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

**July 9, 2023**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**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
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
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	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+

**July 2 8:30:150 Year Ago: 145 Sunday School: 32**

**Welcome** Welcome to worship in the name of God the Creator of this beautiful summer day, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Counselor each and every day. Amen. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**VBS Mission Project** The 2023 Mission Project for St. Paul's/Grace VBS was Hayden Rensner. Hayden is from Effingham, Ill., where she grew up at Faith Lutheran Church in Shumway, and where her father had served as pastor. After attending college, she began serving the Lord in full-time missionary work through the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Hayden has been teaching English as a Second Language to 6-9<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as adults in the Czech Republic, and through that role, she is able to share the good news of salvation with them. She has been in the United States since Easter, visiting family as well as training as she prepares to return to the Czech Republic to serve another two years. Several of the VBS children knew of Hayden and had heard her speak before. Hayden prepared a 3-minute video which the children watched on Monday. We were also able to video chat with her for a few minutes on Wednesday. The children enjoyed being able to ask her questions about life in the Czech Republic. Offerings were collected each day and each day the offerings increased. Daily offerings and the offering collected during the closing program totaled \$1270. We are thankful for the generosity of all who donated, and we pray the Lord uses this gift to bless Hayden and those she serves.

**Council Meeting** The next council meeting will be held on July 11, at 6:30PM.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
July 2	\$ 3,578.00	\$3,765.00	\$ -2,080.00
year-to-date	\$ 93,0280.00	\$99,127.02	\$ 5,912.02
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
July 2	\$ 481.00	\$ 735.00	\$ -381.00
year-to-date	\$ 12,506.00	\$16,554.50	\$ 3,794.50
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$4,745.00
Building \$175 Sem. Student \$150 Cemetery \$580 Bell Tower \$100			
LYF \$25 Ladies Aid \$100			
	<b>July 2</b>	<b>\$4,845.00</b>	
	<b>July 5</b>	<b>\$ 785.00 (ACH)</b>	

7/18 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
7/19 8:30 AM Chair Yoga

**Sympathy** Please keep the family of Marlene Wirth in your thoughts and prayers. Marlene passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023.

**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.

**Welcome** This morning we welcome Pastor Fortkamp, who will be filling in for Pastor Whybrew during his vacation.

**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**

9-Mike & Laurie Rincker;  
Eli & Emily Dollarhide  
14-Nick & Brittani Oller

### **BIRTHDAYS**

9-Amelia Batson; Oaklyn Williams  
10-Jack Clark; James Stodden  
11-Mike Rincker; Vivian Granat  
12-Griffin McIlwain  
13-Scott Pieper  
14-Hannah Hayes; Mackenzi Tabbert  
15-Kelsey Long; Melissa Luce

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Danielle Wirth, Darrell & Laurie Wirth,  
Dennis & Kenna Wirth, Gary Wirth, Kevin  
& Allison Wirth, Ron & Karen  
Wirth, Shelby (Aurora) Wirth, Tyler &  
Jennifer Wirth, Wayne & Connie 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)**

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**

**Joshua Gerken**  
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## Hymn of Invocation

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB 684

1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,  
And I will give you rest."  
O blessèd voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction,  
Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending,  
Of love that cannot cease.

2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,  
And I will give you light."  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
And we had lost our way;  
But Thou hast brought us gladness  
And songs at break of day.

3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life."  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.

4 "And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out."  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, 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 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, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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

Zechariah 9:9–12

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

**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**

Matthew 11:25–30

**P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh 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.**

## **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 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory 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

Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871  
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**Sermon** Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me"

**Prayer of the Church**



**Preface**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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**

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

#### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

#### **Agnus Dei**

LSB 210

**C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### **Distribution**

#### **How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

LSB 524

**1** How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.

**2** It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.
- 4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.
- 5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

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

### **I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

LSB 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.
- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89 Text: Public domain

**I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
 For weak and weary is my soul;  
 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
 To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain
- ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
 That sinners may salvation see  
 Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
 So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
 Because I have a sinful heart,  
 Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
 For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
 Receive me graciously and gladden  
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
 It is faith's bond and solid base;  
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
 The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.  
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**Nunc Dimittis**

- C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
 For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
 A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

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.**

**Benedicamus**

LSB 212

A 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**

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

1 Children of the heav'nly Father

Safely in His bosom gather;

Nestling bird nor star in heaven

Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;

In His holy courts they flourish.

From all evil things He spares them;

In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

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Next Week's Readings – Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:12-17, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23