

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

August 20, 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Greeter	Brandon & Shelby Beltz		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
MON.	7:00 PM	Nominating committee
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
WED.	8:00 AM	Guide/Bulletin
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	2:30 PM	Social Hall Communion
	6-6:30 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+

Aug 13 8:30:120 Year Ago: 138 Sunday School: 37

Welcome Paul writes: "The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29, NRSV). God has called you, so receive his gifts for you today: his love, his forgiveness, his life. If you are *a visitor*, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

Sunday School The new freshman and all high school students are invited to join the high school Sunday School class in Room 4 beginning 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. We invite you to join one of these classes. Children moving to new classrooms will do so on August 13. Children going into 1st grade this fall will move to Rm 2 with Lisa Shelton who will teach grades 1-3. Children going into 4th grade will move to Rm 3 with Dee Dee Batson who will teach grades 4-8. Pre-K will still meet in Rm 1 with Autumn McCormick.

Thank you We want to thank your church congregation for supporting the Family Life Center by participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$108,000 for our three centers. Your congregation's contribution for the Baby Bottle Campaign totaled \$854.13.

WLS The WLS (Willing Lutheran Servants) Bible class will be studying the Book of Luke. Join us in the social hall after the church service.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Aug 13	\$ 3,578.00	\$1,808.00	\$ -1,770.00
year-to-date	\$ 114,496.00	\$117,897.02	\$ 3,401.02
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Aug 13	\$ 481.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -131.00
year-to-date	\$ 15,392.00	\$18,969.50	\$ 3,577.50
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$5,660.00
Building \$20 Sem.Student \$280 Trinity \$200 Rev. Alex Gordon \$100			
Operation Christmas Child \$380 Organ Maint. \$20			

Aug 13 \$3,158.00

8/29 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
8/30 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
6:30-7:30 PM WDS

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

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.

Weekday School News 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 grade students will meet with Pastor Whybrew to prepare for confirmation. 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 any questions, please contact the church at 217.644.2661.

LYF Join us for our first LYF meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at Grace, 7:30 p.m. All high school students are welcome to attend! We look forward to getting together for fellowship, snacks, games, and officer elections.

Blessings At St. Paul's we are blessed with many devoted teachers who teach the love of Jesus to the youth and adults of our congregation. We ask the Lord's blessings upon all teachers for Sunday School and Weekday School for the 2023-2024 school year.

LYF LYF members attended the Higher Things conference in Carbondale the week of July 17th. They had the opportunity to worship with over 1100 attendees, listen to breakaway speakers, and explored SIU's campus during free time. This year's theme: Beyond Reasonable Doubt explored our faith and how to prove it. We thank you for your continued support that made this trip possible!



ANNIVERSARIES

21-John & Judy Wittenberg
Gary & Johnna Schultz
23-Tim & Susan Beals
Mark & Rhonda Kull
26-Floyd & Chris Storm

BIRTHDAYS

20-Kennedy Kull
21-Ferd McCormick; Rhonda Kull
23-Colton* Booher
24-Ryan Storm
25-Samantha Hayes;
Roxanna Shelton
26-Ella Gilbert

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Todd Daniels, Amanda Doehring, Brandon & Jessica Doehring, Darin Doehring, Don & Linda Doehring, Virginia Vogel, Allison & Bryan Vonderheide, Gina & Travis Vonderheide, Sheryl & Rick Vonderheide, Tanya Walker, Doug Walker

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)**

Howard Dust (hip replacement)
Christie Dust (Howard & Kay's
daughter) (Primary Progressive
Multiple Sclerosis)
Nancy Slifer
Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary &
Roger Kull Cousin)
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's
uncle)

Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23

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12th Sunday After Pentecost – Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794

- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.

- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

- D 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, 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 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

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 and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 56:1, 6–8

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

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 15:21–28

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth 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 – Children through Grade Six are encouraged to come forward

Hymn of the Day

When in the Hour of Deepest Need

LSB 615

- 1 When in the hour of deepest need We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought No help or counsel yet have brought,
- 2 Then is our comfort this alone That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry For rescue in our misery.
- 3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed Your children’s cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great, Our Savior and our advocate.
- 4 And so we come, O God, today And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand, Perplexed by fears on ev’ry hand.
- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still; Free us at last from ev’ry ill.
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word, And now and ever praise You, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 “Mercy On All”

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.**

Installation of Wednesday School Teachers

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.
O Lord, bless this congregation and church. Grant that it may be a house of prayer and we a people of prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, grant that the Church may steadfastly proclaim Your irrevocable gifts and calling, that the disobedient may receive mercy and that those who hear would become grafted onto Jesus Christ, the true vine. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, bless all honest work and occupations, and grant that we may use well the fruits of our labors. Give us generosity for those in need. Bless the tithes and offerings that accompany our sacrifice of praise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, grant that the government and those who protect us might keep justice and do righteousness for Your name's sake and according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**

- P O Lord, care for those who cry to You, whether beset with grief, sorrow, pain or trouble [*especially* _____]. Be pleased for Christ's sake to answer them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

- P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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

Voices Raised to You We Offer

LSB 795

- 1 Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute For Your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!

- 2 All creation joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your works display.
Art and music, gifts You lend us, We return to You today.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!
- 3 Christ, the song of Love incarnate, Touching earth with heaven's grace,
For Your living, suffering, dying, For Your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!
- 4 Spirit, flaming through creation, Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands Your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!
- 5 How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices—Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!

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Readings for Next Sunday – Isaiah 51:1-6, Romans 11:33-12:8, Matthew 16:13-20

This Week's Memory Verse – Romans 11:32 "For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all."