

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

January 1, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

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Accompanist		Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter			

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, H.S.

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study

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

THUR. 1:30 PM Ladies Aid @ Grace

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
11-1 LYF Soup Luncheon @ Trinity
1-2:30PM Rose Schlechte Birthday-Social Hall

December 25 8:30: 105 Year Ago: 125 Sunday School: 54 Christmas Eve: 221

Welcome Welcome! We begin worship and this new year as we always live: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. If you are a *visitor*, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

Birthday Celebration Rosemary Schlechte is going to be 90 years young on January, 10, 2023. The congregation is invited to celebrate this landmark birthday with her on January 8th at an open house in the church social hall from 1:00-2:30 p.m. In lieu of gifts, cards may be sent to 904 West Evergreen, Apt. #8, Effingham, IL 62401

Choir Now is a great time to try something new! If you like to sing, the Choir needs you! Just come to any rehearsal and we will get you started!

Thank you We want to thank everyone for the many cards and gifts. May the Lord bless all of you as we begin another year in His name. Pastor & Doreen

Christmas Decorations We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday January 8th at 1:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Offerings The Thanksgiving offering totaled \$1,340.00 and will be split in the following percentages. Lutheran Care Center (20%) \$268, Lutheran Hour Ministries (15%) \$201, LWML Mites (15%) \$201, KFUE Radio (10%) \$134, Bethesda (10%) \$134, LCMS World Relief (10%) \$134, Food for the Poor (10%) \$134, Dakota Ranch (10%) \$134

Thank you A sincere thank you to our church family for the many acts of kindness and sympathy offered these past few weeks. The prayers, cards, food, phone calls, texts, visits, flowers and memorials have all helped to comfort us and remind us that God is with us in our time of need. The family of Larry Lenz

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
December 25	\$ 3,782.00	\$3,986.00	\$ 204.00
year-to-date	\$ 192,882.00	\$195,103.00	\$ 2,221.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
December 25	\$ 385.00	\$ 245.00	\$ -140.00
year-to-date	\$ 19,635.00	\$25,952.00	\$ 6,317.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$9,990.00
Building \$125	Evang. Project \$700	Trinity \$110	Sem Student \$120
Cemetery \$10	LYF \$25	Ladies Aid \$10	Larry Lenz Mem. \$50

December 20 \$1,910.00 ACH
December 25 \$3,471.00
December 24 \$1,788.00 (Sunday School)

1/10 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
6:30 PM Council Meeting
7:00 PM Choir Rhearsal
1/11 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
6:30-7:30 PM WDS
1/12 8:30 AM Blanket Making

Mites Sunday Today is Mites Sunday.

2023 Offering Envelopes The 2023 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the narthex. Please **DO NOT** begin using the envelopes until **January 1, 2023.**

Adopted Seminary Student 2022-23 St. Paul's has received information from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana about the student we are sponsoring through the Student Adoption Program. Our student is Joshua Gerken. He is a first-year student at the seminary and is married to Rachel. His hometown is New Haven, IN. His birthday was December 6. Please show support to Joshua with prayers, monetary gifts to the Seminary Student fund, and cards and notes of support. Joshua's address is: 6600 North Clinton St., Box 224, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

NO Class There will be no Sunday School classes on January 1st.

Officer Installation The installation of new officers for 2023 will be this morning, Sunday, January 1.

LYF Soup Luncheon The Joint LYF of Grace, St. Paul's, and Trinity will be hosting a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, January 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The youth will begin serving homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, potato chips and desserts from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dine-in and To-go available! Proceeds from your freewill donations will go toward local youth group activities and trips. We appreciate your support and hope to see you after church on the 8th!

Higher Things Conference - July 2023

An informational meeting will be held for LYF members and parents about the Higher Things conferences being held this summer. If you are interested in attending and learning more, please join us at 6:00pm on Sunday, January 8th at Trinity.

Thank you The Sunday School and Weekday teachers would like to thank the St. Paul's Board of Education for the generous gifts given to us this Christmas season.



ANNIVERSARIES

1-Brendon & Renea* Bowers
6-Richard & Catherine Stremming
7-Tim & Delreen Lenz

BIRTHDAYS

3-Tim Lenz
4-Anna Schlechte; Lisa Shelton
6-Tim Beals
7-Imogene Lading; Whitney Furr;
James* Hortenstine

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Shelby & Brandon Beltz, Ron & Carolyn Boldt, Alecia & Colton Booher, Brendon & Renea* Bowers, Adrienne & Cody Bushue, Danielle Wirth, Darrell & Laurie Wirth, Dennis & Kenna Wirth, Gary & Marlene Wirth, Kevin & Allison Wirth, Ron & Karen Wirth

Recorded Services

Website: 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
6600 North Clinton Street
Box 224
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Micah Brown
Campus Post Office Box
801 Seminary Pl.
Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98 Text: Public domain

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Kyrie

LSB 186

C ***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

C ***Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7–14

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took

the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to Thee, 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.

Hymn of the Day

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

LSB 352

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

2 What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.

- 3 Abram's promised great reward, Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—Truly came, as long foretold.
- 4 As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me Which is Yours eternally.
- 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.
- 6 Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon "An Heir Through God" Galatians 4:4-7

Installation of Congregational Officers

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C ***Amen.***

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C ***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.***

Distribution Hymns

LSB 376 Once in David's Royal City

LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C ***Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C ***and His mercy endureth forever.***

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Recessional Hymn Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384

1 Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

2 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348–c. 413; (sts. 1–4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–77
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