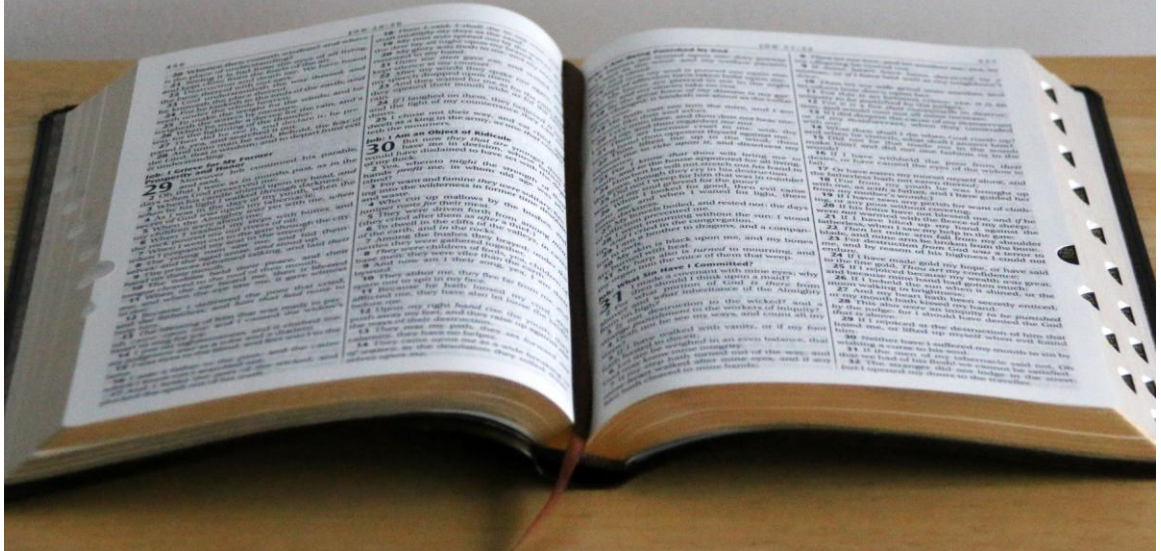


All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

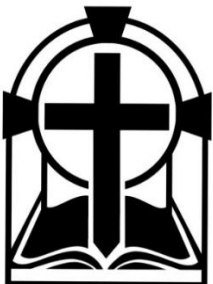


The WORD! The WORD! The WORD!

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Loyalty Sunday

October 19, 2025



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 **812-447-7895** 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

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent) meets in the conference room
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade
Confirmation Class meets in the confirmation room
SPY Class (grades 9-12) meets in the youth room.
The Discussion Class meets in the gathering space for a study on the Early Church
Bible Study in the fellowship room studying the Nicene Creed

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Faith Fohne

10:45 AM Service Alex Essex

Church Calendar

Monday-Tuesday District Pastors Conference

Tuesday-Thursday Parent Teacher Conferences

Today

Loyalty 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

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Youth Confirmation

12:15 PM Choristers Rehearsal

12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

2:00 PM Small Group Grief Study

5:30 PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

11:30 AM Evangelism Board Meeting

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

Saturday

LWML Fall Zone Gathering in Martinsville

4:30 PM C4Life and SPY Escape Room

Next Sunday

Reformation Sunday

Groundbreaking Service

Circuit Scholarship Fund Door Offering

8:00 AM Festival Divine Service

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

9:30 AM Groundbreaking Service

9:45 AM Extended Fellowship Time

10:45 AM Festival Divine Service—

English and Spanish

Noon Lunch

Noon-1:15 PM KfC Event

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Youth Confirmation

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER... is available to pick up in the gathering space and online at stpaulcolumbus.org.

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Prelude

Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren—M. Praetorius

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

734

The Sr. Choir sings stanzas 1 and 2; the congregation sings stanzas 3-5

Please stand for stanza 5

Confession of Sins

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Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him. Then He said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me." And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask My name?" And there He blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

[Paul writes:] But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation sung by the choir—please remain seated *I Build on God’s Strong Word*—J. Walther
I build on God’s strong Word secure, on God’s strong Word, the rock of faith and mercy grounding.
No human wisdom will endure; God’s Word is truth defining.
The Word of God is clear and sure: This star over all is shining.

Holy Gospel *please stand* Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18th chapter. **G Glory to You, O Lord.**
And [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them? I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”
P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles Creed page 207

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day **578 stanzas 1-5**

Sermon *The WORD! The WORD! The WORD!* 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Pledge Hymn **781**
As the pledge is sung, please bring forward your 2026 pledges and offer them to the Lord. You may bring your hymnal with you and continue singing.

Prayer of Dedication *please stand*
G Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering **582**

Service of the Sacrament *please stand* pages 208-210

Distribution **523, 545, 579, 580, 819**
Visitors: Please read our Communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

Closing Liturgy *please stand* pages 211-212

Closing Hymn **578 stanza 6**

Postlude *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*—J. Walther

The WORD! The WORD! The WORD!; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The Word is b_____ by God.

The Word makes you wise unto s_____

The Word is given for...

...t_____ so you may know who God is, what He has done for us, and His will for our lives.

...r_____ to discern the truth from false doctrine.

...c_____ so that you might see your sin and be brought to repentance.

...t_____ in righteousness so that you might live a God-pleasing life.

Through the Word, you are made c_____ and e_____ for every good work.

Thus, as God's people, we are to c_____ in the Word and p_____ the Word.

Next Sunday's Readings—Psalm 46; Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

LIVING THE SERMON... As you listen to the sermon today, commit yourself to daily receiving the Word of God so that the Holy Spirit can continue to work on you and in you through God's strong and saving Word.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Pray that we would faithfully proclaim the Word in its truth and purity. Pray for God to bless the pledges we offer this day so that His Word would go forth from this place to accomplish His saving purposes among our church family, in our community, and to the ends of the earth!

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.* Psalm 46:7, 46:11

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Next Sunday, October 26th—Reformation and Groundbreaking Celebration

KfC youth and their friends are invited to remain for lunch and an afternoon of fun activities from noon-1:15 PM on Groundbreaking Sunday as we focus on the theme *Built on the Rock*.

SPY (Sr. High Youth) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)

This Saturday, October 25th—Escape Room and Supper

Youth and their friends are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship. Please gather at the 812 Escape Room, 331 Franklin Street at 4 PM. After we have all hopefully escaped!, we will walk to the downtown Dairy Queen for supper. Pick-up is from Dairy Queen at 7 PM. Maximum of 24 youth can participate so sign-up ASAP by contacting DCE Probst.

Sign-up for Upcoming Youth Conferences

Y4Life in Washington, DC—January 22-24, 2026, Grades 9-12; Sign-up by Sunday, November 2nd

Higher Things Conference in St. Louis—June 30-July 3, 2026, Grades 8-12; Sign-up by Sunday, January 25th

Friends are always welcome! For more information, contact DCE Probst or a youth counselor.



Extending Christ's Love

Groundbreaking Service and Celebration is **next Sunday, October 26th**. The schedule for the day is as follows:

8 AM Festival Divine Service
9:30 AM Groundbreaking Service
9:45 AM Extended Fellowship Time
10:45 AM Festival Divine Service
Noon-1:15 PM Lunch and KfC event focusing on Groundbreaking and Reformation Sunday activities



Please note the following regarding Groundbreaking Sunday:

- The Groundbreaking Service is outside on the site of the Christian Education Center and will occur even if it is raining so please dress and prepare accordingly.
- Attendees are invited to bring their own shovel (any size) to turn over dirt.
- Attendees can take a souvenir container of dirt home with them to commemorate the day. The containers will be provided.
- Tri-W is sponsoring an extended fellowship time with many breakfast items.
- Sunday School and Bible classes will not meet on Groundbreaking Sunday.
- Parking—If you are able, please park up the hill by the chapel or Early Childhood Ministry Building or in the grassy area behind the church.
- The KfC event (fifth graders and younger) will focus on the Groundbreaking/Built on the Rock theme. Children (and their parents) should plan to attend this special youth event.
- *Please invite others to celebrate with us on this significant and historic day!*

Playground Project

Over \$30,000 has been contributed toward our \$55,000 matching grant goal for the playground. We are over halfway toward reaching our goal! Last week, we sent out an appeal letter to present and former early childhood ministry families inviting them to participate in this amazing opportunity to fund our safe and age-appropriate playground.

St. Paul Lutheran SGO

Donate to our Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization at St. Paul!

A donation to our St. Paul SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry by helping us fund our mission and ministry! When you donate to our St. Paul SGO, you are eligible to receive 50% of your donation back in the form of an Indiana tax credit!

Did you know that you can use the SGO to strategically plan your church tithing?

Here is an idea:

A couple decides to donate \$10,000 to our St. Paul SGO in December of 2025. They file their 2025 taxes at the beginning of 2026, and they receive \$5,000 back as an Indiana tax credit. They immediately give that \$5,000 back to the church as their general fund tithe for 2026. The result is that a \$10,000 gift turned into \$15,000 for St. Paul in a matter of a few short months!

Let's talk! Please contact Rachel Fohne for more information at financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-343-3786. You can also visit www.lutheransgo.org for more information!

2025-2026 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal **\$135,000**

Amount Contributed as of September 30th: **\$21,914**

IN OUR PRAYERS...Sick and Recovering: Marie Tellman, Marilyn Brown, Cheryal Hinds, Johnny Lagneau, Jim Roth, Jill Scheidt, Callan Jones, Gloria Schultz, Dennis Peters, Ray and Sharon Cline, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Pam Jenkins, Deb Larsen (Sariina Kalli's friend), Wanda Danos (Sandy Johnson's sister), Tom Beranek (Jennifer Seifer's grandfather), Allen Hart (Nikolai Haak's father-in-law), Curt Carothers, Mary Ann Foist (Don Strietelmeier's sister-in-law), Eric Risk (Renee Strietelmeier's brother), Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Bobby Carney (Sperrys' friend), Mason Hinshaw (Mary Scheidt's friend), Sue Judd (Kathy Ownbey's mother), Lisa Williams (Ann Linke's niece/Jordan Patterson's aunt), Linda Dilk (Kim Chandler's grandmother), Tom Hinds (Jim Hinds' brother), Patricia and Katherine Leshkow (Karen Kruger's cousin and daughter), Franci Dilk (Kim Chandler's aunt), Jerry Maslowski (Sariina Kalli's father), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend), Joan McDaniel (Sarah Gibson's grandmother), Valerie Bernunzio (Karen Kruger's niece), Bonnie Bayly (Karen Kruger's friend), Lisa McGaha (Don and Debbie Schroer's friend), Austyn Gordon (Gonsior's nephew), Amy Coombs (Darlene Bower's friend), Margaret Osmon (Nancy Dyer's sister), Paul Schultz (Gloria's son; Sandy Banister's brother), Cassie Murray (Jason and Laurie Schroer's friend), Tiffany Wilson (Karen Hendershot's cousin), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Moe Humphrey (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friend), Kristina Hargitt (Kim Chandler's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's coworker's daughter), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Naomi Gillespie (Haaks' great-niece); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given in memory of Mike Koester by his wife Marilyn; Shannon, Jason, Reid, and Ridge Koester; Melissa and John Weiler.

SUNDAY LUNCHESES...

Today—Fettucine Alfredo

Next Sunday, October 26th—Sloppy Joe/Hot Dogs—KfC

November 2nd—Sandwich Bar

November 9th—Spaghetti with meatballs

FISH FRY... St. Peter, Waymansville invites you to their fish fry **today** serving from 4-7 PM with dine-in,

carryout, or drive-thru options. The menu includes fish sandwiches, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, chips, pie, and drinks. A freewill offering will be received.

NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY... Our Wednesday evening Bible class is beginning a Bible study of Isaiah, and you are invited to join us. The class meets at 6 PM. You are always welcome to begin attending the Wednesday morning or evening Bible studies at any time!

LWML FALL ZONE GATHERING... is **this Saturday, October 25th**, All ladies of St. Paul, and their friends, are invited to attend the Columbus Zone Fall Gathering at Prince of Peace in Martinsville. The in-gathering will be paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates), hand soap, K-cups, and ground coffee for the local homeless shelter. A collection bin is under the LWML board in the gathering space, and a sign-up sheet to carpool to the event. Please consider joining us!

TRINITY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...

Trivia Night is **this Saturday, October 25th** beginning at 7 PM in the gymnasium for a night of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$120 for a table of six people which includes snacks, drinks, and door prizes. Proceeds benefit the 2026 Spain trip participants. Tickets can be reserved by calling the school office at 812-524-8547.

Groundbreaking and Founders Day Celebration is **Sunday, November 9th** from 2-4 PM. You are cordially invited to this historic event as Trinity begins its expansion project.

REFORMATION SUNDAY DOOR OFFERING... **Next Sunday, October 26th**, we will be joining with the congregations in our Aurora Circuit to collect a door offering to benefit our Aurora Circuit Church Workers Scholarship Fund. Because of your generosity, this endowment has awarded \$73,500 in scholarships since 2018 to those preparing for church work vocations from our Aurora Circuit.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY... is **November 2nd**. In the Divine Services, we will celebrate that we are all God's saints even as we remember those from our church family who have entered into glory since the last All Saints Day. The Columbus Brass Quintet will enrich our services through special music.

BAKING FOR THE BUILDING AND SILENT AUCTION... On **Sunday, November 16th** we will have our Baking for the Building event. Please consider donating baked goods for this fundraiser to benefit Extending Christ's Love. In addition, we will also have a Silent Auction. If you would like to donate items for the Silent Auction (crafts, themed gifts baskets, etc.), please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

THANKS FROM THE LWML...

Thanks for your participation and support of the following mission and outreach endeavors:

- + Door Offering on Sunday, September 21st to benefit the Food Co-op at the Fort Wayne Seminary.
- + Mite Box Sunday Offering to benefit LWML Missions on LWML Sunday, October 5th.
- + Your support for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch on Honey Sundays.
- + Your donations produce, plants, and flowers for Harvest Mission. The final day for Harvest Mission is **next Sunday, October 26th**.

Online Giving: Exciting Update! Did you know???

You can now set up your tithing completely online! Follow the link or



QR code to check out our secure, online giving platform. You can create recurring payments that happen at your convenience- one-time, weekly, or monthly. And better yet, you have complete control over any adjustments or modifications that need to be made at any time. Members are finding this to be a great way to stay up to date on their general fund pledges and their Extending Christ's Love pledges. Please reach out to Rachel Fohne with any questions at financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-343-3786. Thank you for your generous support! Link for online giving: secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2RE/campaign/C-125CF

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, October 12th

Divine Service Attendance: **405**; Communion: **293**

Sunday School Attendance: **124**

General Fund: **\$9,449.71** Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: **\$22,085** includes \$1,300

Playground Project

SGO Donations: \$8,000

Fellowship Hour Donation: \$300

Helping Hands—Chapel Offering: \$51.25

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