

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

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth 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
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
6:30-7:30PM WDS

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace
6:30 PM Bible Trivia

August 18 8:30: 150 Year Ago: 157 Sunday School: 34

Welcome Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

New School Year As we begin the 2024-25 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, Sara Hayes, Johnna Schultz, Sarah Luce, Laurie Rincker
SS Adult, Heath McCormick, Gary Kull, Patsy Lenz
WDS 1-2, Courtnay Orman
WDS 3-4, Susie Allen, Roger Kull (sub)
WDS 5-6, Dee Dee Batson, Roger Kull (sub)
Confirmation 7-8, Pastor Whybrew

September is Coming and that means it is time for the singers in our congregation to get together for another choir season! Whether you are a choir veteran of many years or a former choir member thinking of returning or have never sung in a choir but always wanted to try, the choir needs you! Rehearsals will be held a couple Tuesday's and occasional Wednesday's of each month. Bring your voice to any rehearsal to join in the harmony and fellowship while we sing God's praises. Watch for more information in bulletins and newsletters. The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm. See you in September!

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Aug 18	\$ 3,750.00	\$8,958.56	\$ 5,208.56
year-to-date	\$ 113,750.00	\$122,319.56	\$8,569.56
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Aug 18	\$ 481.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 24.00
year-to-date	\$ 14,873.00	\$15,389.00	\$ 516.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$5,050.00
Building \$765 Trinity \$50 Cemetery \$30 Seminary Student \$375 LYF \$25			
Rev. Alex Gordon \$750 LCMS World Relief \$75			
E.Wittenberg Mem. \$370 K.Wittenberg Mem. \$130			

Aug 16 \$320.00 (Wittenberg-Wetherell Mem.)
Aug 18 \$180.00 (Wittenberg-Wetherell Mem.)
Aug 18 \$8,248.56
Aug 20 \$3,285.00 (ACH)

09/3 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
09/4 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
6:30-7:30PM WDS
09/5 1:30 PM Ladies Aid

Walking for St. Paul's We are looking for members who are willing to walk. Starting in September, members can keep track of the number of miles they have walked in a month on tally sheets located on the church office door. Once the tally sheet is completed you can turn it back in to the church office. Once we have amassed 5000 miles collectively we can apply for a \$250 debit card from Thrivent to be used at the choosing of the participants. Please watch for more details in the September newsletter.

Help Needed! Carol and Caroline Polk, members of St. Paul's, need help moving Friday, August 30 at 9 a.m. The family will be moving from their present home on Woolery Drive at Lake Mattoon to a house in Neoga. Trucks, trailers, hand carts, straps, ropes and physical help will be needed. Some boxes could be transported in SUV's. The unit will need to be cleaned after it is cleared. Assistance with this would be appreciated. Lunch for all will be provided after the move by Virginia Vogel, Susan Hanfland and Judy Wittenberg at Virginia's home. We will meet at the Polk home, 34A Woolery Drive, Neoga, 62447 at 9 a.m. If you are able, please consider coming and helping as long as you can. Please let Pastor know by August 25 if you are able to help and if you have a truck, trailer, or vehicle that could be used.

Christian Education Teachers We play blessings upon all of our teachers for Sunday School and Weekday School as they begin their new school year.

Addresses needed for students leaving for college If you have a child who will be living away from home at college, please send their mailing address, email address and phone number to the church secretary by September 2. Please drop it by the church office or email the office at stpaulsstrasburg@gmail.com.

Bible Trivia Bible Trivia is in full swing again now that the new school year has begun. Plan to join us on the first Sunday evening of each month for fun and fellowship. And you will probably learn more about the Bible, too. Our next scheduled session is at 6:30 on Sept. 1st.



ANNIVERSARIES

26-Floyd & Chris Storm
30-Jay & Kathy Vogel
31-Dylan & Amelia Ohnesorge

BIRTHDAYS

25- Samantha Hayes;
Roxanna Shelton
26- Ella Gilbert
27- Morgan Mathis
29- Megan Schlechte; Aaron White
31- Luke Rincker

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Jim & Phyliss Weiss, Lauren & Luke
Wetherell, Lynn & Denise (Aaron) White,
Jeanne Wildman, Brad & Brea Wirth,

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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
Floyd Storm	

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)

Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25

4TH Year Student

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2024-25 Vicar assignment at Concordia

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**Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son
Callan)**

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14th Sunday After Pentecost – Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation

All Glory Be to God on High

LSB 947

- 1 All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
All strife at last has ended.

- 2 We praise and laud and worship You; We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true And just and changes never.
With boundless pow'r, Your mighty reign Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!

- 3 O Jesus Christ, the only Son Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!

- 4 O Holy Spirit, our delight And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil's might Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

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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 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

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.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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 29:11–19

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22–33

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh 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 **T of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

LSB 865

- 1 Lord, help us ever to retain The Catechism's doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of truth In simple style to tender youth.
- 2 Help us Your holy Law to learn, To mourn our sin and from it turn
In faith to You and to Your Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One.
- 3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray For needed help from day to day
That as Your children we may live, Whom You baptized and so received.
- 4 Lord, when we fall or go astray, Absolve and lift us up, we pray;
And through the Sacrament increase Our faith till we depart in peace.

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Sermon "As Christ Loved the Church" Ephesians 5:22-33

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

- 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

Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing

LSB 860

- 1 Gracious Savior, grant Your blessing To this husband and this wife,
That in peace they live together In Your love throughout their life.
Christ, defend them from the tempter And from all that would destroy
Love's foundation You have laid here, And its threshold paved with joy.
- 2 Lord, if You are not the builder, Then the house is built in vain,
For a home without Your presence Shall without true love remain.
Yet when You within a marriage Come and dwell with grace divine,
There You fill the empty vessels, Changing water into wine.
- 3 Cana's guest, this union hallow; Tenderly embrace this pair.
Clothe this couple with the garments They will daily need to wear:
Patience, kindness, and compassion, Gentleness, humility;
Robe them, Lord, with love to bind them In a perfect unity.
- 4 Make their love a living picture Showing how You loved Your bride:
When You gave Yourself to cleanse her, When for her You bled and died.
Jesus, You have made her holy, Pure and fair her radiant train;
To Yourself, Your Church presenting, Without wrinkle, spot, or stain.

5 Father, You created Adam, Crafted Eve, and made them one;
Jesus, from their sin You saved us, As God's true incarnate Son;
Holy Spirit, You forgive us; From our sins we are released.
Bring us, Lord, at last to heaven, To the endless wedding feast.

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From God Can Nothing Move Me

LSB 713

- 1 From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me And be my constant guide.
He stretches out His hand In evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning Wherever I may stand.
- 2 When those whom I regarded As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed, God's grace shall still endure.
He rescues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death's fear behind me; His peace I have within.
- 3 The Lord my life arranges; Who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes All sorrow into joy.
So let me then be still: My body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit According to His will.
- 4 Each day at His good pleasure God's gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure In Jesus Christ, His Son.
He ev'ry gift imparts. The bread of earth and heaven
Are by His kindness given. Praise Him with thankful hearts!
- 5 Praise God with acclamation And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing That will forever last!
- 6 Yet even though I suffer The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine, Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure, Forever shall be mine.

- 7 For thus the Father willed it, Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come, To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven. O praise the Three in One!

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Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB 822

- 1 Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration. To Him through everlasting days
Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory.
- 2 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected. He bought His Church with His own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessed flood, And as His bride selected.
Holy, holy Is our union And communion. His befriending
Gives us joy and peace unending.
- 3 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration. The saving faith in us He wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought, Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna
And an endless, glad hosanna.
- 4 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever! With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises evermore For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

Text: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, 1698, Darmstadt; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Text: Public domain

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.*

P 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.*

Recessional Hymn

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

LSB 582

1 God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

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Readings for Next Sunday – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Ephesians 6:10-20, Mark 7:14-23

This Sunday's Memory Verse – Ephesians 5:25 "Husbands love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her..."

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