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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

July 23 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Choir Director	Karen Rentfro	Pause for Peace	217-644-3124
Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter	Pastor & Doreen Whybrew		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion 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
	2:30 PM	Social Hall Communion
THURS.	8:30 AM	Blanket Making
SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	9:30 AM	Voter's meeting

July 16 8:30:116 Year Ago: 120 Sunday School:

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.

Voter's Meeting There will be a Voter's Meeting following the church service on Sunday, July 30th. There are copies of the Agenda, minutes, and Pastor's report in the narthex.

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.

Sunday School Thank you to Heath McCormick and Gary Kull for teaching the adult/high school summer Sunday School series- God's Living Water. The lessons were very interesting. High school students are invited to join the Voter's Meeting on July 30. The new freshman are invited to join the high school Sunday School class in Room 4 on Sunday, August 6. The three adult Sunday classes will start meeting separately again on August 6. The class with Heath McCormick will meet at the north end of the social hall, Patsy Lenz will meet in the social hall and Gary Kull will meet in the bell tower area.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
July 16	\$ 3,578.00	\$2,728.00	\$ -850.00
year-to-date	\$ 100,184.00	\$104,312.02	\$ 4,128.02
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
July 16	\$ 481.00	\$ 240.00	\$ -241.00
year-to-date	\$ 13,468.00	\$17,499.50	\$ 4,031.50
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$5,120.00
Building \$315 Trinity \$300 Rev. Alex Gordon \$50 Bell Tower \$300			

July 16 \$3,933.00

- 8/1 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 8/2 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 8/3 1:30 PM Ladies Aid-Hostess Muriel Merriman- Leigha Moffett

Summer Congregational Bible Study Today is the final lesson in the summer 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. Please join us for today's lesson, "Thousands Believe in Jesus." Acts 2:1-41.

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.

WDS Class & Registration St. Paul's Weekday School for 2023-24 will begin Wednesday, August 23. Registration for children in grades 1-8 will be from 6-6:30 p.m. and Weekday School classes will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 217.644.2661.

Addresses needed for college students If you have a child who will be going away to college, please send their mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number to the church secretary. You can also drop it off in the church office or e-mail it to stpaulcms@consolidated.net.



ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

24-Rachel Kessler
26-Lela Ostermeier;
Courtney Wittenberg;
Sarah* Vogel
27-Linda Doehring; Gary Duncan;
Alyssa Rincker; Henry* York
28-Karley Wetherell; Cooper Kirkley
29-Seth Rincker; Abby* Luce;
Pastor Whybrew

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Rick & Susie Allen, Chris & Jennifer
Ashmore, Dee Dee Batson, Courtney &
Alan Koch, Tim & Susie Beals,

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)
Nancy Slifer
Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary &
Roger Kull Cousin)
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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2023-24 Vicar assignment Brookfield
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Hymn of Invocation

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, 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 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

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

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, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

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

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

- 1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 "Let Him Hear"

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.*

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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78
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God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878–1969
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Christ Be My Leader

LSB 861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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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

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

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

A 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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,

Through a world that would deceive us

And to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in His footsteps treading,

Pilgrims here, our home above,

Full of faith and hope and love,

Let us do the Father's bidding.

Faithful Lord, with me abide;

I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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Readings For Next Week – Deuteronomy 7:6-9, Romans 8:28-39, Matthew 13:44-52

The Week's Memory Verse - Romans 8:25 "But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."