

**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

August 27, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Welcome and Announcements*

*Green Prayer Cards may be filled out with  
your joys/prayers/concerns. Ushers will  
collect them during prayer time.*

\*Call to Worship on screen  
"Psalm 23"

\*Prayer of Confession  
**God, we aren't good at waiting but you  
tell us to "wait for the Lord; be strong, and  
let our heart take courage; wait for the  
Lord." We need help with all of that! May  
your grace and mercy fill in the gap, in Jesus'  
name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #275  
"How Firm A Foundation"

First Scripture Reading pg. 546  
Psalm 27: 9-14  
Liturgist—Ken Bender

Children's Time

Sharing our Joys and Concerns  
Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

**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 tres-  
passes as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.**

\*Stand if able: **Bold** = congregational response

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen  
"Battle Belongs"

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
Doxology #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading pg. 1118  
Romans 8: 18-25

Sermon  
"Waiting—We Don't Come By It Naturally!"

\*Hymn #409  
"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

\*Benediction  
\*Postlude on Screen  
"He Is Able"

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*Please join us for refreshments after the service  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Everyone is welcome!*



**MY SOUL WAITS,  
AND IN HIS WORD  
I HOPE.**

Psalm 130:5, NRSV

**How to become a Christian**

- Admit to God that you have done things that oppose His desires for you.**  
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."  
Romans 3:23
- Acknowledge Jesus Christ as God's only solution to your condition.**  
"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
John 14:6
- Ask God to forgive your sins and invite Jesus into your life.**  
"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."  
John 1:12

**What to Pray**

"Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for coming to earth, living an unblemished life, and dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as Savior and Lord of everything I do. Make me the kind of person you want me to be."

**What to Do**

Go to God in prayer daily.  
Read God's word daily.  
Open your life to other Christian friends.  
Worship God weekly at church.

If God is speaking to you this morning and you desire to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, or desire prayer for a particular matter, we invite you to the front of the sanctuary at the close of the service where Pastor Dave and/or others will be glad to pray and talk with you.

**CHURCH OF THE STRAITS STAFF**

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**Nursery is open for 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger.**

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Sept 3 9:00 am Randy Mikula  
Sept 10 10:30 am Tom Jones  
Sept 17 10:30 am Bill Marvin  
Sept 24 10:30 am

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

8/20/23	10:00 am	113
8/21/22	10:00 am	

**Flowers:** If you wish to have flowers on the Altar for any occasion, please contact the church office at 436-8682.

**Hearing Devices** are available from the sound booth. Please turn the device off and return it to the sound booth after the service.

The Mission of Church of the Straits  
To worship God faithfully  
To grow together spiritually  
To serve Jesus Christ and  
our neighbor joyfully  
... in the power of God's Spirit.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**  
**Aug 27, 2023 – Sept 3, 2023**

<b>SUN 8-27</b>	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>MON 8-28</b>	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>WED 8-30</b>	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
<b>SAT 9-2</b>	9:00 am	Men's Group
<b>SUN 9-3</b>	9:00 am	Traditional Service
	11:00 am	Service in the Park
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Sanctuary Window Fund campaign has begun.**

Prayerfully consider helping us raise the necessary funds to replace all windows in our beautiful sanctuary. The church has committed \$13k and we are being asked to come up with the additional \$60k. We hope to start the two week project in the fall.



Progress: \$18K out of \$73K

**Youth Sunday School** starts after Labor Day at 9:30am. All children that wish to attend will need to sign-up.

**Childrens Church** will also begin after Labor Day. Sundays without communion (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th) will have activities downstairs after Childrens Time during the service.

**SARM Labor Day Bridge Walk and Breakfast**

Mon Sept 4th. All children welcome but 5th grade students or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Shannon Cooley for details.



**Upcoming Events:**

Aug 27: SARM-Ice Cream Social  
 Sept 3: 9am Service 11am in the park  
 Sept 4: Labor Day Bridge Walk  
 Sept 10: Service 10:30am



**Change to Make a Change - July thru Sept**

SARM is accepting donations for the AA Crisis Pregnancy Center. They are in need of diapers, wipes, burp rags, and formula. Donations or cash offerings can be dropped off here at the Church. Contact Shannon Cooley for more info.

**SARM Ice Cream Social**

Immediately following the service today Sunday Aug 27th. During coffee hour. This will be a fund raiser for SARM.



**Labor Day Services: 9am and 11am**

We will have a 9am service here at the Church on Sunday Sept 3. We will also have an 11am outdoor service later that day at Conkling Park. Please plan to attend!

**Service Time Change:** Return to 10:30am on Sept 10th.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Miranda Zabik, Debbie Hodde, Dana Wenger, Family of Chad Miller, "The Sound", Courtney Miskuff, Laura Jackson, Roy Cole, Sandra Tillman, Harmon Family, Nancy, Danny, Karen Caswell, Barbie, Devon Dictus, Molly Tate, Hazel Sexton, Mary Brooks, Becky Jankowski, Jerry Archer, Cheryl Newman, Mike Hampton, Carol Harper, Jon Cool, JoAnn Rinehart, Amy, Don Hawver, Mike Cool, Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Mike Churchill, Evelyn Canales, Alvina Williams, our Military and All First Responders.

Updates or additions? Contact the Church Office.

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 and  
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Welcome to Our Service

