn Mueller	Brenda Jacobosky
Elders	Dave Meyer	Arno Kirchenwitz	Scott Kalien
Greeters	John Melvin	Ralph & Donna Andrus (church) Harriet Groose (school)	Wayne & Diane Gartzke
Lectors	Dave Meyer	Glenn Gartzke	
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Gary Pribnow
Ushers	Mike Papa	Bob Bratz	Scott Kalien

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 148 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 667

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

1 John 1:1–2:2 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1301

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

St. John 20:19–31 ~ ESV

Pew Bible pg. 1154

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

April 7/8, 2018