

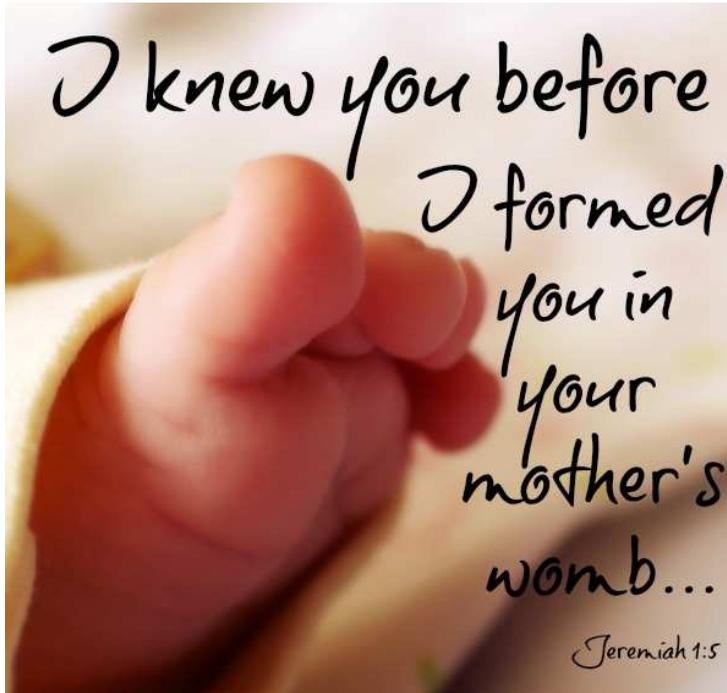


# St. Paul's

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

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

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor

Rev. Steve Scharnell, Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Borgman, Pastor Emeritus

Jill George, Principal

Volume 25

Amanda Rosenberg, Middle School Youth Director

Adam Tanney, High School Youth Director

Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director

Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number 5

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

## 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.

## 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.

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

**February 3, 2019**

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

**Pastor:** Steve Scharnell

**Theme:** *This Ain't the Gong Show!*

**Traditional Worship**

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**Contemporary Worship**  
Special Order

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 193      **Total: 429**  
 8:00 am – 106      **Members: 396**  
 10:30 am – 130      **Visitors: 33**

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
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Diane Bleke	Diane Bleke	In His Light
<b>Special Music</b>	Parish Choir	Concert Choir	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Braden Ratzow	Bobby Edwards	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Tesch	Donna Andrus	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Scott Kalien	Todd Leonhardt	John Melvin
<b>Greeters</b>	Rick Zastrow	Gary Pribnow (church) Roger & Pat Gartzke (school)	Anne Fait
<b>Lectors</b>	Jill George	Glenn Gartzke	
<b>PowerPoint</b>	N/A	N/A	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Steve Hansen	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Papa	Todd Leonhardt	John Melvin

## SPONSORS

**Radio Broadcast:** Marty & Wendy Frosch in praise to God for their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on February 7<sup>th</sup>

**Altar Flowers:** Barb Krug in loving memory of her daughter, Carolyn

**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

### **Subs needed**

St. Paul's Early Childhood Center is looking for fabulous substitute teachers! Times needed vary. Need help to cover sick days and vacations. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact the Director, Christine Flores at 262.567.4881 or christine@splco.org.

### **We're Hiring!**

St. Paul's Early Childhood Center is looking for a floater teacher. We're looking for a teacher with a passion for teaching, learning, and having fun with children. The best part about this position is being able to get to know and bond with all of the children ages 6 weeks to 5 years! The position will be 20-30 hours per week, generally afternoons-evenings. We are willing to assist the right candidate in obtaining the required education/training. For more information and to apply for the position, please contact the director, Christine Flores at 262.567.4881 or christine@splco.org.

### **2018 Contribution Statements**

The 2018 contribution statements have been printed. They are available for pick up in the boxes in the narthex.



**1 Corinthians 13:4-5** *“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.”* Love is the greatest of the three “theological virtues” because God is love. That is why love is the fulfillment of the Law, because the Law is the reflection of God’s being and God is love. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to grow in love, to grow up into the image of Christ Who demonstrates what love looks like with His sacrifice on the cross. For love always seeks the good of the other, always seeks to serve, to give, to bless.

### **Ladies Aid**

Our next Ladies Aid meeting will be on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us and please wear something “RED”. We will “REVIVE OUR ♥’s” in our Ladies Aid.

### **Coming soon to St. Paul’s!**

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having another Fish Dinner co-sponsored by Ladies Aid and our youth. If you would like to help, please contact Sue Lindemann at 262-567-8985.

### **Journeyman Ash Wednesday Dinner**

Journeyman will be having an Ash Wednesday Dinner on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. There is no charge for the dinner, however, a free-will offering will be appreciated.

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany + Life Sunday: *This Ain't the Gong Show!*

February 3-10, 2019

## ***This Ain't the Gong Show!***

Jesus is love. He is patient and kind toward us; He bears all things, endures all things and delivers up His body to save us. He perfectly embodies what love is, serving as the greatest example for us to follow. The greatest act being His own death on our behalf and His resurrection defeating sin, death, and the power of the devil. Jesus shows this perfect love in everything He does. He silences the unclean spirits and casts out demons, heals the diseases of body and soul, and restores life and health to His creation. We too are to serve through the love of Jesus. If it isn't done in His love, it is pointless. As we serve others, we point directly at the love He has shown to all of humanity.

## ***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:*** God sent His Son to redeem human life.

***Verse:*** Psalm 103:1-3 Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.

***Psalm:*** Psalm 18 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Daily Psalms</b>								
<b>Morning</b>	103	5	42	89:1-18	97	51	104	19
<b>Evening</b>	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111	81, 113

***The Catechism: Confession and the Office of the Keys: What is Confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?***

<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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany + Life Sunday: This Ain't the Gong Show!***

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	Jesus Calms the Sea—Matthew 8:23-27	Zech. 14:1-21	Titus 2:7-3:15
Mon.	Jeremiah Is Put into Prison—Jeremiah 37:1-21	Job 1:1-22	John 1:1-18
Tue.	Jeremiah Is Thrown into a Cistern— Jeremiah 38:1-28	Job 2:1-3:10	John 1:19-34
Wed.	The Fall of Jerusalem—2 Kings 25:1-21	Job 3:11-26	John 1:35-51
Thur.	The Fall of Judah to Babylon— 2 Chronicles 36:11-21	Job 4:1-21	John 2:1-12
Fri.	The Fall of Judah to Babylon—Jeremiah 39:1-18	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25

***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** – Mabel Flanagan; Chad Eberhardt; Dale Hesse; Kathie Ware—sprained knee; Margie Hertneky; Harriet Goose—Shorehaven (hospice care); Wilbur Pieper; Barb Pieper; Carolyn Pankow—Shorehaven; Don Gauerke; Pastor Paul Borgman—Melanoma; Peggy Lauber—liver and bone cancer; Shirley Dibble—cancer; Laura Gruen—brain tumor; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment; Mary Buss—cancer; Marilyn Marohn; Katie Waldorf; Glenn Gartzke—Melanoma; Frieda Antoniak—breast cancer; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Rick Ware; Crystal Parker

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS** – **Those with cancer:** John Henke (Skye's dad)—stage IV Melanoma; Fran Meyer (Chris Hesse's aunt)—Multiple Myeloma; Tanya Schoenberger (Richie & Lucy Fredrick's daughter)—breast cancer; Betty (Heather Scheuer's aunt); Erin (Mileager) Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mark Jorgenson—pancreatic cancer; Peg—breast cancer; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Daina Boppre—bone cancer; Sandy—kidney 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; 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:** Charlie Vitrano—open heart surgery; Desi (granddaughter of Kathy Wickersham); Ray Kugler (Crystal Parker's friend); John Bemis—respiratory illness; Audrey (Sheila Rams' sister)—Alzheimer's; Yvonne (Sheila Rams sister)—stroke; Erick (Linda Hertneky's cousin)—kidney surgery; Michael George (Jill & Jamie's nephew)—recovering from injuries; Gracie Brehm; John Meisenheimer; Bob Back (friend of

Susan—memory issues; Sharon— circulation problems; Rev. William Meyer; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen Scharnell’s)—Lou Gehrig’s disease; Karen Beardsley (Sharon Peterson’s sister); Anna Mae (George Urban’s mother)—hospice; Jeffery Barney; (Shirley Dibble’s niece); Gail Albright; Dan; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; Phyllis Ecklor (Shirley Dibble’s sister)—hospice; Shawn—vascular problems; 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 Sturm (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; 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; the family of Elsie Rupnow, who passed away; Jim Ansami (Judy Braatz’s brother), who passed away; Joseph Meador, as he deliberates his Divine Call to St. Paul’s and to another congregation as Director of Parish Music; Bailey—addiction recovery; a member struggling with anxiety and depression; Teddy; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri, Sam

**Anniversary:** Martin & Wendy Frosch – 32<sup>nd</sup> – February 7<sup>th</sup>

**Birthday:** Ryan Edwards – 8<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Thanksgiving:** Cora Pollack (great-granddaughter of Dorothy Duchow) born early. Prayers for growth and strength.

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

**Hymn of the Week: “Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

**LSB 842**

**Looking forward to The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 10, 2019**

**Hymns: 949, 538 (507, 621, 398) 940**

***Holiness, Humility, and a Family (Pastor Lance Armstrong O’Donnell)***

When Isaiah “saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,” he was overcome with an awareness of his sin and “unclean lips” (Is. 6:1, 5). But the Lord atoned for his sin, took away his guilt and sanctified his lips with “a burning coal” from the altar (Is. 6:6–7). Not only was he rescued from death, but he was called and sent as a prophet of the Lord’s Word (Is. 6:8–9). Similarly, when Simon Peter and his companions “enclosed a large number of fish” at the Word of Jesus, he humbled himself and said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:4–8). But Jesus comforted Simon, called him to discipleship and declared that he would be “catching men” (Luke 5:10–11). So, through the Office of the Ministry, does Christ continue to call people to faith and give them a family; that is, He calls us to discipleship, to “strive to excel in building up the church.” (1 Corinthians 14:12) Thus, the Church does the little things necessary for people to hear the Word, like Jesus preaching from a boat, that the family of God may expand and grow in faith, hope, and love.



Dear Members of St. Paul's,

As many of you are aware, I began studies to become an LCMS deaconess last summer and have been working on completing my field work at St. Paul's. I am currently writing this from Concordia Theological Seminary, as I am in the midst of a two week on campus intensive, and would like to update you on all the progress of my studies.

My fellow distance deaconess students and I are currently learning *Diakonal Counseling* in order to provide those in our congregations with Christ-centered wisdom and counsel from God's Word. We are taking *Theologia: Means of Grace*, a course which teaches about God's grace through Baptism, the Lord's Supper and His Holy Word, and takes an in-depth look at these throughout the Church's history. Lastly, we are attending *Ministry to the Sick and Dying*, and this coming weekend will be certified as respite care providers. We will also be coming together with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as we attend the *March for Life*, here in Fort Wayne, IN, standing for the most vulnerable among us who cannot stand for themselves.

I ask you all to keep me and my fellow students in your prayers, and you will remain in mine. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

God's blessings,  
Deaconess Intern Michelle Odsen

### **Door offering for *A Place of Refuge***

This weekend, following all worship services, we will be collecting a door offering for *A Place of Refuge*. A Place of Refuge Ministries is a network of volunteers who are committed to life and to caring for women facing crisis pregnancy in South Wisconsin. Through our Advocacy Program our volunteers:

- REACH women with needs during pregnancy. Telephone hotline volunteers identify the callers' needs and...
- RECEIVE them into God's care through His people. Volunteer Advocates then work one on one with mothers and...
- REFER them to community resources available for their physical and emotional care...and congregations throughout South Wisconsin...
- RESPOND by providing what is not available in the community, and by sharing God's love for us in His Son Jesus Christ. And every day we...
- REJOICE in the opportunity to share the gospel and share in the joy of a baby born.

A Place of Refuge is a Gospel-focused service reaching out to women with the love of Christ with both words and actions. A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc. is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. This makes your donations to our organization tax deductible.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> February 4	Lord's Cupboard Open Pantry Stephen Ministry Leaders Stephen Ministry Supervision	Hallway Room 201 Room 201	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b> February 5	Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting LWML Praise Team Practice	Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> February 6	Elsie Rupnow's Funeral Visitation Elsie Rupnow's Funeral Service Elsie Rupnow's Funeral Meal Parish Choir Adult Choir Practice	Church Church Fellowship Hall Balcony Balcony	10:00 am 11:00 am After funeral 5:20 pm 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> February 7	Ladies Aid Praise Team Practice	Fellowship Hall Church	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b> February 9	Journeyman Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> February 10	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 9:15 am 10:30 am

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Adult Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall  
262-567-5001

#### Women of Joy

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

#### Journeyman

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

# NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Is. 6:1–8	1 Cor. 14:12b–20	Luke 5:1–11
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Mason Paar	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Margie Hertneky	Shirley Dibble & Maren Pine	Cheryl Oelsner
<b>Elders</b>	Rick Zastrow	Bruce Bain	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	John Melvin	Jim & Marlene Steinberg (church) Shirley Smart (school)	Jamie Stache
<b>Lectors</b>	Rick Zastrow	Jim Steinberg	
<b>Power Point</b>	N/A	N/A	Heather Scheuer
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Zastrow	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

**February 10, 2019**

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## READINGS FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY + LIFE SUNDAY

### **Jeremiah 1:4–10**

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

### **1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13**

And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

### **Luke 4:31–44**

And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, “Ha! 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 when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.