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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**July 21, 2024**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., Colleege+
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
TUE.	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study
WED.	8:00 AM	<b>Guide/Bulletin</b>
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	2:30 PM	Social Hall Communion
THURS.	8:30 AM	Blanket making
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., Colleege+
	9:30 AM	Voter's meeting
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace

**July14 8:30: 115 Year Ago: 107 Sunday School:**

**Welcome** Good morning! In the name of the God of creation, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit who guides our ways, welcome to worship. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**NEW Church E-Mail** The fiber optic has been installed at church. Unfortunately, we had to change the e-mail address. The new e-mail for the church is: [stpaulsstrasburg@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsstrasburg@gmail.com). Please begin using the new address. Thank you

**Ushers needed** A suggestion was made at a recent meeting of the church voters that our members in high school should serve as ushers. The suggestion was brought to the church council meeting and the council agreed. If you are a boy or girl in high school, please consider the call to serve as an usher especially during communion distribution. Please let our head usher Dalton Storm know if you are willing to serve. Thank you.

**FOR THE LORD'S WORK**

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
July 14	\$ 3,750.00	\$2,574.00	\$-1,176.00
year-to-date	\$ 95,000.00	\$99,162.00	\$4,162.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
July 14	\$ 481.00	\$ 220.00	\$-261.00
year-to-date	\$ 13,468.00	\$13,199.00	\$-269.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$4,470.00
Building \$620 Seminary Student \$100 Trinity \$30 Rev Alex Gordon \$120			
Ladies Aid \$100			

**July 14 \$3,764.00**

07/30 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study

07/31 8:30 AM Chair Yoga

08/01 1:30 PM Ladies Aid

**Voter's Meeting** The next voter's meeting will be after church on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the Agenda and Minutes are in the Narthex.

**Thank you** Thank you to everyone who has helped with the children's Christmas shoe box project. In July and August we are collecting school supplies. We need boxes of 24 crayons, small scissors for ages 4-18, pens, pencils, glue sticks and small pads of paper. Also small books and puzzles. In addition items of clothing are always appreciated. Thank you

**BLANKET MAKING** The blanket making group recently gave 15 twin size blankets to a rehab organization in Indiana and 45 lap size blankets to the Effingham rehab center. They were very glad to get them. Thanks to all who helped make this possible, from those who made the blankets to those who have donated materials to make them. There is a great need for blankets. Come join us on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 8:30am to 11:30am in the social hall.

**Sympathy** Please keep the family of Edie Wittenberg in your thoughts and prayers. Edie passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Visitation was held at the Stewardson-Strasburg High School gymnasium on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Rev. Kene Whybrew officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Strasburg, IL.

**Sympathy** Please keep the family of Karly Wetherell in your thoughts and prayers. Karly passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Visitation was held at the Stewardson-Strasburg High School gymnasium on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Rev. Kene Whybrew officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Strasburg, IL.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

23-Otis & Donna Rincker;  
Stephanie Jack & Danny\* Baker  
24-Darin & Colleen Storm  
25-Tyler & Jennifer\* Wirth;  
Chris\* & Katie Harley

### **BIRTHDAYS**

21- Joyce Ulmer  
22- Marcia Thomas ;Delreen Lenz ;  
Bianca\* Nichols  
24- Rachel Kessler  
26- Courtney Wittenberg; Sarah Vogel  
27- Linda Doehring; Gary Duncan;  
Alyssa Rincker; Henry\*York

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Bob Sporleder, Gary Sporleder, Ron  
Sporleder, Rosemary Sporleder,,Ryan  
Sporleder, John Stewart, Rick Stodden,  
Jennifer Stodden, Darin & Colleen Storm,  
Floyd & Chris Storm,

### **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**

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller
Beulah Ulmer	Debra Richards

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Mary Rincker-Villas of Hollybrook  
Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge  
Robert Stremming  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care  
Center  
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook  
Effingham

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

Zona Doty ( Health)  
Walker Warden (cancer)  
Christie Dust ( Howard & Kay's  
daughter) (Primary Progressive  
Multiple Sclerosis)  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's  
uncle)

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

**Joshua Gerken**  
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## 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Setting Four

### Hymn of Invocation

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
  
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.
  
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant From the stump of Jesse's tree;  
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches To bear fruit abundantly.  
Graft us into You, O Savior; Prune our hearts so we remain  
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard Till eternal life we gain.
  
- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, Watching all Your lambs and sheep;  
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, Never-failing vigil keep.  
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;  
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice alone.
  
- 5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.
  
- D 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

**Kyrie**

LSB 204

C ***Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.***

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

**C** *1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.*

*2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—*

*3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.*

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Jeremiah 23:1–6

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Ephesians 2:11–22

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

- C** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30–44

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth 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.**

## 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

### Hymn of the Day

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

- 1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

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**Sermon**      Ephesians 2:11-22      "We Are Reconciled"

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your compassion shown in Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep and the righteous Son of David. Keep us trusting at all times in Your right hand, in whom true satisfaction is found. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God of Israel, You promise to set caring shepherds over the sheep of Your pasture. Drive away deceitful shepherds who scatter Your flock, and gather Your sheep into Your heavenly kingdom by the hands of pious and faithful men whom You send in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Heavenly Father, in Jesus' compassion for the crowd, He provided bread and fish until all had eaten their fill and were satisfied. Give us our daily bread, according to Your will. Help us to use the gifts that You have given us to care for those who are hungry and in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**



P Heavenly King, You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us good government and faithful rulers, while reminding us always that all provision comes from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your constant care and all we need to support this body and life. Attend to those in need among us [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Free them from dismay and fear by the certainty that Christ is their righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, O Lord, that You have made us fellow citizens with the saints in light. Keep us in the true faith for as long as You preserve us in this world, that we would hopefully and eagerly await the day when we stand in Your presence with them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Benedicamus**

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

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

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heav'n descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
- 2 Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heav'n to die, Crucified for our salvation,  
Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, Your love outpouring.
- 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
Deaf we are: our healer be; Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken, Heal the world, by sin now broken.
- 4 Word that speaks God's tender love, One with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Readings for Next Week – Genesis 9:8-17, Ephesians 3:14-21, Mark 6:45-56

This Week's Memory Verse – Ephesians 2:17 "And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near."

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