

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

**September 15, 2024** **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service-Choir Sings
	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	<b>Guide/Bulletin</b>
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	6:30-7:30PM	WDS
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace

**September 8 8:30: 145 Year Ago: 121 Sunday School: 54**

**Welcome** God told Moses to raise a bronze serpent on a pole so people who were sick could look at it and be healed (Numbers 21:4-9). Likewise, we look to Christ, raised up on a cross, and our souls are healed. Welcome to worship. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Effingham/Shelby Zone Rally** will be held on Sept. 18, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sigel, IL. Ingathering items for the Neoga Food Pantry are soup (preferably not Tomato or Mushroom). Pork & Beans, mixed vegetables, crackers, Kleenex, shampoo, and bar and laundry soap. They will gladly accept other items, but those above are most needed. Monetary donations accepted, checks payable to Neoga Food Pantry.

**Thank you** We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the love and support shown to our family during this incredibly difficult time. Thank you to Pastor Whybrew and the Ladies Aid for all they provided for our family. We are truly grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive church family. Luke, Lauren, Tyler, Dylan, Wyatt Wetherell.

**Baptism** Tate Jacob McIlwain, son of Jake and Allison McIlwain will be baptized this morning, Sunday September 15, 2024. Sponsors are Olivia Telgmann, Jessica Bloemer and Jared McIlwain. God's blessings to Tate and his family.

**Thank you** Thank you to Pastor Whybrew and to everyone at church for the kindness and sympathy during Floyd's passing. God is good. The family of Floyd Storm

**Thank you** Thank you to all of the wonderful church members that helped us move. Thank you for the lunch that was provided also. We are forever grateful for all of you. Carol, Caroline, Emily, and Elizabeth Polk

**FOR THE LORD'S WORK**

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Sept 8	\$ 3,750.00	\$2,261.00	\$-1,489.00
year-to-date	\$ 125,000.00	\$136,594.56	\$11,594.56
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
Sept 8	\$ 481.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -81.00
year-to-date	\$ 16,316.00	\$16,294.00	\$ -22.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$6,515.00
Building \$385 Trinity \$1025 Seminary Student \$120 LYF \$25			

**Sept 5      \$785.00 (ACH)  
Sept 8      \$3,431.00**

- 09/24 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 09/25 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30-7:30PM WDS
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 09/26 8:30 AM Blanket making

**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 or put it in the envelope on the office door. 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.

**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.

**Thank you** Thank you to those that have completed and turned in the "Time and Gifts Inventory". We appreciate your time and willingness to serve our church! If you could please complete them before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> we would appreciate it. They can be placed in the box in the Narthex, the collection plate or if you'd prefer, place in a sealed envelope in the office door.

**SAVE the DATE** Men, Women and Teens... Come hear Jim Reed from "In His Hands Orphans Outreach" and view his slides from Kenya. Jim has been to Kenya as a project manager building a water source and orphan housing for several months the past two years! This is a Bible-based non-denominational organization. Come enjoy the presentation, fellowship and refreshments in the St. Paul's Social Hall. Sept. 26, 2024 @ 7:00 pm hosted by the Lutheran Ladies Aid of Strasburg.

**Script Order Forms** I will have Script order forms and some cards from Trinity available the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at Grace and on the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at St. Paul's,



**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

**BIRTHDAYS**

15- Donna Pfeiffer  
 16- Kevin Wirth; Brad Wirth;  
 Jeremy Reel  
 18- David Stremming  
 19- Mitch Esslinger; Harper Layton  
 20- Mark Luce; Logan\* Wirth;  
 Isley Walling  
 21- Nick McCormick; Paige Layton

**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)

**HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Rick & Susie Allen, Alex & Amanda Allen,  
 Chris & Jennifer Ashmore, Dee Dee Batson,  
 Courtney & Alan Koch, Tim & Susie Beals,

**Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25**

**4<sup>TH</sup> Year Student**  
**Micah Brown (Wife Jen)**  
**6C Founders Way**  
**St. Louis, MO 63105**  
[mrbrown5462@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrown5462@gmail.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student**  
**Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi)**  
**6600 North Clinton St., Box 194**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**2024-25 Vicar assignment at**  
**Concordia**  
**Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN**  
**Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son**  
**Callan)**  
**5418 Brighton Dr.**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

\*\*\*\* Note: New Address:\*\*\*\*

**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

# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost - Setting One (Baptism of Tate Jacob Mcllwain)

## Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

ref Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
Lets His little child come in. Refrain

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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P Tate, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Tate according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Tate as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R ***Yes, with the help of God.***

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even T forevermore.

C **Amen.**

P Tate, do you renounce the devil?

R **Yes, I renounce him.**

P Do you renounce all his works?

R **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R **Yes, I believe.**

P Do you believe 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?

R **Yes, I believe.**

P Do you 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?

R **Yes, I believe.**

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

P Tate Jacob McIlwain, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Tate the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your

holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Peace T be with you.

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 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

## 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 50:4–10

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

James 3:1–12

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Sings** “Lift Me Up” (Gallina)

### **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

C ***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.***

### **Holy Gospel**

Mark 9:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth 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**

#### **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

LSB 849

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev’ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
 Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
 Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
 From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
 Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
 Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
 Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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**Sermon** Mark 9:14-29 "If You Can"!

### **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** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faith and its increase, even in the midst of unbelief, that God would sustain us through the many troubles and trials of this world, where unclean spirits often afflict us and those that we love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all pastors, that the Lord would prosper in every place the preaching of His Word and send His Holy Spirit to strengthen them to proclaim it with clarity and joy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all hearers of the Word, that the Holy Spirit would open their ears to believe His Word with gladness and action, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our governing authorities, that God would guard their tongues so that they do not stumble in what they say, but speak wisely, leading in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all others in need, that our God, with whom all things are possible, would not deny their prayers on account of unbelief, but grant them health and healing, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.**

**Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

LSB 611

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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**Next Week's Readings** – Jeremiah 11:18-20, James 3:13-4:10, Mark 9:30-37

**This Week's Memory Verse** – Mark 9:23 "And Jesus said to him, 'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes."

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