



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. Steve Scharnell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Paul Borgman, The Church Triumphant
Jill George, Principal
Michelle Oddsen, Deaconess Intern

Amanda Rosenberg, Middle School Youth Director
Adam Tanney, High School Youth Director
Diane Bleke, Organist/Choir Director
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Volume 25

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Number 19

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.

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.

May 12, 2019

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor: Steve Scharnell

Theme: *A Familiar Voice*

Traditional Worship

LSB, Divine Service 2, pg. 167

Contemporary Worship

Special Order

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 90 **Total: 397**
 8:00 am – 211 **Members: 351**
 10:30 am – 96 **Visitors: 46**

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	Sierra Ebert	Adult Choir	
Acolytes	TBD	Bobby Edwards	Maddux Kiley
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Barb Hentz	Barb Star
Elders	Bruce Bain	Arno Kirchenwitz	John Melvin
Greeters	Roxie Gerlach	Gary Pribnow (church) Roger & Pat Gartzke (school)	Darlene Adams
Lectors	Amy Hackbarth	Don Meyer	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Leah Johnson
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushers	Bruce Bain	Bob Bratz	John Melvin

SPONSORS

Radio Broadcast: Audrey Martens in memory of loved ones

Altar Flowers: Jim & Marlene Steinberg in praise to God for their grandson, Cason's, baptism their grandson, Linus's, 15th birthday and their granddaughter, Bella's, 12th birthday.

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.

Holy Baptism

During the 8:00 am Worship Service, we welcome **Cason Christopher** into St. Paul's church family. He is the son of Eric & Kerry (Steinberg) **Cormany**. His sponsors are a Libby Engelsma & Mat Steinberg. We will keep Cason in our prayers.

Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOVERNANCE MODEL 2019-2020 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Nominations for any open positions can be sent to Al Mueller at amueller@lhsagm.org or by phone at 262-443-9602.

POSITION		CURRENT	Term Ends	CANDIDATE	Term Ends
President		George Menden	2018	George Menden	2020
Vice President #1		Al Mueller	2018	Al Mueller	2020
Vice President #2		Dave Meyer	2019		
Treasurer		Jon Schmeling	2018	Jon Schmeling	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 Trueebenbach	2018	Tom Trueebenbach	2020
	6	Arno Kirchenwitz	2018	Arno Kirchenwitz	2020
	7	Mark Thurow	2018	Mark Thurow	2020
	8	Josh Oddsen	2019	Josh Oddsen	2020
	9	Chad Eberhardt	2019		



Volunteer Registration

Before VBS, I would like to help by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing craft materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with administrative tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning decorations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating classrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting banners, backdrops, set |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building sets | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning publicity | |

During VBS, I would like to help in one or more of the following areas:

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| Racer Team: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Crafts: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Snacks: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Games: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Music: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Missions: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Nursery: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound/AV | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up Crew | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Assistant |

Age Level Preference

- 3-6 years 6-9 years 9-12 years Wherever needed most

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Days Available: Every day Certain days (please specify):

Vacation Bible School Dates: June 24-27 (M-Th), 2019

Time: 8:00 am—11:00 am

Cost: \$15 per student/\$35 max per family

Register me for The Incredible Race!

Child's Name _____

Gender: Male ___ Female ___ Birthdate ___/___/___ Grade completed _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Guardian _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____

Emergency contact _____

Relationship to child _____ Phone _____

Please place my child with _____

Name of home church _____

Food allergies Y ___ N ___ List _____

Medical concerns Y ___ N ___ Explain _____

PERMISSION TO USE IMAGES AND VIDEO

I hereby grant permission for **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church** to record sounds, images, or video of my child _____ while attending *this VBS program*. I also give permission for **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church** at its sole discretion to use these sounds, images, or videos in publications (including print, websites, and social media platforms) owned by **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church** in relation to *this VBS program*.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Fourth Sunday of Easter: *A Familiar Voice*
May 12–19, 2019

A Familiar Voice

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, they will never perish. In the same way, faithful pastors care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood, testifying to the whole world of repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Christ-Centered Theme: Saving faith comes through the Word, a familiar voice for those who believe.

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Romans 3:28 A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Psalm: Psalm 32 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: Table of Duties—To Workers of All Kinds: Ephesians 6:5-8

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, And with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.	1 st Grade +
Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.	2 nd Grade +
Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.	3 rd Grade + 4 th Grade +
Ephesians 6:5-8	

The Fourth Sunday of Easter: A Familiar Voice

Day	Bible Stories for the Family & School	Daily prayer readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sun.	“Your Sorrow Will Be Turned to Joy”— John 16:16-22	Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36	Luke 9:1-17
Mon.	Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas’s Office— Acts 1:12-26	Lev. 9:1-24	Luke 9:18-36
Tue.	The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13	Lev. 10:1-20	Luke 9:37-62
Wed.	Peter’s Sermon on the Prophet Joel—Acts 2:14-21	Lev. 16:1-24	Luke 10:1-22
Thur.	Peter Calls the Church to Repentance— Acts 2:22-36	Lev. 17:1-16	Luke 10:23-42
Fri.	The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47	Lev. 18:1-2, 20-19:8	Luke 11:1-13

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

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 Gauerke; Chad Eberhardt—brain surgery (May 13th); Ken Dinnauer; Ann Duggan; Wilbur Pieper; Barb Pieper; Carolyn Pankow—Shorehaven; 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; Larry Hansen; Timothy John Bratz—cancer; Bill & Margaret Voss; Ken Groenke; Mabel Fredrick; Linda Hansen (Steve's wife); Rick Ware—healing from knee surgery; Crystal Parker

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Larry Dietrich—recovering from lung surgery; Garth Kraemer (Matt Dinnauer's uncle)—cancer diagnosis; 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; Barbara Rankin—brain cancer; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Sandy—kidney cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbiger (Pat Borgman's cousin)—breast cancer; Beth—Lymphoma; Tom—stage 3 bladder cancer; Mike—bone cancer; Roy Hyatt—cancer returned; Quinn—breast cancer; 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: Nicky Bratz; Kenny—MRSA; Traci Hildebrandt; Dennis Steinke; Julia Benzel; David Vancleve; David Giese—brain surgery; Charlene—hit by a car; Chuck—memory issues; Fred Storm (Lynda Rades's brother); Fred Storm (Lynda Rades's father); Luigi Guadagno (Celeste Abel's dad)—recovering from a fall; Joyce Litza—hospice; Brennan; Charlie (3 year-old)—victim of child abuse; Dan George (Jamie's brother)—awaiting liver transplant; Charlie Vitrano—open heart surgery; Ray Kugler (Crystal Parker's friend)—uninsured and in need of a medical procedure; Audrey (Sheila Rams' sister)—Alzheimer's; Yvonne (Sheila Rams sister)—stroke; Gracie Brehm; John Meisenheimer; Sharon—circulation problems; Rev. William Meyer; Merita Dinnauer; Sue Jansen (Shirley Dibble's niece); Bob Back (friend of Scharnell's)—Lou Gehrig's disease; Anna Mae (George Urban's mother)—hospice; Jeffery Barney;

Gail Albright; Dan; Karen Nicholson; Armin Tessmann—strength in walking; Shawn— vascular problems; Doug—CCL; Barb (Dave Schlomer’s mom)—severe headaches; Sharon—probiotic/kidney problems; Pat—a fib; 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 Sharon Stoner, who passed away; Alli—suffering from severe depression; Richard & Judy; a member struggling with anxiety and depression; Teddy; David; those struggling with addiction—Bob, Andy, George, Dan, Dee; Sarah, Keri, Sam

Baptism: Cason Christopher Cormany—May 12th

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday of Easter
Hymns: 566, 782 (818, 722, 335) 837

May 19, 2019

Are You a Fair Weather Fan? (Pastor Scharnell)

Our insensibility to God’s goodness and glory is a sign of how far we have fallen. In all of His wondrous creation He has raised up a Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, God has gathered together His own people, into the Church, declaring them to be His saints and dwelling near them with His very presence in Word and Sacrament. Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His death and resurrection, and God is glorified in Him, so He is glorified in us by our love for one another, which His Spirit works in us by His grace.



John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow Him!

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Guide Book & Directory advertising opportunity

We have partnered with Guide Book Publishing to provide a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that we will update & publish annually. This book is delivered directly to every member at no cost to our congregation. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book, but we want to make sure our members have first access to prime locations in this new directory.

This is a great opportunity for your business because our members prefer to support businesses that support our congregation. Recent results of a survey taken by GBP show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize an advertiser over a non-advertiser and 70.9% consciously look to see who is advertising. If you are interested in advertising in our new Guide Book & Directory, please call the office at 262-567-5001. Thank you for your support!

Update membership information

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred over the past year. So...Have you changed your phone number? Moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home, and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? Have you discontinued your landline to only use a cell phone?

If you have not already informed the church office (262.567.5001) about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the new Guide Book & Directory is correct. Thank you!

Attention ladies:

We will again be collecting hard candy (suggestions: peppermint, ginger, root beer and lemon drops) at the Mother-Daughter-Friend Banquet for Tricia's Troop Cancer Connection. They put together chemo bags for those starting chemotherapy in Waukesha County Hospitals. The hard candy helps with dry mouth. In 2017 we collected 33 pounds of hard candy for them. Last year we collected 80 pounds. Let's see if we can collect even more this year. They are very appreciative of our help. Thank you.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Among motherhood's greatest works is comforting distraught little ones. Where the world would wipe out lives by murder, the Lamb once slain but raised again mothers us by wiping away our tears (Revelation 7:17). Heavenly Father's forgiveness and salvation heal even the guilt of abortion, the grief of terminal diagnosis, and the fear of complicated pregnancy. The Hand that rules the world also rocks the cradle.



Reformation Tap Society

Craft Beer • Friendly Conversation • Serious Theology

Held at BrewFinity Brewery
N58 W39800 Industrial Rd., Suite D
Oconomowoc

May 19, 2019

Hospitality as
Mission

(It's Not that
Complicated)

Presenter:
Rev. Kent Schaaf
Milwaukee, WI

What can be better than having a drink with
friends, eating delicious food, and talking about
things that are truly important?

CELEBRATE THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD!

SWD Circuit 22 Ascension Service

at St. John's Lutheran Church – Sullivan

Thursday, May 30

Dinner 5:30 p.m. ~ Service 7 p.m.

The service offering will go to

"Free at Last"

Prison Ministry

St. John's Lutheran Church • W407 Hwy 18 • Sullivan, WI
262-593-8630 • stjohnssullivan.org

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Save the date

to be photographed for the new
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
directory

Photography dates:

August 7th – 10th
August 14th – 17th
August 28th – 31st

Weekday times: 2pm-9pm
Saturdays: 9am-4pm

Lifetouch

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
A RETIREMENT PARTY CELEBRATING

Roxie Gerlach

Sunday, June 2nd
St. Paul's Gym

Social Hour begins at 4:30 PM
Dinner at 5 PM
Program to celebrate Ms. Gerlach at 6 PM

If you are interested in helping plan or set up for the party, please
contact Sheri Fleischfresser at sheri@splco.org

Monetary gifts can be brought to the office
to contribute to a group gift for Ms. Gerlach

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY May 14	Mother – Daughter – Friend Banquet Operations Committee Meeting Board of Elders Meeting Praise Team Practice	Oconomowoc Golf Club Room 201 Room 219 Church	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY May 15	Adult Choir	Balcony	7:30 pm
THURSDAY May 16	Praise Team Practice	Church	7:00 pm
SATURDAY May 18	Women of Joy Bible Study Traditional Worship Service AA Meeting	Whelan's Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY May 19	Traditional Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Hour Time to Grow (Sunday School) Public School Confirmation Adult Bible Study Contemporary Worship Service Special Voters' Meeting	Church Lobby/Outside Meet in Gym Room 219 Fellowship Hall Church Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm

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

Journeymen

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

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Psalm 148	Rev. 21:1-7	John 13:31-35
Acolytes	TBD	Mason Paar	Maddux Kiley
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Ashworth	Leslyn Mueller	Cheryl Oelsner
Elders	Todd Leonhardt	Bruce Bain	Josh Oddsen
Greeters	Rick Zastrow	Jim & Marlene Steinberg (church) Shirley Smart (school)	Kim Tuff
Lectors	Amy Hackbarth	Jim Steinberg	
Power Point	N/A	N/A	Whitney Fleischfresser
Radio	N/A	Jim Steinberg	N/A
Ushers	Todd Leonhardt	Gary Flanagan	Truman Seifert

May 19, 2019

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor: Steve Scharnell

Theme: *Are You a Fair Weather Fan?*

Traditional Worship

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Contemporary Worship

Special Order

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever!

Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

John 10:22–30

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.