

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

September 10, 2023 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter	Jim & Phyliss Weiss		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM Communion Service
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
	6:30 PM Bible Trivia
TUE.	9:00 AM Bible Study
	7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
WED.	8:00 AM Guide/Bulletin
	8:30 AM Chair Yoga
	2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
	6:30-7:30PM WDS
	7:30 PM LYF @ Grace
THURS.	8:30 AM Blanket making
SUN.	8:30 AM Worship Service-Choir Sings "Song of Fellowship"
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+

Sept 3 8:30:126 Year Ago: 142 Sunday School: 32

Welcome Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship — a chance to be fed and nourished by God's Word before being sent again to serve the world in the week ahead.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

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

Yard Signs REMEMBER: Don't forget to get a YARD SIGN after church today if you would like to encourage those who pass your home to include God in their life. The signs and stakes are in the social hall. These messages include: Jesus is My Rock, Jesus Loves You, Pray More- Worry Less, 1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4Given.

Prayer Chain Coordinator Shirley Stremming has decided it is time for someone else to take over as coordinator for the prayer chain. Thank you, Shirley, for filling the role for over six years. If you are interested in providing a valuable service for those in need of prayer please email or call the church office. Thank you.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Sept 3	\$ 3,578.00	\$4,032.00	\$ 454.00
year-to-date	\$ 125,230.00	\$129,196.02	\$ 3,966.02
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Sept 3	\$ 481.00	\$ 310.00	\$ -171.00
year-to-date	\$ 16,835.00	\$20,144.50	\$ 3,309.50
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$6,875.00
Building \$95 Sem.Student \$20 Trinity \$920 LYF \$25 Bell Tower \$320			
Cemetery \$100			

Sept 3 \$5,037.00
Sept 5 \$785.00 (ACH)

9/19 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 9/13 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 6:30-7:30PM WDS

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.

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!

WDS Treats The Education Team is looking for members who could supply treats for the Weekday School children one week during the months of September, October or November. If you would be interested in supplying treats one week, please contact Karen Kull at 217.549.3141. Thank you.

Choir It's not too late! Singers are still needed for our Adult choir. Come to any rehearsal and join in singing praise to God. The next rehearsal is this Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 pm. Questions? Call Karen Rentfro at 217.644.3260 or talk to any choir member. See you in the choir section!

Christmas Shoe Box We are still needing school supplies such as crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, pens, erasers, and pencil sharpeners for the shoe boxes. Thank you for sharing!

Lutheran Witness The September edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.



ANNIVERSARIES

11-Will & Alexis* Tabbert

BIRTHDAYS

10-Jacob Pfeiffer; Kendall Fulk

11-Isabella Manhart

12-Ron Wirth

15-Donna Pfeiffer

16-Kevin Wirth; Brad Wirth

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Darrell & Molly Gilbert, Jacob & Brittney Gilbert, Geo & Deb Glasscock, Joshua Glasscock, Kathleen Gray, Doris & Augie Supan, Margaret Swank, Chris & Karla Tabbert, Joshua Tabbert, Mary Tabbert, Matthew Tabbert, Shalyn & Jacob Tabbert

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Hog Roast and Silent Auction, Sunday, October 29, 2023

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free Will Donation

Pulled Pork, rope sausage, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce, chips, bread, and Texas sheet cake. Carryouts are available in the church basement.

PRAYER

Diane Paraiso
Anna Schlechte
Frances York
Mary Rincker
Wayne Wirth
Dianna Gibson

Melba Storm
Nick Hanfland
Kendall Fulk
Robert Pfeiffer
Margaret Swank

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

Joshua Gerken

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15th Sunday after Pentecost – Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Text (sts. 1–2, 4): Daniel March, 1816–1909, alt.; (st. 3): 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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Kyrie

LSB 186

C ***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

C ***Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.***

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7–9

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to Thee, 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 τ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

LSB 820

- 1 My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless But rights the wronged at last.

- 2 He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us, As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.

- 3 For as a tender father Has pity on his children here,
 God in His arms will gather All who are His in childlike fear.
 He knows how frail our powers, Who but from dust are made.
 We flourish like the flowers, And even so we fade;
 The wind but through them passes, And all their bloom is o'er.
 We wither like the grasses; Our place knows us no more.
- 4 His grace remains forever, And children's children yet shall prove
 That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek His love.
 In heav'n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;
 O hosts with might excelling, With praise before Him fall.
 Praise Him forever reigning, All you who hear His Word—
 Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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Sermon Ezekiel 33:7-9 "Warning the Wicked"

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
 Amen.*

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 194

- P The Lord be with you.
C *And with thy spirit.*
- P Lift up your hearts.
C *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C *It is meet and right so to do.*

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

LSB 195

C ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C ***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.***

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Entrust Your Days and Burdens

- 1 Entrust your days and burdens To God's most loving hand;
He cares for you while ruling The sky, the sea, the land.
For He who guides the tempests Along their thund'rous ways
Will find for you a pathway And guide you all your days.
- 2 Rely on God your Savior And find your life secure.
Make His work your foundation That your work may endure.
No anxious thought, no worry, No self-tormenting care
Can win your Father's favor; His heart is moved by prayer.
- 3 Take heart, have hope, my spirit, And do not be dismayed;
God helps in ev'ry trial And makes you unafraid.
Await His time with patience Through darkest hours of night
Until the sun you hoped for Delights your eager sight.
- 4 Leave all to His direction; His wisdom rules for you
In ways to rouse your wonder At all His love can do.
Soon He, His promise keeping, With wonder-working pow'rs
Will banish from your spirit What gave you troubled hours.
- 5 O blessèd heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly With heaven's joyful psalm.
- 6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LSB 649

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

- 2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

- 3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
 And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

- 4 When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.

- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free
 And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
 The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
 The Supper is ended. O now be extended
 The fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
 Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 His grace did invite us His love shall unite us
 To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
 The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
 Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
 Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
 Unite us as one in this life that we share.
 Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
 Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C *and His mercy endureth forever.*

AP

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C *Amen, amen, amen.*

Recessional Hymn

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Readings for Next Week – Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

This Week's Memory Verse – "8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand."