

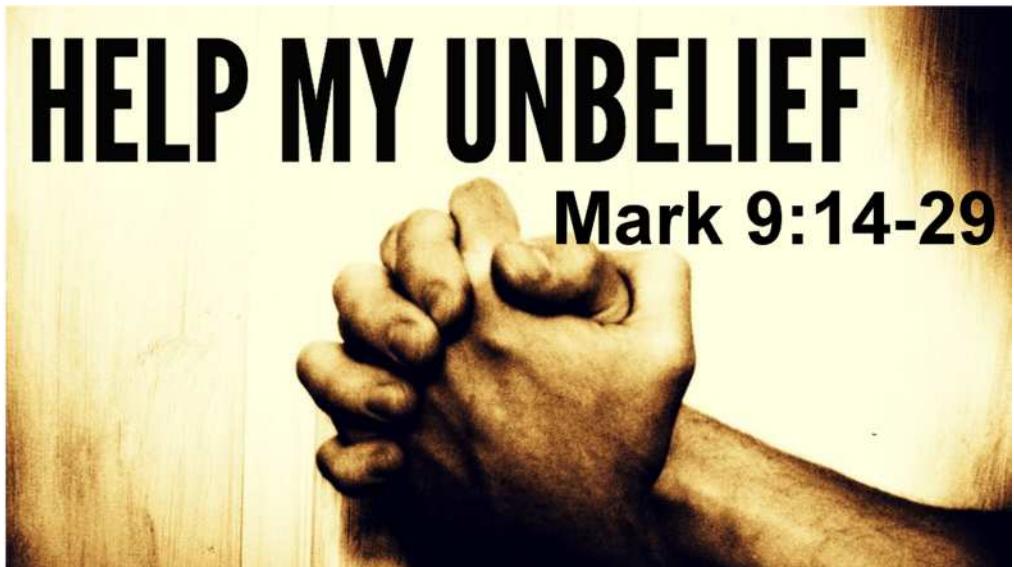


St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm traditional • Sunday: 8:00 am traditional

Sunday: 10:30 am contemporary

Special services during Advent, Lent, & Summer

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

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School & Early Childhood Center

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

Adam Tanney, Youth Director
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Volume 24

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number 36

Please fill out an attendance card
and place it in the offering plate.

*As the prelude begins, worshipers are
encouraged to conclude conversation
and quietly prepare for worship.*

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! If you are a guest, the following
information may help you:

If you have questions, or would like more
information about St. Paul's, an usher will be
happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the
pew in front of you, and place it in the offering
plate.

If you have small children, there are activity bags
located behind the back pews that might be
helpful for your child.

September 15/16, 2018

THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Pastor: David Dukovan

Traditional Worship

LSB, Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Contemporary Worship

Special Order

HOLY COMMUNION

Please read our confession found on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book and indicate
your agreement with our beliefs by checking the box next to the names of those communing.

Those who share in our confession of faith of the Lord's Supper are welcome to receive.

If you hold a confession differing from this congregation, please speak with a pastor or elder.

Non-communing, baptized children are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.

If you are physically unable to come to the table, please let an usher know and the pastor will
come to you and give you communion.

Communion Wine

The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses
that contain more wine are rose in color.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 78 **Total: 390**
 8:00 am – 141 **Members: 363**
 10:30 am – 171 **Visitors: 27**

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



THIS WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Music Leaders	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
Special Music	Diane Bleke	Adult Choir	
Acolytes	Abigail Menzel	Bobby Edwards	Adam Boldt
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Leslyn Mueller	Barb Star
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Rick Zastrow	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	John Melvin	Chuck & Jenny Laabs (church) Roger & Pat Gartzke (school)	Kim Tuff
Lectors	Russ Meyer	Rick Zastrow	
PowerPoint	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushers	Wilbur Pieper	Rick Zastrow	Truman Seifert

SPONSORS

Altar Flowers: by Dorothy Duchow in loving memory of her parents, Ray & Lucille Ihling

Radio Broadcast: Karen Wilson in loving memory of her mom, Frances Ecke

Our 8:00 am Worship Service is broadcast live on WTKM 104.9 and at wtkm.com

Families with small children:
 There are activity bags located in the back of the church that might be helpful for your child.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bake Sale for Lord's Cupboard

Delicious home-baked treats will be available for purchase before and after all services on the weekend of September 22nd & 23rd. Proceeds to benefit The Lord's Cupboard. Our goal is to replace an old freezer with a new energy efficient commercial chest freezer. If interested in helping contact Mary Hickenbottom (mary@splco.org) or Todd Leonhardt (toddncolleen@att.net).

Power Point Operator Volunteers needed!

We are looking for individuals to run the power point for the 10:30 am Contemporary Worship service. Training will be provided. If you can push a button on a keyboard, you can do it! Please contact the church office for more information.

College Care Package Ministry

For those of you interested in receiving or having a College Care Package sent to your college student, please e-mail or call me with the students name and mailing address at school. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our college students during the school year and let them know we care. Please email Tracy Bain at bbain123@gmail.com or text/call 262-370-8567 by September 30th.

Looking for someone to help with Extended Care

Flexible hours, help children with their homework, play with the children. Be loving, but firm. School days only as we do not offer extended care on school holidays. Contact Jill George in the office.



Mark 9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, *"I believe; help my unbelief!"* Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm, tossed sea. How does your faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

Witness: He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: *Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil*

September 16-23, 2018

Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil

Those who teach the Word of God “will be judged with greater strictness” (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue “boasts of great things,” whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, “it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who “does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man” (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with “the tongue of those who are taught,” He is able to sustain the weary “with a word” (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the “mute and deaf spirit” from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

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 5:8 God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Psalm: Psalm 1 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	36, 23	73, 8	36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98	117, 139

The Catechism: The Ten Commandments—Seventh and Eighth Commandments

<p>What is the Seventh Commandment? You shall not steal.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way; but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.</p>	1 st Grade +
<p>What is the Eighth Commandment? You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.</p>	Preschool +
<p><i>What does this mean?</i> We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.</p>	2 nd Grade +

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost: Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	The Raising of the Widow of Nain's Son— Luke 7:11-17	2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25	Col 3:1-25
Mon.	The Ark Is Brought to Jerusalem— 2 Samuel 6:1-19	2 Chron. 36:1-23	Col. 4:1-18
Tue.	God's Covenant with David— 2 Samuel 7:1-17	Neh. 1:1-2:10	1 Tim. 1:1-20
Wed.	David's Thanksgiving to God— 2 Samuel 7:18-29	Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6	1 Tim. 2:1-15
Thur.	David Shows Kindness to Mephibosheth—2 Samuel 9:1-13	Neh. 4:7-23	1 Tim. 3:1-16
Fri.	David and Bathsheba— 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 22-25	Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16	1 Tim. 4:1-16

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

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father 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 – Darryl Wickersham—sore knee; Pastor Paul Borgman—Melanoma; Peggy Lauber—liver and bone cancer; Shirley Dibble; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment; Mary Buss—cancer; Ann Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Katie Waldorf; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Louise Lang; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Marian Faltersack; Rick Ware; Dorothy Peterson (Shorehaven); Crystal Parker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Mary Vanderwerker; Erin (Mileager) Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mark Jorgenson—pancreatic cancer; Pastor Darrell Stuehrenberg—cancer surgery; Peg—breast cancer; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; John Whitmar (friend of Pastor & Angie Scharnell)—prostate cancer; Daina Boppre—bone cancer; Sandy—kidney cancer; Jimi Duer—pancreatic cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)—breast cancer; Beth—Lymphoma; 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; Mike—bone cancer; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; Julie; Kayla (7 years-old)—brain 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: Angie & Oliver; Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson's sister); Gail Schroeder-Hoffman—broken arm; Dennis—diabetic with sore on foot; Jessi Oates; Anna Mae (George Urban's mother)—hospice; Donna (Diana Radtke's sister)—tick bite; Jeffery Barney; Silas; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)—recovering from stroke; Robert—recovering from brain surgery; Ashlin Sanders—kidney Transplant; Jon Bahr—continued healing; Matt Schroeder—serious leg injury; Kerry—relapse and leg infection; Dan (Joann West-Spransy's brother)—COPD; Marilyn Hastert (Angie Scharnell's stepmom); Lynn Kysely—spine/back issues; Susan—memory issues; Sharon—circulation problems; Carol (Mark Prange's mom); Rev. William Meyer; Shirley

Katusich; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble's niece); Gail Albright; Chelsea Bunker—severe brain injury; Dan; George (Jamie's brother)—liver disease; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; Michael Hamton; Karen Christenson—dementia & stroke; Dory Schultz; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble's sister)—hospice; Shawn—vascular problems; Kristal—lung surgery; 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; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke, Jacob, Brian, Randy, Kyle, Jake, Jeff, Matt, 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; SPLS 8th grade students and chaperones traveling to South Dakota; a family going through marriage difficulties; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri, Sam

Public Reception of New Members: Matt & Tracy Chang, Jacob & Hannah

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

LSB 849

Looking forward to The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22/23, 2018

Hymns: 904, 851 (605, 725, 901) 842

Want to Hear God Laugh? (Pastor Steve Scharnell)

The sinful heart is filled with "bitter jealousy and selfish ambition" (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God "opposes the proud" with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He "gives grace to the humble," in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true "wisdom from above" is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was "like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter," committing Himself to God, His Father, "who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind" (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, "after three days," His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Promise Volunteer Sign-Up October 7-14 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 Saviors on October 7th-14th. There are currently 3 families in the program, 5 adults and 6 children (10, 7, 6, 2, 2 and 1 years of age).

Help us welcome guests and live out our Faith in service to our neighbors in need.

Please review the service opportunities still available and sign

up: www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9ad2ba13-family15

This link is also on our website: www.splco.org

We need the following food items made or bought and dropped off: (Call Mary for specifics please 414-333-3421 and to let me know that you can help with any of these items).

- Sunday, 10/7-Chicken with a potato or rice side dish. Delivered by 5:00-5:15 pm.
- Sunday, 10/7-Vegetable and Dessert. Delivered by 5:00-5:15 pm.
- Sunday, 10/7-one container of cream for coffee, one bunch of leaf lettuce, two 6 packs of yogurt, two bunches of grapes, one gallon vanilla ice cream. Delivered by 12 noon.
- Tuesday, 10/9-Dessert delivered by delivered by 5:00-5:15 pm

If you are preparing a dinner item, please plan for enough to serve 12 unless notified otherwise. Guest numbers will vary, so look for specific information closer to hosting date and for allergies information. Contact Mary Hickenbottom with questions. 414-333-3421 or mary@splco.org. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

The Church Leadership Team (CLT) is looking for four volunteers from the congregation to serve on a committee to review St. Paul's Constitution and Bylaws.

This committee would be responsible to:

- review the existing constitution and bylaws
- make recommended changes
- changes would need to be published and reviewed with the congregation
- changes would need to be voted by the congregation for adoption
- changes would need to be approved by the South Wisconsin District Office

Please contact Heather in the church office if you are interested at 262.567.5001 or heather@splco.org.

The September Epistle is online at www.splco.org

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY September 17	Lord's Cupboard Meal	Fellowship Hall	5:30 pm
TUESDAY September 18	Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY September 19	Parish Choir Life Together Adult Choir	Balcony Room 219 Balcony	5:20 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY September 20	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY September 22	Journeyman Acolyte Training Traditional Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY September 23	Traditional Worship Service Public School Confirmation Time to Grow (Sunday School) Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service	Church Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am

BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Study

Sunday: 9:30 am - Fellowship Hall
262-567-5001

Journeyman

Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am
Maxim's

Women of Joy

Saturday (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 am
Whelan's

Life Together Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:15 pm
Room 219

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Jer. 11:18-20	James 3:13-4:10	Mark 9:30-37
Acolytes	Gabby Meyer	Logan Polinske	Maddux Kiley
Altar Guild	Jean Fisher	Donna Andrus	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Dave Meyer	Bryan Polinske	John Melvin
Greeters	Michelle & Brigitte Schlomer	Gary Pribnow (church) Ralph & Donna Andrus (school)	Brenda Nagel
Lectors	Dave Meyer	Glenn Gartzke	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer Whitney Fleischfresser
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushers	Mike Papa	Dan Friedrich	John Melvin

September 22/23, 2018

THE 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Steve Scharnell

Theme: *Want to Hear God Laugh?*

Traditional Worship Lutheran Service Book,
Divine Service 1, pg. 151

Contemporary Worship
Special Order

READINGS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Mark 9:14-29

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."