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

**August 18, 2024**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Greeter	Patsy Lenz		

**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+  
5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**  
8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
6:00 PM WDS Registration  
6:30-7:30PM WDS

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket making

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+  
5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

**August 11 8:30: 147 Year Ago: 120 Sunday School: 33**

**Welcome** Welcome! "Reverence for the Eternal is the first step toward wisdom" (Psalm 111:10, The Voice Bible). So let us come before God in awe and praise. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Weekday School to Begin August 21** Weekday School is a Christian Education program for students in grades 1-8. It meets on Wednesday evenings at St. Paul's. Curriculum includes learning the Lord's Prayer, Books of the Bible, The Ten Commandments, Bible passages, The Apostles Creed, and stories from the Bible. The 7th and 8th grades students will meet with Pastor Whybrew to prepare for confirmation. St. Paul's Weekday School for 2024-25 will begin Wednesday, August 21. Please turn in registration forms now or bring to the first class. Weekday School classes will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact the church at 217.644.2661.

**September is Coming** and that means it is time for the singers in our congregation to get together for another choir season! Whether you are a choir veteran of many years or a former choir member thinking of returning or have never sung in a choir but always wanted to try, the choir needs you! Rehearsals will be held a couple Tuesday's and occasional Wednesday's of each month. Bring your voice to any rehearsal to join in the harmony and fellowship while we sing God's praises. Watch for more information in bulletins and newsletters. The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm. See you in September!

### FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Aug 11	\$ 3,750.00	\$2,810.00	\$ -940.00
year-to-date	\$ 110,000.00	\$113,361.00	\$3,361.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Aug 11	\$ 481.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -31.00
year-to-date	\$ 14,392.00	\$14,884.00	\$ 492.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$5,000.00
Building \$420 Trinity \$60 Cemetery \$100 Choir \$50			
Lutheran Care Center \$100 LCMS World Relief \$40			

**Aug 11 \$4,030.00**

08/27 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
08/28 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
6:30-7:30PM WDS

**Thank you** I would like to thank everyone for the Birthday well wishes and I also want to thank you for your concern and prayers over the last few weeks as well.  
Pastor

**Thank you** Thank you for all of the prayers, calls, and cards during the illness and passing of my sister, Marcella Cardinal. Katherine Manhart & family

**Walking for St. Paul's** We are looking for members who are willing to walk. Starting in September, members can keep track of the number of miles they have walked in a month on tally sheets located on the church office door. Once the tally sheet is completed you can turn it back in to the church office. Once we have amassed 5000 miles collectively we can apply for a \$250 debit card from Thrivent to be used at the choosing of the participants. Please watch for more details in the September newsletter.

**Help Needed!** Carol and Caroline Polk, members of St. Paul's, need help moving Friday, August 30 at 9 a.m. The family will be moving from their present home on Woolery Drive at Lake Mattoon to a house in Neoga. Trucks, trailers, hand carts, straps, ropes and physical help will be needed. Some boxes could be transported in SUV's. The unit will need to be cleaned after it is cleared. Assistance with this would be appreciated. Lunch for all will be provided after the move by Virginia Vogel, Susan Hanfland and Judy Wittenberg at Virginia's home. We will meet at the Polk home, 34A Woolery Drive, Neoga, 62447 at 9 a.m. If you are able, please consider coming and helping as long as you can. Please let Pastor know by August 25 if you are able to help and if you have a truck, trailer, or vehicle that could be used.

**Christian Education Teachers** We play blessings upon all of our teachers for Sunday School and Weekday School as they begin their new school year.

**Addresses needed for students leaving for college** If you have a child who will be living away from home at college, please send their mailing address, email address and phone number to the church secretary by September 2. Please drop it by the church office or email the office at stpaulsstrsburg@gmail.com.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

21-John & Judy Wittenberg;  
Gary & Johnna Schultz  
23-Tim & Susan Beals;  
Mark & Rhonda Kull

### **BIRTHDAYS**

18- Dee Dee Batson  
20- Kennedy Kull  
21- Rhonda Kull  
23- Colton\* Booher  
24- Ryan Storm

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Pat Wallace, Rick Wallace, Rachel & Jesse  
Wallin, Kelsey & Zachary White, Steve &  
Sharon Weber, Tom Weber,  
Pat Wallace, Rick Wallace,

### **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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**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**Hunter Kinnison**  
**6600 North Clinton St., Box 194**  
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**Micah Brown**  
**2023-24 Vicar assignment Brookfield**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**Brookfield, WI**  
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## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Setting One

### 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 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 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

## **Kyrie**

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 9:1–10

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Ephesians 5:6–21

P 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

John 6:51–69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, 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.**

## Children's Message

## Hymn of the Day

O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696

- 1 O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.
- 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.
- 5 Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;  
And let my body have A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

**Sermon** Ephesians 5:6-21 "The Lord's Will"

## **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.  
Father, we thank You that You have sent the great Good Shepherd who has compassion on His flock. In His name, we lift up our prayers for the family of God; for every nation, tribe, people and language; and for all those who hunger for the true bread of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant us always, O God, to work for the food that endures to eternal life. Bless the ministry of this congregation in our community, that many may embrace Jesus as the Christ and believe that He is the true bread of God who has come from heaven. Grant that we would never hunger or thirst for anything but Christ and His righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon all homes and schools, especially the schools, universities and seminaries of our church. Bless all places where Your people gather to teach and learn Your Word, and help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**



P Almighty God, You place men in positions of authority for the sake of order. Grant wisdom to Joseph, our President; our Governor; our judges; those in law enforcement; and all who hold offices of public trust in our land, that they might not act for selfish gain but serve according to Your will for the benefit of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bestow Your power of healing upon the sick, that in accordance with Your will, they may give thanks to Your name. Give Your Spirit of hope to the depressed, the lonely and those who mourn the death of loved ones. Strengthen their faith and assure them of Your presence in all circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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** Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,  
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain

4 Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,  
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng. Refrain

5 Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,  
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

D 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. Refrain

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Next Sunday's Readings –

This Sunday's Memory Verse –

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