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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

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

July 7 8:30: 126 Year Ago: 150 Sunday School: 14

Welcome Welcome to worship. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ ... according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:3, 7, NRSV). Amen. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Sympathy Please keep the family of Lela Ostermeier in your thoughts and prayers. Lela passed away on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 12, 2024. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Strasburg, Il.

NEW Church E-Mail The fiber optic has been installed at church. Unfortunately, we had to change the e-mail address. The new e-mail for the church is: stpaulsstrasburg@gmail.com. Please begin using the new address. Thank you

Ushers needed A suggestion was made at a recent meeting of the church voters that our members in high school should serve as ushers. The suggestion was brought to the church council meeting and the council agreed. If you are a boy or girl in high school, please consider the call to serve as an usher especially during communion distribution. Please let our head usher Dalton Storm know if you are willing to serve. Thank you.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
July 7	\$ 3,750.00	\$5,056.00	\$1,306.00
year-to-date	\$ 91,250.00	\$96,588.00	\$5,338.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
July 7	\$ 481.00	\$ 105.00	\$-376.00
year-to-date	\$ 12,987.00	\$12,979.00	\$-8.00
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$4,440.00
Building \$675 Sunday School \$45 LYF \$25			

**July 5 \$785.00 (ACH)
July 7 \$5,121.00**

- 07/23 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 07/24 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 07/25 8:30 AM Blanket making

Voter's Meeting The next voter's meeting will be after church on Sunday, July 28th.

Thank you Thank you to everyone who has helped with the children's Christmas shoe box project. In July and August we are collecting school supplies. We need boxes of 24 crayons, small scissors for ages 4-18, pens, pencils, glue sticks and small pads of paper. Also small books and puzzles. In addition items of clothing are always appreciated. Thank you

BLANKET MAKING The blanket making group recently gave 15 twin size blankets to a rehab organization in Indiana and 45 lap size blankets to the Effingham rehab center. They were very glad to get them. Thanks to all who helped make this possible, from those who made the blankets to those who have donated materials to make them. There is a great need for blankets. Come join us on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 8:30am to 11:30am in the social hall.

August Newsletter If you have any articles for the August Newsletter, please get them in by July 19th. Thank you!

Prayers Please keep the Wetherell and Wittenberg families in your thoughts and prayers for the challenging days ahead.



ANNIVERSARIES
14-Nick & Brittani Oller
17-Kevin & Alison* Wirth

BIRTHDAYS
14- Hannah Hayes;
Mackenzi Tabbert
15- Kelsey Long; Melissa Luce
17- Rance* Merriman
18- Jennifer Ashmore; Collins Logue
19- Ashley Sherrill ; John Réel ;
Jocelyn Widdersheim
20- Johanna Batson; Ryan Oller

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Troy & Carol Salazar, Bob & Ronda Schlechte, Rosemary Schlechte, Gerry & Dawn Schlechte, Whitney & Blake Furr, Cassie Schultheis, Dean Schultz, Gary & Johnna Schultz, Alex Shadwell, Brian & Lisa Shelton, Ashley Sherrill,

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com
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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)

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8th Sunday After Pentecost – Setting Three

580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

LSB 580

- 1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That we might thus be justified.
- 2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed To come and find eternal rest.
- 3 It brings the Savior's righteousness To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace.
- 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings.
- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, 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 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11

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 Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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

Amos 7:7–15

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth 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 of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine! I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash; Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour; Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.
- 4 Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me, Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon Ephesians 1:3-14 "Predestined"

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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.

Distribution

Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

LSB 746

1 Through Jesus' blood and merit I am at peace with God.
What, then, can daunt my spirit, However dark my road?
My courage shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
Though hell itself assail me, Its rage I may deride.

- 2 There's nothing that can sever From this great love of God;
 No want, no pain whatever, No famine, peril, flood.
 Though thousand foes surround me, For slaughter mark His sheep,
 They never shall confound me, The vict'ry I shall reap.
- 3 For neither life's temptation Nor death's most trying hour
 Nor angels of high station Nor any other pow'r
 Nor things that now are present Nor things that are to come
 Nor height, however pleasant, Nor darkest depths of gloom
- 4 Nor any creature ever Shall from the love of God
 This ransomed sinner sever; For in my Savior's blood
 This love has its foundation; God hears my faithful prayer
 And long before creation Named me His child and heir.

Text: Simon Dach, 1605–59; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Text: Public domain

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

LSB 741

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living!
 Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope here given,
 Though the night of death be fraught Still with many_an anxious thought.
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives; Likewise I to life shall waken.
 He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then be shaken?
 Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?
- 3 No, too closely I am bound By my hope to Christ forever;
 Faith's strong hand the Rock has found, Grasped it, and will leave it never;
 Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 4 I am flesh and must return To the dust, whence I am taken;
 But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken
 With my Savior to abide In His glory, at His side.
- 5 Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded;
 In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
 In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.

- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- 7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet, Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8 O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–79; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

If God Himself Be for Me

LSB 724

- 1 If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?
- 2 I build on this foundation, That Jesus and His blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.
- 3 Christ Jesus is my splendor, My sun, my light, alone;
Were He not my defender Before God's judgment throne,
I never should find favor And mercy in His sight,
But be destroyed forever As darkness by the light.
- 4 He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.

- 5 For no one can condemn me Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me: Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me, No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with His grace.
- 6 Who clings with resolution To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution; For him the burden waits
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses Heaped on his blameless head;
A thousand plagues and crosses Will be his daily bread.
- 7 From me this is not hidden, Yet I am not afraid;
I leave my cares, as bidden, To whom my vows were paid.
Though life from me be taken And ev'rything I own,
I trust in You unshaken And cleave to You alone.
- 8 No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever You from me.
- 9 No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheming, no contrivance, No subtle thing or great
Shall draw me from Your guidance Nor from You separate.
- 10 My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing; Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; (sts. 1, 3–5, 10): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1907, Pittsburgh, alt.; (sts. 2, 6–9): tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
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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.*

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.*

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P 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.*

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-93 Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-44

This Week's Memory Verse – Ephesians 1:11 "In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will..."

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