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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

July 16 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Greeters			

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
TUE. 9:00 AM Bible Study
WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**
8:30 AM Chair Yoga
SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+

July 9 8:30:135 Year Ago: 134 Sunday School: 25

Welcome Welcome! The Holy Spirit calls us together as the church to worship and praise God, made known to us in Christ. Peace be with you all. If you are *a visitor*, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

Sympathy Please keep the family of Marlene Wirth in your thoughts and prayers. Marlene passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM Thursday, July 13, 2023 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Strasburg, IL with Rev. Kene Whybrew officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Strasburg, IL.

LYF Check out our selection of cards in the nursery/choir room at St. Paul's. Birthday, anniversary, Easter, confirmation, graduation, baptism, sympathy, and more!

Pause for Peace Pause for Peace is a 24 hour service of recorded inspirational devotions by St. Paul's members. The service is available to anyone by dialing 217-644-3124. If you would like to do a one or two minute devotion, please contact Patsy Lenz.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
July 9	\$ 3,578.00	\$2,457.00	\$ -1,121.00
year-to-date	\$ 96,606.00	\$101,584.02	\$ 4,978.02
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
July 9	\$ 481.00	\$ 705.00	\$ 224.00
year-to-date	\$ 12,987.00	\$17,259.50	\$ 4,272.50
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$4,820.00
Building \$25 Sem. Student \$25 Trinity \$75 Choir \$50 Cradle Roll \$200			

July 9 \$3,537.00

7/25 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 7/26 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
 7/27 8:30 AM Blanket Making

Summer Congregational Bible Study Join us today for summer Sunday School as we continue with a congregational study of God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace. God's Living Water series is taught in the youth and preschool Sunday School classes as well as in the adult/high school Bible class. Pastor's sermons also follow the story theme each week. God's Living Water is a resource that explores the place of water in God's sweeping plan of salvation. Each week is a complete lesson, so please plan to attend when you can. Today's lesson will be "Thousands Believe in Jesus." Acts 2:1-41. The lesson for July 23 will be "Lydia Hears God's Word" Acts 16:11-15, 40.

Christmas Shoe Boxes Articles we are collecting the month of July for the Christmas Shoe Box Project are toothbrushes. If you wish to donate, just put them in the marked box in the narthex. Thanks for caring.

Baby Bottle Project There are still several baby bottles that have not been returned. Please return them to the narthex as soon as possible.



ANNIVERSARIES

17-Kevin & Allison* Wirth

BIRTHDAYS

17-Rance* Merriman
18-Jennifer Ashmore; Collins Logue
19-Ashley Sherrill; John Reel
20-Johanna Batson; Ryan Oller
21-Joyce Ulmer
22-Marcia Thomas; Delreen Lenz
Bianca* Nichols

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Barry & Courtney Wittenberg, John & Judy Wittenberg, Dustin & Karen York, Francis York,

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	Kendall Fulk
Mary Rincker	Robert Pfeiffer
Wayne Wirth	Margaret Swank
Dianna Gibson	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
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
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

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

Christie Dust (Howard & Kay's
daughter) (Primary Progressive
Multiple Sclerosis)
Pastor Gary Fortkamp
Nancy Slifer
Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary &
Roger Kull Cousin)
Randy Doty
Pat Williams (Health issues)
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's
uncle)

Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23

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Hymn of Invocation

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

- 3 To all life Thou givest—to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest,
the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish—
but naught changes Thee.

- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light that hides Thee.

Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Text: Public domain

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 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8

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.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 55:10–13

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

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

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is Read

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

LSB 577

- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

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Sermon Acts 16:11-15, 40 "Lydia Hears God's Word"

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.**

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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Readings for Next Week – Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 1:18-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

This Week's Memory Verse – Matthew 13:23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."