

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

**September 8, 2024**

**Sixteenth 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 & Karen Kull		

**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  
7:00 PM LFL @ Bob Roley's house

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**  
8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
6:30-7:30PM WDS  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket Making

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

**September 1 8:30: 135 Year Ago: 126 Sunday School: 46**

**Welcome** What a glorious day! Welcome to worship. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Thank you** Thank you all so much for the cards and prayers since my hospitalization and procedure. Special thank you to Pastor Whybrew for his visits. God is good! Thanks again! Shirley Stremming

**Thank you** Many thanks to each person who helped the Polk family move into Neoga Friday, August 30. The 15 people who worked, did so with dedication. Special thanks to those who brought trucks, trailers, and SUV's to make the move possible. All that you did to help members of our church family was appreciated. Echoing what the apostle Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 2a: We always thank God for all of you. Virginia Vogel

**FOR THE LORD'S WORK**

<b>CURRENT OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ DIFFERENCE</b>
Sept 1	\$ 3,750.00	\$6,501.00	\$ 2,751.00
year-to-date	\$ 121,250.00	\$134,333.56	\$13,083.56
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
Sept 1	\$ 481.00	\$ 250.00	\$-231.00
year-to-date	\$ 15,835.00	\$15,894.00	\$ 59.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$5,490.00
Building \$935 Trinity \$125 Seminary Student \$250 Cemetery \$100			
Lutheran Care Center \$100 Organ Maint. \$125 E.Wittenberg Mem. \$80			
K.Wetherell Mem. \$30 F.Storm Mem. \$50			

**Sept 1 \$8,386.00**  
**Sept 1 \$ 160.00 (Memorials)**

09/17 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
 09/11 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
 6:30-7:30PM WDS

**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.

**Lutheran Witness** The September edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.



**ANNIVERSARIES**

8-Darrell & Doris Cress  
9-Gerry & Dawn Schlechte  
11-Will & Alexis\* Tabbert

**BIRTHDAYS**

9- Claire McCormick; Kendra Hayes;  
Nathan\* Luce  
10- Jacob Pfeiffer; Kendall Fulk  
11- Isabella Manhart  
12- Ron Wirth

**HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Barry & Courtney Wittenberg, John & Judy Wittenberg, Dustin & Karen York, Francis York

**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**

**4<sup>TH</sup> Year Student**  
**Micah Brown (Wife Jen)**  
**6C Founders Way**  
**St. Louis, MO 63105**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student**  
**Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi)**  
**6600 North Clinton St., Box 194**  
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**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:**\*\*\*\*

## 16<sup>th</sup> 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.