

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

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Choir Director	Karen Rentfro	Pause for Peace	217-644-3124
Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter	Gary Wirth		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

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

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning 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

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

August 25 8:30: 131 Year Ago: 100 Sunday School: 39

Welcome Welcome to worship this Labor Day weekend. May God be in our work and our leisure, our fellowship and our praise. *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, Courtney 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

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Aug 25	\$ 3,750.00	\$5,513.00	\$ 1,763.00
year-to-date	\$ 117,500.00	\$127,832.56	\$10,332.56
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Aug 25	\$ 481.00	\$ 255.00	\$-226.00
year-to-date	\$ 15,354.00	\$15,644.00	\$ 290.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$5,365.00
Building \$200 Trinity \$315 Seminary Student \$110 Rev. Alex Gordon \$100			
Choir \$100			

Aug 25 \$6,593.00

- 09/10 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 PM LFL @ Bob Roley's house
- 09/11 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30-7:30PM WDS
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 09/12 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.

Sympathy Please keep the family of Floyd Storm in your thoughts and prayers. Floyd passed away on Tuesday, August 28, 2024.

Village Town Wide Rummage Sales will be Saturday, September 7. The Village and the Strasburg Community Action Network will have a bake sale fundraiser that morning in front of the Community Center. Proceeds will help fund the matching grant portion needed for the village as they use the OSLAD grant to make park renovations to the walking path, basketball court, tennis court and playground equipment. They will also be building a new pavilion which will house the concession stand and new restrooms. The grant was for \$318K and the village match is also \$318K. Over \$100K is still needed for the village match.

We ask for your support with the bake sale by providing baked goods and/or with your free-will donation. Please have your baked items uptown on Sept. 7 between 7:30-8 a.m. Your support is very much appreciated.



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1-Mark & Melissa Luce
- 2-Roger & Marilyn Kull;
Brad & Brea* Wirth;
Brian & Lisa Shelton

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Adam Hoene
- 2- Steve Weber; Austin Wittenberg
Jordan Wittenberg
- 4- Ramona Radloff; Frances York
- 5- Eli Dollarhide; Olivia Telgmann
Abigail Oller
- 6- Charlene Telgmann
- 7- Katie Thomas; Linda Oakley

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Danielle Wirth, Darrell & Laurie Wirth,
Dennis & Kenna Wirth, Gary Wirth, Kevin
& Allison Wirth, Ron & Karen
Wirth, Shelby (Aurora) Wirth, Tyler &
Jennifer Wirth, Wayne & Connie 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

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

Micah Brown (Wife Jen)

**6C Founders Way
St. Louis, MO 63105**

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2ND Year Student

**Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi)
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Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

2024-25 Vicar assignment at Concordia

**Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN
Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son
Callan)**

**6600 North Clinton St., Box 224
Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

15th Sunday After Pentecost - Matins

Hymn of Invocation

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Text: Public domain

- P O Lord, open my lips,
C ***and my mouth will declare Your praise.***
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C ***make haste to help me, O Lord.***
C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.***

- P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite

LSB 220

- C ***O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.***

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in His hand; the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C ***O come, let us worship Him.***

Psalm

Psalm 119:129–136

P Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

C **The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

P I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.

C **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.**

P Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

C **Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

P Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

C **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.**

Office Hymn

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.

2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.

- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

Text: Christian Ludwig Scheidt, 1709–61; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Text: Public domain

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10–20

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:14–23

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

LSB 221

- P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C ***Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.***
P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C ***Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.***

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C ***Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.***

Sermon Ephesians 6:10-20 "Standing Against the Devils Schemes"

Te Deum

LSB 223

C ***We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.***

All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.

To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.

To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise You.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs praise You.

The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:

***The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.***

You are the king of glory, O Christ;

You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,

You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.

When You had overcome the sharpness of death,

You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God

in the glory of the Father.

We believe that You will come

to be our judge.

***We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.***

***O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.***

***Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.***

Kyrie

LSB 227

***C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.***

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.***

Prayer of the Church

Collect of the Day

***P O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to
completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of
good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.***

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

Benedicamus

LSB 228

P Let us bless the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

Benediction

LSB 228

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

LSB 920

- 1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
- 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with Him His servants gain;
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to all mankind.

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Next Week's Readings – Isaiah 35:4-7a, James 1-10,14-18, Mark 7:31-37

This Week's Memory Verse – Ephesians 6:13 "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.