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

**July 30 2023**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Greeter	Darin & Colleen Storm		

**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Voter's meeting
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
WED.	8:00 AM	<b>Guide/Bulletin</b>
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
THURS.	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+

**July 23 8:30:125 Year Ago: 137 Sunday School: 22**

**Welcome** "[Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39, NIV). What better reason to worship together! Welcome. 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 this morning. There are copies of the Agenda, minutes, and Pastor's report in the narthex.

**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.

**Thank you** Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and texts during Marlene's battle with cancer. They were greatly appreciated. Thanks to Pastor Whybrew for his prayers and visits. We also want to thank everyone who helped in any way with the funeral and luncheon. The Gary Wirth Family

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
July 23	\$ 3,578.00	\$6,091.00	\$ 2,513.00
year-to-date	\$ 103,762.00	\$110,403.02	\$ 6,641.02
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
July 23	\$ 481.00	\$ 545.00	\$ 64.00
year-to-date	\$ 13,949.00	\$18,044.50	\$ 4,095.50
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$5,340.00
Building \$575 Trinity \$220 Sem.Student \$200 Cemetery \$115 LYF \$125			
Lutheran Care Center \$100 Ladies Aid \$10 Choir \$50 Hayden Rensner \$145			
Marlene Wirth Mem. \$2125			

**July 20 \$3,760.00 (ACH)**  
**July 23 \$2,125.00 Wirth Memorial**  
**July 23 \$4,416.00**

8/8 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
 8/9 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
       2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
 8/10 8:30 AM Blanket making

**Welcome** This morning we welcome Seminary Student Josh Gerken. Josh will be preaching in the absence of Pastor Whybrew who is attending the LCMS Convention. Welcome Josh!

**Christmas Shoe Boxes** Articles we are collecting the month of August are crayons or any school supply items. Thank you for sharing!

**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](mailto:stpaulcms@consolidated.net).



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

5-Brad\* & Kim Storm

### **BIRTHDAYS**

30-Tyler Wirth

31-Pam Clark

1-Dwight Lading

3-Brittany Kirkley; Mac Ogle;  
Stephanie Jack; Jill Layton;  
Charlee Rincker

4-Andrew Cress; Grace Rincker;  
Blake Wirth

5-Shirley Stremming;  
Sharon Weber; Raegyn Wallin

### **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 Wirth, Kevin & Allison Wirth, Ron & Karen Wirth

### **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	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)**

Brad Friese  
Howard Dust (hip replacement)  
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**

**Joshua Gerken**  
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**Micah Brown**  
**2023-24 Vicar assignment Brookfield**  
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## Hymn of Invocation

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!  
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,  
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone  
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

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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 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

## Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155

C ***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.***

***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

### **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, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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**

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

Romans 8:28–39

A 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 13:44–52

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.***

### **Children's Message**

## Hymn of the Day

From God Can Nothing Move Me

LSB 713

- 1 From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside  
But gently will reprove me And be my constant guide.  
He stretches out His hand In evening and in morning,  
My life with grace adorning Wherever I may stand.
- 2 When those whom I regarded As trustworthy and sure  
Have long from me departed, God's grace shall still endure.  
He rescues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.  
I leave death's fear behind me; His peace I have within.
- 3 The Lord my life arranges; Who can His work destroy?  
In His good time He changes All sorrow into joy.  
So let me then be still: My body, soul, and spirit  
His tender care inherit According to His will.
- 4 Each day at His good pleasure God's gracious will is done.  
He sent His greatest treasure In Jesus Christ, His Son.  
He ev'ry gift imparts. The bread of earth and heaven  
Are by His kindness given. Praise Him with thankful hearts!
- 5 Praise God with acclamation And in His gifts rejoice.  
Each day finds its vocation Responding to His voice.  
Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend expressing  
The love of God brings blessing That will forever last!
- 6 Yet even though I suffer The world's unpleasantness,  
And though the days grow rougher And bring me great distress,  
That day of bliss divine, Which knows no end or measure,  
And Christ, who is my pleasure, Forever shall be mine.

D 7 For thus the Father willed it, Who fashioned us from clay;  
And His own Son fulfilled it And brought eternal day.

The Spirit now has come, To us true faith has given;  
He leads us home to heaven. O praise the Three in One!

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**Sermon** Romans 5:1-8 "Access Granted"

### **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**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You have redeemed us out of Your steadfast love. Grant that the Gospel may go forth unhindered and Your Spirit bring many into this fellowship of the redeemed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You have revealed to us the true treasure of Christ's cross and resurrection. Grant that we may pursue Your kingdom with all our hearts, souls, minds and bodies. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You justify us for the sake of Christ. Comfort any who are troubled by the memory of past sins or visited by the temptation to believe they cannot be



forgiven. Give them confidence in Christ, that He died for them and still intercedes for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have given us various offices in our lives. Grant us faithfulness in these callings, that we may see them as gifts through which we serve You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, grant wisdom to our president; our governor; and all who make, administer, and judge our laws, that they may seek what is best for all in accordance with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, bestow Your comfort upon all who are burdened by sickness and affliction. Grant that they may await healing and deliverance in the firm conviction that nothing can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, it is not for the sake of our numbers or strength or birth that You preserve us, but for the sake of Your faithfulness and steadfast love. As You preserved Your ancient people of Israel for the sake of Your promises, keep Your Holy Church on earth, and also preserve our Synod, we pray, for the sake of Your name. Lead our delegates and members, gathered in convention, according to Your good pleasure and will, that in word and action we may love You and keep Your commandments, confessing Your steadfast love and faithfulness even to a thousand generations; through Christ, the crucified, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **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

God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

- 1 God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!
- 2 God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.
- 3 Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.  
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Readings for Next Week – Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21