

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

**July 4, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha,W.L.S.,College Plus  
10:15 AM Worship Service

TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline  
8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
2:00 PM **Social Hall Communion**

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket Making  
4:30 PM Thomas/Cabbage Wedding Rehearsal

FRI. 4:00 PM Thomas/Cabbage Wedding

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha,W.L.S., College Plus  
10:15 AM Communion Service  
11:00 AM Pause for Peace-pizza party

**June 27 8:30: 75 10:15: 67 Total 142- Year Ago: 110 Sunday School: 44**

**Welcome** As our nation celebrates Independence Day, let us remember and proclaim that God so loved the whole world that he sent Jesus to share in this life. Let us join in praise! *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Pause for Peace** A pizza party to celebrate 40 years of the Pause-for-Peace ministry will be held on Sunday evening, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall. The menu will be pizza, lettuce salad, ice cream and birthday cake. A program will follow the meal. All are invited to join in the fun. We especially encourage devotion presenters and listeners to attend. If you plan to attend please sign the sheet in the narthex by July 4<sup>th</sup> so enough food can be prepared. Pause-for-Peace completed 40 years of service on June 7. During these 40 years approximately 180 people have prepared and delivered devotions. The topics have ranged from everyday happenings to world events and national holidays. Just dial 217-644-3124 to get a one to two minute devotion.

**Our Sympathy** Our Christian sympathy to Ken & Neva Hagan. Ken's brother Mike went to be with the Lord Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
June 27	\$ 3,436.00	\$3,013.00	\$ -423.00
year-to-date	\$ 91,532.00	\$ 97,978.08	\$ 6,446.08
<b><u>SYNOD OFFERINGS 6</u></b>			
June 27	\$ 423.00	\$ 230.00	\$ -193.00
year-to-date	\$11,421.00	\$13,137.00	\$ 1,716.00
<b><u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u></b>		Total to Date	\$5,275.00
Building \$450 Trinity \$25 Rev Alex Gordan \$100 Seminary Student \$20			
Institute for Deaf \$25 Ladies Aid \$50 Cemetery \$50 Choir \$50			

**June 27      \$4,013.00**

7/13 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study  
 7/14 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
 7:00 PM Church Council meeting

**Baby Bottle** A big Thank You to all who contributed to the Annual Baby Bottle Project for The Family Life Center. We collected \$509.33 so far and there are still 7 bottles not returned as of Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. If you could return those to the church office in the door or give to Kay Dust by this Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**LWML Central Illinois District** is overjoyed to announce our mission goal for 2021-2022 of \$105,000 with \$78,750 for district grants and the remaining funds to nation mission grants. As funds become available throughout the year, the mission grants will be paid. July & August, 2021 LWML CID Mission Grant #2 - Food Banks at St. Louis & Fort Wayne Seminaries (\$10,000 total). The food banks supply food and hygiene products to seminary students and their families. This lessens the worry about financial burdens of everyday life and may even keep a student from having to take a job to help with expenses. Helping students and their families in this way hopefully helps the student to focus more on his/her training. How can you help? Pray that God provides the seminary students and families support through the food banks with everyday life needs. Also, support this grant by donating to our church's LWML mite fund. It is always appreciated! Praise the Lord for His blessings!

**Mite Box** The collection will be today.

**Social Hall Communion** will be this Wednesday, July 7 at 2:00 P.M. only. We are going back to how we did this service before Covid. Thank you!



**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4- Doug & Marla Rincker
- 5- Howard\* & Kay Dust
- 6- Travis\* & Gina Vonderheide
- 7- Dan & Karen Pfeiffer
- 9- Mike & Laurie Rincker

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 6- Brad\* Storm
- 7- Sandra Bugenhagen; Chris Rincker; Laurie Wirth
- 8- Tanner Bowers; Isaac Kramer; Tanya Walker; Tobias Weber
- 9- Amelia Batson
- 10- Jack Clark; J.D. Stodden

**HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Christian & Jenna, Merriman Muriel Merriman,  
 Patrick & Leigh Merriman,  
 Adam & Ragen Moomaw, Janice & Mark  
 Moomaw, Zachary Moomaw, Luke & Kalei  
 Rincker, Michael & Laurie Rincker, Mildred  
 Rincker, Otis & Donna Rincker, Otto & Lisa  
 Rincker, Maxine Ruff

**HEALING**

Brett Kull	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Ken Hagan
Mary Rincker	Carolyn Stremming
Joe Oakley	Michelle Knop
Glenn Spannagel	Dennis Wirth
Cathy Stremming	

**LIMITED MOBILITY**

Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH  
 Imogene Lading - Villas of Holly Brook  
 Bill Orr  
 Mildred Rincker - Heartland, Neoga  
 Larry Storm - Heartland, Neoga  
 Doris Stremming - Brookstone Suites  
 Brett Kull- Shelbyville

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

Tammy Gebben (cancer-friend of  
 Scott & Lori Pieper)  
 Christie Dust (Howard & Kay Dust  
 daughter in-law)  
 Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
 Gloria Fortkamp  
 Lavonne Kramer (cancer-Kevin's  
 mother)  
 Erica Stollard (cancer)  
 Matt Durbin  
 Melissa Wirth  
 Family of Crewe Jones  
 Rhiannon (Wallace) Klier (surgery)  
 Colin Kinkelaar (car accident)  
 Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda  
 Oakley' daughter)  
 Madonna Nichols (liver cancer)  
 Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's  
 uncle)  
 Karl Zalman (cancer)  
 Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth's brother,  
 health)  
 Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer,  
 undergoing treatments)  
 Dave Polk (cancer, Virginia Vogel)  
 Dennis Noffke (Stage IV bone cancer)  
 Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis &  
 Nitelle Lading's gson.)

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 4 2021**  
**PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation - under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Cross**

I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, King eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

**Opening Hymn**

**God Bless Our Native Land**

*LSB 965*

- 1 God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save, By Thy great might.
- 2 So shall our prayers arise, To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

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*Please Stand*

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

C **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

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.**

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.**

*Please be seated*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 2:1–5*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

The Epistle is read

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 6:1–13*

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.**

*Please be Seated*

**Sermon Hymn**

**Amazing Grace**

*LSB 744*

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail, In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we'd first begun.

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**Sermon** "Grace" 2 Corinthians 12:7–10

*Please Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**P** **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.**

*Please Stand*

**Closing Collect**

**P** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **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.**

**Closing Hymn**

**By Grace I'm Saved**

*LSB 566*

- 1** By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2** By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3** By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit, That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4** By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done, Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5** By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure, If grace were not my anchor sure?

**6** By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown, Since I am saved by grace alone.

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