

++++THE GUIDE +++  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

**January 15, 2023**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

|                    |                           |                 |                              |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Pastor             | Kene Whybrew              | Secretary       | Sue Bowers                   |
| Pastor's Cell      | 815-383-1148              | Secretary HRS   | M-W 4-7PM TH 12-4PM          |
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| Altar Flowers      | Connie Wirth              | YouTube         | St. Paul's Lutheran Church   |
| Organist           | Muriel Merriman           |                 | Strasburg Illinois           |
| Choir Director     | Karen Rentfro             | Pause for Peace | 217-644-3124                 |
| Accompanist        | Sheryl Vonderheide        | Prayer Chain    | 217-821-3038                 |
| Greeter            |                           |                 |                              |

**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service-Choir sings  
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, H.S.

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**  
8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
6:30-7:30 PM WDS

THUR. 1:00 PM Cemetery Association Meeting

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service

**January 1 8:30: 160 Year Ago: 116 Sunday School: 43**

**Welcome** God is faithful; by him [we] were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9, NRSV). Welcome to worship. If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

**Evangelism Project** St. Paul's Evangelism Project for the month of December was to send funds for the work of missionaries Rev. Gordon Alex in Africa and Hayden Rensner in the Czech Republic. The total contribution was \$2,285. **Thank You** for your gifts to this work for the Lord. You have helped make it possible for people in these two countries to hear about God's love and His plan of salvation. Please keep these missionaries and their work in your prayers. God's blessing's! The Evangelism Committee

**2022 Statements** The year end statements for 2022 will be mailed out soon. Please let the church office know if there is an issue.

**Thank you** Thanks to everyone that helped in any way with the Lenz funeral luncheon. Thanks a bunch. Ladies Aid

**February Newsletter** If you have articles for the February newsletter, please get them to the church secretary by Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Cancellation** There will be **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL** on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### FOR THE LORD'S WORK

| <u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>     | <u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u> | <u>\$ RECEIVED</u>         | <u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| January 1 & 8                | \$ 3,578.00                     | \$6,040.00                 | \$ 2,462.00            |
| year-to-date                 | \$ 7,156.00                     | \$6,040.00                 | \$-1,116.00            |
| <u>Synod-Offerings</u>       |                                 |                            |                        |
| January 1 & 8                | \$ 481.00                       | \$ 835.00                  | \$ 354.00              |
| year-to-date                 | \$ 962.00                       | \$ 835.00                  | \$ -127.00             |
| <b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b> |                                 | Total to Date              | \$220.00               |
| Building \$25                | Sunday School \$200             | LYF \$525                  | Seminary Student \$100 |
| Trinity \$220                | L Lenz Mem \$50                 | Glenn Spannagel Mem \$1000 | Dakota Ranch \$150     |

**January 1 \$1,678.00**  
**January 5 \$785.00 (ACH)**  
**January 8 \$5,632.00**  
**January 8 \$1,050.00 (Mem.)**

1/24 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
**No Choir Rehearsal Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
1/25 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
6:30-7:30 PM WDS  
1/26 8:30 AM Blanket Making

**Offering Envelopes** Welcome 2023! Please begin using your **2023** offering envelopes.

**Thank you** The entire Beltz family would like to thank everyone for the kindness after Stormi's birth and during her lengthy hospital stay. We truly appreciate all the thoughts and prayers. The cards brightened our days. The Cradle Roll meals were fantastic. The Ladies Aid monetary gift was greatly appreciated. The outpouring of thoughtfulness meant the world to us during a worrisome time!

**Thank you** Thank you to the St. Paul's members and trustees for all the gifts at Christmas. Hope everyone has a happy and healthy 2023! Sue Bowers

**Thank you** Thanks for all my beautiful Ladies Aid cards and monthly newsletters. Maxine Ruff

**Lost & Found** If you have misplaced a coat there is one in the social hall and one on a hanger in the carport area.

**Thank you** Thank you to everyone who donated baby items in the month of December. All of the items went to the Family Life Center.

**Thank you** Thanks to each and everyone for your encouragement and support to Chris and I. We both sincerely appreciate your caring and continued prayers. Floyd Storm



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

15-Gerald\* Susan Hanfland

### **BIRTHDAYS**

15-Derryl Pikesh; Gary Schultz;  
Tyler\* Vonderheide;  
Dusty Rincker  
16-Debra Glasscock  
17-Tori Daniels; Mark Richards;  
Kathy Pieper; Lori Mathis  
18-Dwane Hartman; Dean Rentfro  
19-Tim Bence; Doreen Whybrew  
20-Amy Stremming  
21-Sheree Doehring; Noah Prosser;  
Jacob\* York

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Everest Clark, Jack & Pam Clark, Rusty & Brittany Clifton, Darrell & Doris Cress, John & Lisa Cress, Tina Daniels, Pat Wallace, Rick Wallace, Rachel & Jesse Wallin, Kelsey & Zach White, Steve & Sharon Weber, Tom Weber, Tobias Weber

### **Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://stpaul-strasburg.com)

**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Strasburg Illinois

**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### **PRAYER**

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Diane Paraiso  | Melba Storm       |
| Anna Schlechte | Nick Hanfland     |
| Frances York   | Carolyn Stremming |
| Mary Rincker   | Norma Huddleston  |
| Wayne Wirth    | Floyd Storm       |
| Dave Polk      | Dianna Gibson     |
| Joe Oakley     | Robert Pfeiffer   |
| Kendall Fulk   |                   |

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Rose Schlechte- Villas of Hollybrook  
Robert Stremming-Heartland Senior Living  
Noma Huddleston - Lakeland Healthcare Center  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care Center  
Melba Storm- Heartland Senior Living

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY** **(non-members)**

Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary & Roger Kull Cousin)  
Randy Doty  
Pat Williams (bypass surgery )  
Lori Cannon (Chris Kramer cousin-cancer)  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)  
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)

### **Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23**

**Joshua Gerken**  
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## Hymn of Invocation

## All Glory Be to God Alone

LSB 948

- 1 All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest one,  
Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among us may His gracious will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.
- 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And worship You in humbleness;  
From day to day we glorify The everlasting God on high.  
Of Your great glory do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
- 3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne, Our Father, the Almighty One.  
O Lord, the sole-begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
- 4 You take the whole world's sin away; Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
You take the whole world's sin away; O Lord, receive our prayer this day.  
From God's right hand Your mercy send, To all the world Your grace extend.
- 5 You only are the Holy One And over all are Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;  
With Him You evermore shall be One in the Father's majesty.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **Introit**

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

### **Kyrie**

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the**

**Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 49:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you

staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Children's Message – Children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to come forward**

#### **Hymn of the Day**

The Only Son from Heaven

LSB 402

- 1 The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given, In human form appears.  
No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining  
As He, our Morning Star.
- 2 O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the king anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,  
Grim death to vanquish for us, To open heav'n before us  
And bring us life again.
- 3 O Lord, our hearts awaken To know and love You more,  
In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.



D 4 O Father, here before You With God the Holy Ghost  
And Jesus, we adore You, O pride of angel host:

Before You mortals lowly Cry, "Holy, holy, holy, O blessed Trinity!"

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**Sermon** "Behold, the Lamb of God!" John 1:29-42a

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offertory**

LSB 159

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

Christ Is the World's Redeemer

LSB 539

**1** Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,  
The font of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,  
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.

- 2 Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,  
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.  
Then Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone  
And, suff'ring for the sinful, Our full redemption won.
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,  
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.  
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne  
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.
- D 4 Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,  
All honor be to Jesus, His sole-begotten Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.  
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

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