

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

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Greeter	Kay & Howard Dust		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
WED.	8:00 AM	Guide/Bulletin
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	6:30-7:30PM	WDS
THURS.	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid-Hostess-Vivian & Judy
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	6:30 PM	Bible Trivia

Aug 27 8:30:116 Year Ago: 125 Sunday School: 44

Welcome Welcome. As we transition from summer to fall, God leads us, steady in love and care, even as our seasons change. Let us worship. 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 St. Paul's congregation voted in the July 30th quarterly meeting to have yard signs available for members to place on their lawns if they wished to do so. The Evangelism Committee now has those signs ready. They may be picked up today, September 3, from the narthex after our morning service. Four different messages are available from which to choose on a first-come first-serve basis. These messages include: Jesus is My Rock, Jesus Loves You, Pray More- Worry Less,
 1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4Given. Be sure to pick up a stake for the sign you take. The signs will then be available for pick up from the social hall next Sunday, September 10, after church. This is a way we can share our Christian faith with all who drive by our homes.

You Are Invited to join our Adult Choir! Come to sing God's praises; stay for the fun! The first rehearsal of the season is Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 pm in the choir section of the church. We would love to hear from you!

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Aug 27	\$ 3,578.00	\$2,028.00	\$ -1,550.00
year-to-date	\$ 121,652.00	\$125,164.02	\$ 3,512.02
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Aug 27	\$ 481.00	\$ 410.00	\$ -71.00
year-to-date	\$ 16,354.00	\$19,834.50	\$ 3,480.50
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$5,955.00
Building \$210 Sem.Student \$140 Trinity \$145 World Relief \$100			

Aug 27 \$3,033.00

9/12 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 9/13 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
 6:30-7:30PM WDS
 7:30 PM LYF @Grace
 9/14 8:30 AM Blanket making

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!

New School Year As we begin the 2023-24 school year, we pray blessings upon and give thanks for all our teachers and helpers in Sunday School and Weekday School. They are:

SS Pre-K, Autumn McCormick
 SS 1-3, Lisa Shelton, Dawn Schlechte (sub)
 SS 4-8, Dee Dee Batson, Laurie Rincker (sub)
 SS HS, Doreen Whybrew, Sara Hayes, Johnna Schultz, Sarah Luce, Susan Hanfland (sub)
 SS Adult, Heath McCormick, Gary Kull, Patsy Lenz
 WDS 1-2, Courtnay Orman, Jennifer Stodden (classroom assistant)
 WDS 3-4, Susie Allen, Roger Kull (sub)
 WDS 5-6, Dee Dee Batson, Roger Kull (sub)
 Confirmation 7-8, Pastor Whybrew

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.



ANNIVERSARIES

8-Darrell & Doris Cress
9-Gerry & Dawn Schlechte

BIRTHDAYS

4-Molly Manhart; Ramona Radloff;
Frances York
5-Eli Dollarhide; Olivia Telgmann;
Abigail Oller
6-Charlene Telgmann
7-Katie Thomas; Linda Oakley
9-Claire McCormick; Kendra Hayes;
Nathan* Luce

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Kay & Howard Dust, Kathy & Will
Eckstein, Deanna Foelsing, Delbert
Foelsing, Dianna Gibson, Charlene
Telgmann, Don & Kim Telgmann, Jessica &
Derek Bloemer, Olivia Telgmann, Marcie
Thomas, Katie Thomas, Stephanie Tracey

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)

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14th Sunday After Pentecost – Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

LSB 613

- 1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, In grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord, The sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!
- 2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in wrath away!
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart, But let Him draw to Thee my heart
That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!
- 3 O Jesus, let Thy precious blood Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away, But grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to me!

Text: Magnus Brostrup Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, 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 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

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, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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

Jeremiah 15:15–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

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

Matthew 16:21–28

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.***

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

LSB 531

- 1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through Thy name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.
- 3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading; There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.
- 4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

Text (sts. 1, 3-4): Hymns Addressed to the Holy, Holy, Holy, Triune God, 1757, London, alt.; (sts. 2-4): A Collection of Psalms and Hymns, 1760, London, alt.

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Sermon Matthew 16:21-28 "Follow Me"

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.

Almighty Avenger, teach Your faithful ones to trust so fully in Your fatherly care that they seek not vengeance but mercy. Stoke our zeal to bless those who curse us, and so heap holy coals upon their heads. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You have made us feast on Your Word to the delight of our hearts. Keep us from the worldly company of revelers who despise Your Word, and inspire the pastors of Your Church to brazenly proclaim what is precious: the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Preserve our nation, its leaders and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection. Grant peace in our time, O Lord, for You alone fight for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great Physician, heal and restore. [*We especially remember _____.*] Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we might not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, by which You preserve us holy and blameless in Christ until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear our crosses as Christ bore His for us. 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

With the Lord Begin Your Task

LSB 869

1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.

- 2 Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.
- 3 With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.
- 4 If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.
- 5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

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Readings for Next Week – Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:1-10, Matthew 18:1-20

Next Week's Memory Verse – Matthew 16:24 ""Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.""