

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

August 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Greeter	Dennis & Kenna Wirth		

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
WED.	8:00 AM Guide/Bulletin
	8:30 AM Chair Yoga
	6:30-7:30PM WDS
SUN.	8:30 AM Worship Service
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+

Aug 20 8:30:157 Year Ago: 144 Sunday School: 44

Welcome Welcome to worship and a time of fellowship as the family of Christ. I invite you to greet those around you in the peace of the Lord. If you are *a visitor*, *we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

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.

Banner St. Paul Lutheran Ladies Aid, Sigel, made the Effingham/Shelby Zone banner for the LWML Central Illinois District Convention in Quincy, IL, April 28-29, 2023. The theme "Thy King-dom Come" was based on Zechariah 9: 10b "His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the Earth."

Bible Trivia Night Our first monthly Bible Trivia Night will be held at 6:30 on Sunday, September 10. Everyone is welcome and invite guests. Kids can play, too. If you have any questions, ask Roger or Dee Dee.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Aug 20	\$ 3,578.00	\$5,239.00	\$ -1,770.00
year-to-date	\$ 118,074.00	\$123,136.02	\$ 3,401.02
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Aug 20	\$ 481.00	\$ 455.00	\$ -131.00
year-to-date	\$ 15,873.00	\$19,424.50	\$ 3,577.50
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$5,810.00
Building \$695 Sem.Student \$350 Trinity \$150 Cemetery \$10 LYF \$25			
Bell Tower \$325 Ladies Aid \$10 Choir \$50 M Wirth Mem. \$100			

Aug 20 \$3,760.00 (ACH)
Aug 20 \$ 100.00 (Wirth Mem.)
Aug 20 \$3,549.00

9/5 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 9/6 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 6:30-7:30PM WDS
 9/7 1:30 PM Ladies Aid-Hostess Vivian & Judy

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!

Seminary Student News St. Paul's adopted seminary students for 2023-24 school year will be Joshua Gerken and Hunter Kinnison. Joshua was our adopted student last year and is a 2nd year student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Hunter will be a 1st year student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne this fall where he will begin classes on September 5. His hometown is Dieterich, IL, where he is a member of St. John Lutheran Church. Thank you all for your support of our seminary students!



ANNIVERSARIES

30-Jay & Kathy Vogel
31-Dylan & Amelia Ohnesorge
1-Mark & Melissa Luce
2-Roger & Marilyn Kull;
Brad & Brea* Wirth;
Brian & Lisa Shelton

BIRTHDAYS

27-Morgan Mathis
29-Megan Schlechte; Aaron White
30-Melvina Lading
31-Luke Rincker
1-Adam Hoene
2-Steve Weber;
Austin Wittenberg;
Jordan Wittenberg;

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Sheree Doehring, Eli Dollarhide, Gideon Dollarhide, Travis & Laura Dollarhide, Gary & Sheryl Duncan, Kayla Duncan, Beulah Ulmer, Joyce Ulmer, Troy Uphoff, Betty Vogel, Daniel & Sarah Vogel, Jay & Kathy Vogel, Kimberly Vogel

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
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's
uncle)

Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23

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13th Sunday After Pentecost – Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
- D 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, 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 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

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.

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 boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1–6

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

A 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 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth 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

Built on the Rock

LSB 645

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

- 3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon Matthew 16:13-20 "Who do you say that I am?"

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 208

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:

- 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

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt.

Text: Public domain

In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

- 1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

- 2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

- 1 What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!

- 2 The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!

3 The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!

4 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Text: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

***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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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Readings for Next Week – Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-26

This Week's Memory Verse – Matthew 16:16 ""Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.""