

# Hymn Festival



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
Columbus, Indiana

Triumphant Return of Christ the King  
November 26, 2023

## Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

**The Family Quiet Room and Restroom** are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at 812-392-2732 to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

**Our Communion Practice:** Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a meal for baptized believers where the bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, and that through this Sacrament God grants us the forgiveness of sins and strength for our faith. Holy Scripture reminds us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm. It is out of love and care for each individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask that those who hold a different belief or church membership than that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are not instructed and confirmed in the faith, or doubt the presence of Christ and His power in the Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care and speak with a pastor with any questions regarding the Lord's Supper.

**Communion Preparation:** To prepare for the Lord's Supper, you may wish to pray the prayer on the inside cover of the hymnal or review the Christian Questions and Answers on pages 329-330.

### Today's Christian Education Opportunities

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent) meet in the Nursery

Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade

Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson  
Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room

*The Faith in Art* led by Deaconess Fickenscher meets in the conference room

*Connected to Christ in Worship* led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

### Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

8 AM Acolyte: Jonathan Dettmer

10:45 AM Acolyte: Edwin Chun Escalante

## Church Calendar

Today

**Christ the King Sunday**

**8:00 AM Hymn Festival**

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

**10:45 AM Hymn Festival**

Noon Lunch

Noon SPY and C4Life Dough Making

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Confirmation Make-up/Work

Ahead Session

12:30 PM Jr. Handchimes

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells

1:45 PM Choristers

5:00 PM Pitch-in Supper

6:00 PM Annual Meeting

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

No School

9 AM-3 PM Gingerbread Rolling and

Baking; SPY and C4Life Servant Event

9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class

11:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Tuesday

8 AM-2 PM Gingerbread Rolling and

Baking (if needed)

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

6:00 PM Bible Study (final class for 2023)

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

Thursday

1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Saturday

Christmas Decorating

Next Sunday

**First Sunday in Advent**

Mite Box Sunday

**8:00 AM Divine Service**

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

**10:45 AM Divine Service—English and**

**Spanish**

Noon Lunch

Noon Planning Comm. Follow-up Forum

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Confirmation

12:15 PM SPY and C4Life Icing Making

12:30 PM Jr. Handchimes

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells

1:45 PM Choristers

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

# Christ the King Sunday Hymn Festival

## Based on our Stained Glass Windows

**As We Gather...** *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ* (Romans 10:17). When we gather for the Divine Service, our primary purpose is to hear the Word of God and to receive the gifts that God freely gives through His Word. But the Divine Service not only engages our ears but also our eyes. God has attached His spoken Word to visible elements in Baptism and the Lord's Supper bestowing tremendous gifts and blessings through His holy Sacraments.

Our eyes are also engaged when we gather for worship through our stained glass windows. Our windows make the Word visible as they recount God's great salvation from Christ's birth to His glorious return on the Last Day. Our windows are a visible reminder of the journey we take every year as we observe the church year, beginning with the Advent and Christmas seasons and culminating today with Christ the King Sunday when we celebrate the triumphant return of Jesus in glory on the Last Day.

In the Divine Service, we hear the Word. We see the Word. *And* we sing the Word. Through liturgy and hymnody, we say back to God what He has first said to us. God gives us His good gifts through His Word and Sacraments, and we offer our hymns of thanks and praise. Through His Word, God reveals who He is and what He has done for us, and we confess His saving name through song.

Since our stained glass windows correspond to the church year, it is fitting on this Last Sunday in the Church Year that we use our windows as the means to encounter God's Word today. The Scripture readings are based on the Scriptures contained in each window, with the words in bold reflecting the Scripture included on the window. The Scriptures on all the windows are from one of St. Paul's Epistles reflecting the name of our congregation.

May God richly bless you through Word and song this day as we hear, see, and sing of our God and His glorious salvation!

### Prelude

String Quartet

### Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the Record of Fellowship*

### Ringling of the Bell

### Invocation

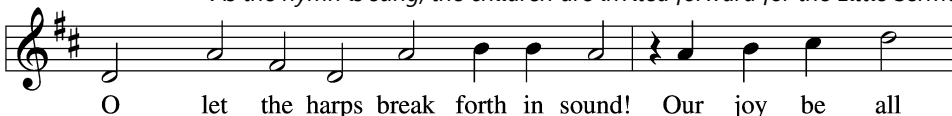
*please stand*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** **Amen.**
- P** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- G** **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**
- P** Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
- G** **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

### Hymn

*please remain standing*

*As the hymn is sung, the children are invited forward for the Little Sermon.*



with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!

For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -

row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!

Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!

Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!

## Little Sermon

## Hymn

What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love

is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!

He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to

that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!

A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!

We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

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## Advent and Christmas

### Galatians 4:4-7

**When the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son**, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

### Meditation

#### Hymn 360

Stanza 1—Congregation  
Stanza 2—Sr. Choir  
Stanza 3—Congregation  
Stanza 4—Sr. Choir  
Stanzas 5 and 6—Congregation

## Epiphany

### Galatians 3:26-29

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of **you** as **were baptized into Christ** have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

### Meditation

#### Hymn 605

First Refrain and All Three Stanzas—Jr. Choir and Choristers  
Refrain after stanzas 1-3—Congregation

## Lent

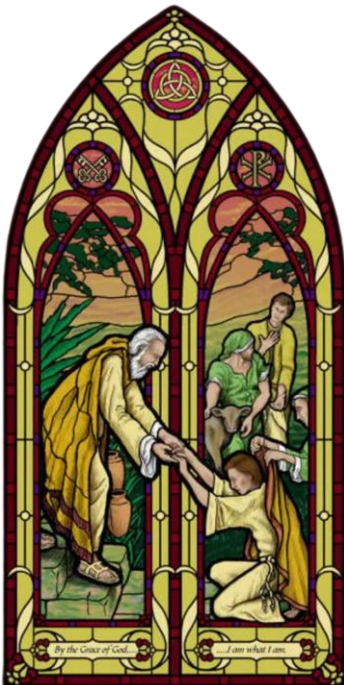
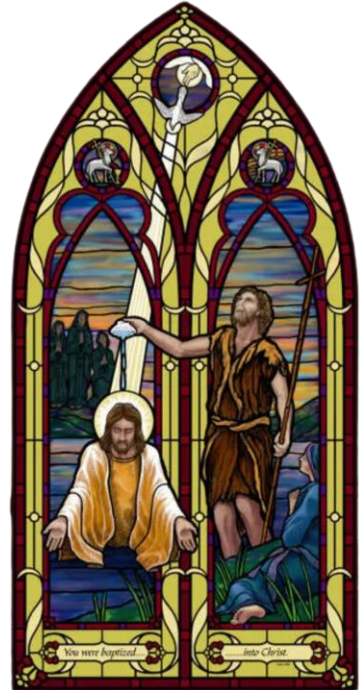
### 1 Corinthians 15:9-10a

For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But **by the grace of God I am what I am**, and His grace toward me what not in vain.

### Meditation

#### Hymn 612

Stanzas 1 and 3—Congregation; Stanza 2—Sr. Choir





## Holy Week

### **1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but **we preach Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than man.

#### **Meditation**

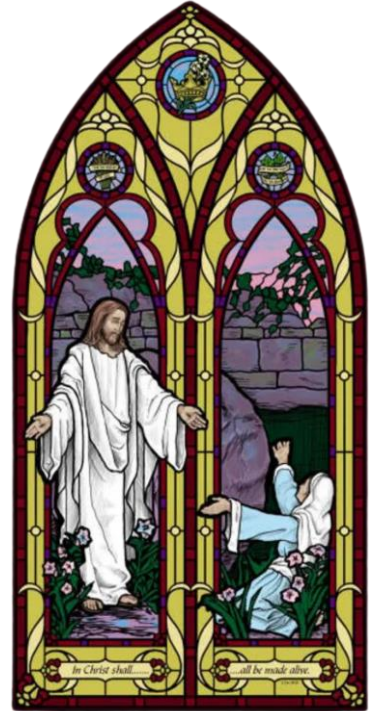
#### **Hymn 449**

Stanzas 1 and 3—Sr. Choir  
Stanzas 2 and 4—Congregation

### **Easter**

### **1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also **in Christ shall all be made alive**. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



#### **Meditation**

#### **Hymn 475**

Stanzas 1, 2, and 4—Congregation  
Stanza 3—Sr. Choir

### **Reformation**

### **Ephesians 2:8-10**

For **by grace you have been saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

#### **Meditation**

#### **Hymn 582**





## St. Paul

### Ephesians 2:19-22

So you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone**, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him, you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### Meditation

#### Hymn 733

*The congregation sings stanzas 1, 3, 5, and 6; Sr. Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.  
The offering will be gathered as the hymn is sung.*

### Confession of Sins

*please stand*

☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

☞ **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

☞ The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

☞ **Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

pages 160-163

### Distribution

*Visitors: Please read the Communion statement on the inside front cover of this bulletin.*

*For an explanation of the Word and Sacrament stained glass windows, please see page 6.*

Distribution Hymn on the Word: **578**

Distribution Hymn on the Lord's Supper: **629**

Distribution Hymn on the Word: **585**

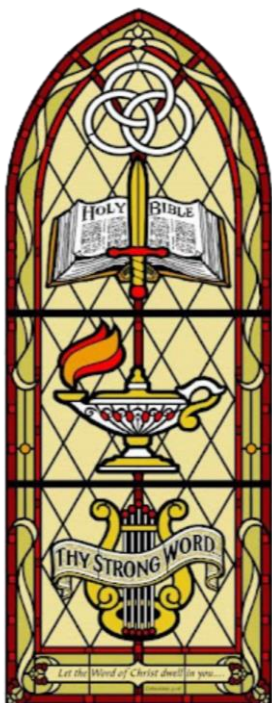
Distribution Hymn on the Lord's Supper: **636**

### Post-Communion Collect

*please remain seated*

☞ Let us pray....one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**



## Second Coming

### 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: **“Death is swallowed up in victory.”**

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Meditation

#### Hymn 941

Stanzas 1 and 2—All Sing

Stanza 3—Women begin and sing until “rescue everyone”

Men begin singing at “You laid aside” and continue singing until “placed into a tomb”

All sing at “Then by Your resurrection...”

Stanza 4—All Sing

*please stand*



### Benediction

**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 give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### Postlude

*Trumpet Tune on Thaxted*—J Blersch

Instrumentalists

String Quartet: Vanessa Edwards and Kyle Chung, violin; Ila Rondeau, viola; Kyle Johnson, cello

Trumpet: Keith Burton

Flute: Sierra Kalli

## Word and Sacraments Stained Glass Windows

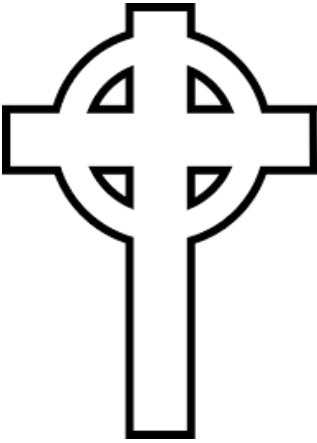
On either side of the altar are two stained glass windows. These windows are larger than the stained glass windows on either side of the nave. They are also more translucent to allow for natural light to fill the chancel area.

The window behind the pulpit confesses the Word of God. The Scripture is “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you” from Colossians 3:17. The top symbol is a reminder that God’s Word is the Sword of the Spirit. In the middle of the window, you encounter the lamp since God’s Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path (Psalm 119:105). The harp at the bottom represents the sung word.

The window behind the font confesses the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. The Scripture is from Ephesians 4:5: “One Lord, one faith, one baptism.” The top symbol is the shell and three drops, a symbol of baptism. The three drops represent the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, into whose name we are baptized. The dove represents the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus at His baptism. The Holy Spirit works through the means of grace to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. The bottom symbol is the bread and cup, a visual reminder of the gift of Christ’s body and blood in the Lord’s Supper.



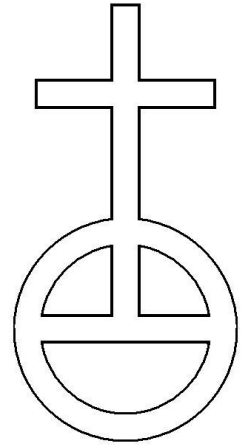
## Cross Stained Glass Windows



The four pie-shaped stained glass windows around the cross make two symbols, depending on whether you are looking at the windows from the sanctuary or from the outside.

As you look at the chancel wall, the windows make a circle around the center of the cross, representing that Christ is eternal. A circle is a symbol for eternity, because like eternity, a circle does not have a beginning or end.

When looking at these windows from the outside, this same circle represents the world. When the cross is placed above the circle, the circle represents the globe and is a reminder that Christ and the Gospel are for all nations and people, that we are called to “Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the *world* adore His sacred name” (LSB Hymn 837).



## Holy Trinity Stained Glass Window

Opposite the chancel cross, as you exit the sanctuary, is the Holy Trinity Stained Glass Window. The circles represent eternity. The three interlocking circles represent the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The three interlocking circles are also connected by one circle representing the mystery of the Trinity. The window is a visual reminder that we worship one eternal God and yet three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**LIVING THE MESSAGE...** On this Christ the King Sunday, rejoice in Christ’s saving work for you from His birth in Bethlehem to His glorious return on the Last Day. As we begin advent next Sunday, consider those you can invite to hear the message of God’s salvation in Christ Jesus during this sacred season.

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH...** Give thanks to God for the gift of His Word and for the gift of music by which we are taught the faith and given the opportunity to worship and praise our Lord. Pray for our congregation that we would faithfully gather to receive God’s Word and pray that we would always lift high the cross of Christ.

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence.* Isaiah 64:1

### ***Next Sunday’s Readings—First Sunday in Advent***

*Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 11:1-10*

## Annual Meeting and Planning Committee Presentation

The annual meeting is **today**. We will review reports from our boards and staff, approve the mission and ministry budget for 2024, and ratify officers. In addition, our Planning Committee will present revised plans for the final phase of our Thirty Year Master Plan, the construction of our Christian Education Center. At last year’s Annual Meeting, an initial design was presented. The presentation at this year’s Annual Meeting will reflect changes that have been made to the building design in response to feedback received.

The **pitch-in** begins at 5 PM with meat and drinks provided. Please bring a dish to share.

The **meeting** begins at 6 PM. Children are welcome to attend. They can eat with their parents, and childcare will be provided during the meeting.

**Canned Food Drive:** You are invited to bring canned food with you to the meeting to restock our food pantry.

**Annual Meeting Packets** are available in the gathering space. Please review the materials before the meeting and come with your questions.

## *It's Gingerbread House Time!*

**Today following second service:** SPY and C4Life Youth will enjoy a pizza lunch and then make the dough for the gingerbread houses. Pick-up time is 2 PM.

**Tomorrow morning:** SPY and C4Life Youth that don't have school as well as any parents and church members are invited to help roll and bake the gingerbread houses. We will begin at 9 AM with Chick-fil-A lunch provided at noon. Youth pick-up is 1 PM.

**Tomorrow afternoon:** We plan to keep on rolling and baking tomorrow afternoon so please come and help out if you are able!

**Tuesday** (if necessary): We will finish the rolling and baking. If interested in serving on Tuesday, please contact Katie or Deaconess Taylor to see if there is more baking that needs to be done.

**Next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** SPY and C4Life youth and parents are encouraged to remain after second service and make the icing for the gingerbread houses. Pick-up time is 2 PM.

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM:** Please come and help us assemble the gingerbread houses.

We are thankful that Katie Arnholt is coordinating this endeavor. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Katie. Thanks also to everyone who donated supplies for gingerbread houses.

## Christmas Caroling and Family Fun Night Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to join us for Christmas caroling and our Christmas Family Fun Night on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please also invite family and friends to a wonderful evening of Christian fellowship celebrating Christ's birth!

**Christmas Caroling:** We will gather at 3 PM in the fellowship room to go Christmas caroling to our shut-ins. We will return before 5 PM for the Christmas Family Fun Night.

**Christmas Family Fun Night:** At 5 PM, we will enjoy supper served by Tri-W, devotions, and gingerbread house decorating. Please bring candy to share with others. SPY and C4Life youth will decorate their own gingerbread houses which will be displayed in the fellowship room.

## RFD-TV Recording

RFD-TV has chosen to highlight our church for their Christmas special. A camera crew will be onsite to record for a 30-minute program on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** featuring our choirs and interviews. From 6:30-6:45 PM, we will have pre-service music before our Advent Service with our choirs and congregational singing of carols. After the Advent Service, we will light our individual candles and sing *Silent Night*.

The cost for this outreach opportunity is \$5,500. To reach this goal we need **\$2,550** in additional contributions. If you would like to donate to this endeavor, please use your designated offering envelope and indicate that your gift is for RFD-TV Special.

## Midweek Advent Services

During Advent, we offer midweek services to help prepare for our Savior's birth. This year the three Wednesdays in Advent all occur on commemoration days for a saint. These commemoration days are listed on pages xi-xiii in the front of the hymnal. Our purpose for our remembrance is not that we honor these saints for their own sake, but as examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ has been made manifest. The services begin at **6:45 PM**.

December 6: Nicholas of Myra (RFD-TV Filming Day; Pre-service music begins at 6:30 PM)

December 13: Lucia

December 20: Katharina von Bora Luther

Please plan to attend as we look to the saints to help us prepare for our Savior's coming.

# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Preserving the Past – Embracing the Future  
Centered in Christ**

## **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>—RFD-TV Filming Day:**

RFD-TV will be highlighting our church for their Christmas special. They will conduct interviews in the afternoon and will be recording our choirs and congregation before, during, and after the advent service. Pre-service music will be from 6:30-6:45 PM, and the service will begin at 6:45 PM.

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>—Together as a Family Day:** Adults and children will gather together for Sunday School. We will celebrate Christ's birth and have a special presentation on German Christmas customs. Plan to attend this time of learning and celebrating together with your church family.

**IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering:** Miriam Brougher, John Jones, Charlotte Williams, Dawn Deiwert, Sharon Cline, Kay Newton, Nora Cleary, Walter and Debby Rhodes, Jan Sherbundy, Gloria Schultz, Kathy Adams, Gayle Tertocha, Dorothy Hischke, Phyllis Fox, Kathy Hoover, Carl Lienhoop, Rick Sapper (Cleary's brother-in-law), Lewis Pollert (Bruce's brother), Steven Alderson (Lisa's husband), Donna Glick (Marybeth Glick's mother-in-law), Bruce Lagneau (John's brother), Rena Dillman (Kris Taylor's friend), Andrew Hamm (Nikolai Haak's friend), Preston Humbel (Wofford's friend), Susan (Arnholt) Hornback, Henrietta Nyffeler, Jeff Dyer (Nancy Dyer's son), Brent Pavey (Dean and Donna Hartke's son-in-law), Charles Oliver (Corbin Oliver's grandfather), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Janeen Blomenberg, Regan Hoevenner (Kristy Hall's sister-in-law), CW Milam (Sandy Lagneau's brother), Ron and Dianne Hargraves (Carolyn Schuette's sister and brother-in-law), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Noah LaSpina (Renee Strietelmeier's friend); **Grieving:** Family of Alex VanCampen (Wofford's friend), **Active Military:** Noah Hoeltke

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST...** We rejoice as Natalie Elaine Pollert, daughter to Taylor and Jen Pollert, was born again of water and the Spirit this past Friday. Natalie's godparents are York and Ashley Pollert. May God bless and keep Natalie in the one true faith all her days.

## **IN THE GATHERING SPACE...**

- December Newsletters (also at [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org))
- Annual Meeting Packets (please review before meeting)
- 2024 Offering Envelopes
- January-March Portals of Prayer

## **SUNDAY LUNCH MENUS...**

Today: Pizza; Gingerbread dough making day

Next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Latino families providing meal

December 10<sup>th</sup>: Spaghetti

December 17<sup>th</sup>: Pancakes

December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>: No lunch served

**POINSETTIA DEADLINE...** is **today**. Please use the order form included in this bulletin.

**NO ONLINE SERMON...** Please note that there will not be a sermon posted online **today, November 26<sup>th</sup>** due to the hymn festival.

**GINGERBREAD BAKING...** Volunteers are needed to help bake gingerbread houses beginning **tomorrow, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM** and **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** from 8 AM-2 PM. Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** to construct gingerbread houses beginning at 10 AM.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...** meets **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM in the fellowship room. Deaconess Taylor will be leading an introductory study on idols in the Bible and idols of today to prepare us for the study we will be starting in January. Women in all walks of life are invited to join us as we learn more about idols and how they affect our heart posture.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE FOLLOW-UP FORUMS...** This evening the Planning Committee will be presenting a revised proposal based on feedback received from the presentation at last year's Voters Assembly. Members from the Planning Committee will be available in the fellowship room the next two Sundays, **December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:45 AM services to share the plans with those not in attendance, receive feedback, and to answer any questions.

**MILITARY CARE PACKAGES...** Do you have a friend or family member serving in the military? St. Paul LWML would like to send Christmas cards and CARE packages to members of the armed forces. Please provide names and addresses to Sally Haak at [mrs.haak@pax-domini.org](mailto:mrs.haak@pax-domini.org) by **next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**MOMS IN THE WORD...** meets **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 10 AM in the fellowship room for fellowship and devotions. All mothers and children are welcome to attend.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SERVICE DAY...** The next service day for Orphan Grain Train is **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10 AM-noon. If you cannot attend, the need for volunteers is ongoing so feel free to volunteer anytime during their regular hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 AM-3 PM.

### **EUCHRE NIGHT AND HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE...**

Join us for a euchre tournament and game night at the church on **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6 PM. We will be collecting a freewill offering to sponsor one year of boarding school for a Kenyan youth (\$300 per year). Jan Kiel and Mike Hinckfoot spoke at the Zone Rally in October, and after the rally Judy Sullivan suggested we designate a few euchre night offerings toward a scholarship. What a wonderful outreach opportunity!

**NEW!** This year, the last euchre night of the year will feature a **holiday cookie exchange**. We ask that those who attend bring 2-4 dozen cookies or bars to display during the games. Everyone will have a chance to sample the goodies brought in, and everyone will swap their favorites and go home with a sweet assortment at the end of the night. Those not wanting to bake can also bring another dish to share. Sign up to bring cookies or bars on the LWML board in the gathering space.

**LAS POSADAS SERVICE AND FIESTA...** On **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM**, our Latino outreach will be hosting Las Posadas Service. This is a traditional service in Latin America that recounts Mary and Joseph's difficulty in finding a place to spend the night on the first Christmas. A fiesta will follow the service in the fellowship room with fajitas, rice, and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Although the service will be in Spanish, a bilingual bulletin will be provided. This would be a good way for you and your family to experience Latino culture and food.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL DECALS...** Thanks to everyone who ordered church and school apparel to support our early childhood ministry. Decals with our new logo are available for a donation on the table in the gathering space.

**CONCORDIA COUNSELING CENTER...** Thanks for your prayers and financial support for this new outreach initiative. If you would like to donate, please make your check out to Concordia Counseling Center and mail it to PO Box 704, Seymour, Indiana 47274. Please indicate with your donation that you are a member of St. Paul, Clifty. Donations from St. Paul members will receive a double match, from the Indiana District LCMS (up to \$100,000) and from a St. Paul member (up to \$5,000).

**2024 FLOWER AND RADIO MINISTRY CHARTS...** are posted in the gathering space. The cost to sponsor the radio ministry is \$105 (sponsors our Sunday radio worship service at 9:30 AM and the Lutheran Hour at 7 PM).

### **The Response of God's People**

#### **Last Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **385** Communion: **276**

Sunday School Attendance: **202**

Offering: **\$9,940.39**

Needed Weekly: **\$14,426**

Additional Gifts: \$500 RFD-TV; \$100 Radio Ministry;  
\$115.80 Lutheran Witness Subscriptions; \$75 Friends of  
Clifty Church; \$20 Music Fund

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