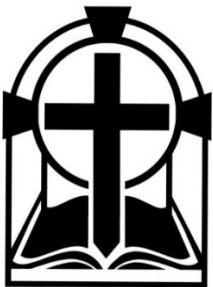




*Knowing and Living
the Good Shepherd's Love*

Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 2024



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

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: We invite and encourage those who have been instructed, confirmed, and confess the faith of this congregation and other congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to receive the Sacrament. Communicants at this altar acknowledge their sins, believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, and desire the Spirit's help to turn from their sins.

Those who are not communing are invited to come forward and receive a blessing by placing their arms across their chest.

If you have questions regarding our Communion teaching and practice, please speak to a pastor.

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

Confession of Faith Sunday: Our confirmands will offer their confession of faith during the Sunday School hour, reviewing the major teachings of the Scriptures. The adult Bible classes and Sr. High Youth class will meet in the fellowship room today.

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

Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Owen Arnholt

10:45 AM Service Ridge Koester

Church Calendar

Today

Good Shepherd Sunday

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship/Confirmand Reception

9:30 AM Confession of Faith

Sunday School for Children

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

Noon Lunch

Noon Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM 8th Grade Confirmation

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class

11:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

Pastor Fickenscher on vacation April 25-29

Thursday

1:30 PM Hickory Creek Visit

Saturday

9 AM-Noon Sewing in Fellowship

1:00-5:00 PM Church Reserved

Next Sunday

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Confession of Faith Presentations

Sunday School for Children

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service

Confirmation and First Communion

Pictures to follow the service

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE MAY NEWSLETTER... is available on the table in the gathering space or online at stpaulcolumbus.org.

APRIL-JUNE PORTALS OF PRAYER... are available on the table in the gathering space.

CONFIRMAND RECEPTION... A reception will be held in honor of our nine confirmands during the fellowship hour **today**. Please plan to attend and to remain as they offer their Confession of Faith during the Sunday Schol hour.

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored in honor of the baptismal birthdays of Bailey Grace England and Joshua Beck by Eric and Linda Scheidt.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Prelude

Sr. Handbells: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*—M. Helman

Welcome and Announcements

8 AM Service: New Members—Brent, Sarah, and Eliza Bodem

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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Confession of Sins

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Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect for the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G (sung) And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G (spoken) Amen.

please be seated

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

And as [the apostles] were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23

P The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

G 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.

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:16-24

[John writes:] By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in Him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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G *(sung)* **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

G *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus says:] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

851 stanzas 1-3

Sermon

Knowing and Living the Good Shepherd's Love

John 10:11-18

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

851 stanza 4

Service of the Sacrament

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Visitors: Please read our Communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin. Thank you.

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Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

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Closing Liturgy

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Closing Hymn

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Postlude

I Know That My Redeemer Lives—M. Burkhardt

Knowing and Living the Good Shepherd's Love

1 John 3:16-24

Knowing the Good Shepherd's Love

Our Good Shepherd is the K_____ of Love.

"By this we know love, that He laid down His l_____ for us." 1 John 3:16

In love, our Good Shepherd provides for all our needs of b_____ and s_____ so that we lack nothing.

In love, our Good Shepherd a_____ in us.

In love, our Good Shepherd has given us the H_____ S_____.

Our Good Shepherd's love and forgiveness is greater than our sin and when our heart c_____ us.

Living the Good Shepherd's Love

Our love for others is to be so great that we are to be willing to lay down our l_____ for others.

We are called to live not only in word or talk, but also in d_____ and in t_____.

A word of warning: If we c_____ our hearts to loving others, God's love does not abide in us.

Take Home Point: By God's grace, we know the love of our Good Shepherd, and we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the Good Shepherd's love in our love for others.

Next Sunday's Readings Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11; John 15:1-8

LIVING THE SERMON... See, how these Christians love one another! Consider your love for those whom God has placed in your life. How can you love them with the love received by the Good Shepherd and empowered by the Holy Spirit?

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH... Give thanks for Jesus, your Good Shepherd, who in love laid down His life for you, and provides you with all that you need. Pray that empowered by the Spirit you would love others as your Good Shepherd loves you. Seek forgiveness where your love for others has been lacking, and pray that your love for others would be renewed and strengthened by His eternal love for you.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. John 15:4

Youth Events

Sunday, May 5th

SPY and C4Life Sauce Making Day All SPY and C4Life Youth are invited to remain after the 10:45 AM service for a pizza lunch and then to make the sauce for the Taco Barn at the County Fair. Parents are welcome to assist. Games will follow sauce making. Pick-up time is 2 PM. **Ground Beef Preparation:** Next Sunday, April 28th, the ground beef for the taco sauce will be in the kitchen. We are asking for church members to take home a ten-pound roll of ground beef, brown it, and return it on or before May 5th.



Sunday, May 19th

KfC Event from Noon-1:15 PM Children fifth grade and younger will gather for lunch and activities.

Vacation Bible School

July 8-12; 9:00-11:30 AM

Go to stpaulcolumbus.org/vbs2024 or use the QR code to:

- + Register your child(ren) ages three-sixth grade.
- + Volunteer (youth and adults)



Mark Your Calendars—May Special Events

Sunday, May 5

- Recognition of New Members at the beginning of Sunday School
- Youth Taco Barn Sauce Making Day at noon

Friday, May 10

- Euchre and Game Night at 6 PM sponsored by the LWML

Saturday, May 11

- Women's Brunch and Flower Arranging Event at 10 AM; RSVP by Sunday, May 5th.

Sunday, May 12

- Clarity Baby Bottle Campaign begins continuing through Father's Day

Sunday, May 19

- Recognition of Graduates at both services
- Recognition of Sunday School Teachers at the beginning of Sunday School
- *Extending Christ's Love* Awareness Forum during Sunday School
- KfC event from noon-1:15 PM

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Emmy Baker, Jill Scheidt, Karen Hendershot, Debbie Schroer, Jill Hoeltke, Ron Arnholt, Lou Anne Denny, Gloria Schultz, Pam Jenkins, Pat Hall, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Lisa Benes (Kruger's friend), Amy Workman (Sandy Johnson's cousin), Esther Cleary (Cleary's sister-in-law), Paul Gannon (Cleary's brother-in-law), Kyle Huckaby (Koester's friend), Carolyn Kidd (Sandy Johnson's friend), Erica Gretzinger (Jennifer Dougherty's cousin), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Regan Hoevener (Kristy Hall's sister-in-law), Rick Sapper (Cleary's brother-in-law), Julia Carmichael (Kathy Harner and Nancy Lipka's cousin), Lauren Brewer (Kathy Harner and Nancy Lipka's niece), Lucy Boyd (Hinds' neighbor); **Active Military:** Noah Hoeltke

WE WELCOME... Brent, Sarah, and Eliza Bodem into our family of faith at the 8 AM service this morning. May God richly bless them as they worship and serve the risen Christ with us.

SUNDAY LUNCHES... Here are the upcoming menus:
Today: Breakfast
Next Sunday, April 28th: No Lunch Served—Confirmation Sunday
May 5th: Pizza (Taco Sauce Making Day)
May 12th: No Lunch Served—Mother's Day
May 19th: Lunch Served (KfC Event)

CONFIRMANDS CONFESSION OF FAITH... Our 8th grade confirmands will offer their Confession of Faith **today and next Sunday, April 28th** during the Sunday School hour. They will be confirmed and receive their first Communion at the 10:45 AM service **next Sunday, April 28th**. Please pray for our confirmands that they will remain faithful to the Lord their entire lives.

SEWING IN FELLOWSHIP... If you are willing and able to help sew costumes for VBS and the Children's Christmas program, join the LWML **this Saturday, April 27th**, from 9 AM to noon. Contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 with questions. A list of items needed that morning is in the newsletter or on the bulletin board in the gathering space.

COMMUNION WAFER MAKING... We are blessed by faithful servants who make Communion wafers for our celebrations of the Lord's Supper. You are invited to help make Communion wafers on **Wednesday, May 1st** at 10:45 AM in the church kitchen.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY... meets **Thursday, May 2nd** at 6 PM in the Conference Room. Join us as we take an honest look at Sunday School stories. The study is led by Deaconess Fickenscher. All women are invited to attend.

WORK DAY AT CAMP LAKEVIEW... is **Friday-Sunday, May 3-5th**. Come out to camp for a weekend of service, fellowship, and making camp look awesome before thousands of campers arrive for the summer. They have projects for all ages and ability levels, from kids to retirees and everywhere in-between. Spend a weekend living out your faith by serving God at camp! For more information go to lakeview.camp/workweekend.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION... On **Sunday, May 5th** at the beginning of Sunday School, we will recognize those who have joined our congregation since January. Please plan to attend to get to know our newest members and to welcome them to our family of faith.

COLUMBUS BRASS QUINTET CONCERT... is **Sunday, May 5th** at 3:30 PM at St. Peter's, Columbus. You are welcome to attend. A freewill offering will be received.

MOMS IN THE WORD... will meet on **Monday, May 6th** at 10 AM in the nursery, which will be the last meeting until school starts again in August. Moms, bring your child(ren) and join us for a fellowship and a children's devotion.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORK DAY... is **Tuesday, May 7th** from 10 AM-noon at the Jonesville Warehouse. Volunteers are always needed. The warehouse is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM-3 PM. Donations are accepted at any time. After regular hours, there is a donation collection container on the east side of the warehouse.

EUCHRE AND GAME NIGHT... is **Friday, May 10th** at 6 PM. Even if you don't know the game of euchre, there are plenty of other card games and board games available and lots of wonderful goodies to eat. Come help kick off Mother's Day weekend with some fellowship, food, and fun! A free will offering will be collected that goes towards the in-gathering for the District LWML Convention in June.

WOMEN'S FLOWER ARRANGING EVENT... On **Saturday, May 11th** at 10 AM, ALL women are invited to join us for a fun filled event in the fellowship room.

The event will include a light brunch, devotion, and flower arranging. This event is open to all women, so please invite others! RSVP is being requested for this event, so enough supplies can be provided for those in attendance. Please RSVP to Mackenzie Wint at secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org by **Sunday, May 5th**.

VASES NEEDED... for the upcoming women's flower arranging event on May 11th. If you have any extra vases at home you'd like to donate for this event, please place them in the collection box in the gathering space no later than **Sunday, May 5th**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES... We will recognize and pray for our high school and college graduates during our services on **Sunday, May 19th**. If you are graduating, please contact Mackenzie Wint in the church office at secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org with the school you are graduating from and your future plans so that you can be included in the bulletin that day.

TACO BARN SIGN-UP... The Bartholomew County Fair is **Friday-June 21-Saturday, June 29**. The sign-up sheet for the taco barn is posted in the gathering space. Please sign up to serve to support our youth ministry!

ECM ENROLLMENT... Openings remain in the Lambs, Doves, and Kindergarten classes for the 2024-2025

school year. *Please help us promote our excellent school!* See the brochures in the gathering space for further information. Register online at stpaulcolumbus.org/ecmregistration.

NEWKIRK TRUST DISBURSEMENT... Our congregation received the yearly disbursement of \$8,258.55 from the Woodrow and Thelma Newkirk Trust. The Trust has designated these funds for Helping Hands which provides support for those from our congregation and community that need assistance with food, rent, medical expenses, and utilities. Helping Hands funds are also used to provide tuition assistance scholarships for our early childhood ministry and school families. If you are interested in providing a legacy gift, please contact a member of the Endowments, Estates and Trusts Committee: Mary Ann Nunn, Warren Scheidt, and Adam Scheidt.

THANKS FROM... Cheryal Hinds to the church for all their support, prayers, cards, and visits.

The Response of God's People **Last Sunday, April 14th**

Divine Service Attendance: **362**; Communion: **292**
Sunday School Attendance: **177**

Offering: **\$8,258.55** Needed Weekly: \$15,397
Additional Gifts: \$210 Radio Ministry, \$75 SGO

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Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow

Connected to Christ ✠ Connected to One Another ✠ Connecting Others to Christ