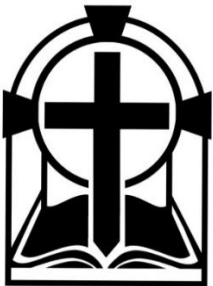




Guarding the Good Deposit
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025



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

Voters Meeting at 9:30 AM, followed by Bible studies
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 Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Julia Burbrink
10:45 AM Service Faith Wofford

Church Calendar

Kantor Mau on vacation Friday, 10/10-Tuesday, 10/14

Rachel Fohne on vacation Friday, 10/10-Friday, 10/17

Today	First Stewardship Sunday LWML and Honey Sunday <i>Special Mite Box Offering</i> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Voters Meeting 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	10:00 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Moms in the Word 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells 2:00 PM Small Group Grief Study
Tuesday	8:20 AM Lambs Chapel 9:00 AM-Noon OGT Workday 12:15 PM Staff Meeting
Wednesday	8:20 AM Doves and Kindergarten Chapel 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 7:30 PM ECM Board Meeting
Thursday	6:00 PM Tri-W Meeting
Friday	6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	2:00 PM Howarth-Jaynes Wedding
Next Sunday	Honey 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 Confirmation Make-up 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Small Group Handbells: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*—R. Mallory

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

Junior Choir sings stanzas 3 and 5

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Confession of Sins

please stand page 203

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 God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and You will not hear? Or cry to You "Violence!" and You will not save? Why do You make me see iniquity, and why do You idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 205

☞ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1-10

ℙ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

☞ Glory to You, O Lord.

And [Jesus] said to His disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

ℙ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Guarding the Good Deposit

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Offering Prayer

LWML Pledge—*please stand*

☞ In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution

720, 782 (stanzas 1-3), 788, 857, 689

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

Closing Liturgy

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Closing Hymn

782 stanza 4

Postlude

God of Grace—P. Manz

A mite box door offering will be received today

Guarding the Good Deposit; 2 Timothy 1:1-14

The G_____ of Jesus Christ is the good deposit.

We are to guard the good deposit. We lose this good deposit when we:

A_____ the Gospel. The Gospel a_____ is the Gospel d_____.

C_____ the Gospel by changing it, compromising it, taking away from it, or adding to it.

We are to d_____ this good deposit to others.

Next Sunday's Readings—Ruth 1:1–19; 2 Timothy 2:1–13; Luke 17:11–19

LIVING THE SERMON... You have received the good deposit of the Gospel. How can you faithfully guard this good deposit and share the good deposit of the Gospel with others. How can you faithfully steward the gifts of the Gospel, freely giving of your time, treasure, and talent to give this good deposit to others.?

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks that you have received the good deposit of the Gospel and pray that you would faithfully guard and steward this priceless gift. Pray for God's blessing and guidance as you consider His blessings to you that you would respond sacrificially and joyfully as you offer your pledge on Loyalty Sunday. Pray also for the work of the LWML as they seek to reach the lost through their outreach efforts.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... [Paul writes:] *Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.* 2 Timothy 2:10

Extending Christ's Love

Thanks for your ongoing prayers and generous financial support for our Extending Christ's Love campaign. This is an exciting time in our life together as God's family in this place.

Special Voters Meeting—TODAY at 9:30 AM

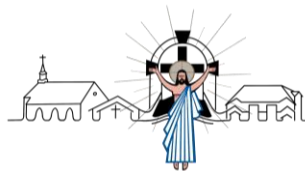
A special **Voters Meeting** has been called for this morning at 9:30 AM to consider the following motion: *To begin construction of the Christian Education Center at a budgeted cost not to exceed \$8.125 million.*

Playground Project

Over \$28,000 has been contributed toward our \$55,000 matching grant goal for the playground. We are over halfway toward reaching our goal! We will be sending an appeal letter to present and former early childhood ministry families this coming week inviting them to participate in this amazing opportunity to fund our safe and age-appropriate playground.

Questions About Your Pledge

Thank you for your incredible generosity to Extending Christ's Love! If you would like to know any details about your ECL pledge, such as the amount pledged, timing of your pledge, the amount you have given thus far, or if you need to make any adjustments, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-343-3786. The fulfillment of your pledge is a key part of advancing our mission and ministry, and our finance committee uses the projected pledges to guide our financial decisions. Thank you for your continued faithfulness, generosity, and support!



Today is LWML Sunday!

Today we give thanks for LWML and pray for God's blessings on all their mission endeavors. A special mite box offering will be received today. 75% of your gifts support mission projects in the Indiana District and 25% support national and international ministries. These mission grants include our Latino Outreach, Concordia Counseling in Seymour, Y4Life/Lutherans for Life, the Fort Wayne Seminary, and many more!

Honey Sundays are **today and next Sunday, October 12th**. We support the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch by selling bottles of honey for a suggested donation of \$10 per bottle. Orders will be taken at the honey table in the gathering space, and honey will be shipped directly to you in time for Thanksgiving. A QR code to order is also on the bulletin board.



Fall Zone Gathering: The LWML Fall Zone Gathering is **Saturday, October 25th**, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Martinsville. We will be carpooling to the event, and we would love you to join us. A sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space.

Looking for leadership opportunities? The LWML is looking for someone to coordinate the **Military Care Packages** outreach. If you are interested, let Sariina Kalli or Sally Haak know.

The offices of **LWML president and secretary** are up for election in January. If you are interested in taking on a new role in the LWML, please reach out to any member of the current board, or to past presidents Jen Probst or Nora Cleary. You are never leading this mission-based organization alone, and we would love to welcome some new women into these leadership roles. Prayerfully consider how you can lend your talents to St. Paul's LWML.

Faithfully Stewarding God's Gifts

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



Our 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! And, even better, you as a donor are eligible to receive a 50% tax credit on your Indiana taxes. You can eliminate a portion or all of your Indiana tax liability!

What is an example of the possible benefits?

For example, a donation of \$10,000 could result in the following benefits:

- \$5,000 tax credit for your Indiana state tax due
- \$5,000 deduction eligibility for your federal taxes due for those who itemize
- Knowing that you made scholarships possible for families to receive a Christ-centered education!

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 Raised to Date **\$21,714.65**

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Sunday, October 26th—Reformation Celebration

KfC youth and their friends are invited to remain for lunch and an afternoon of fun activities from noon-1:15 PM.

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

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 soon by contacting DCE Probst. Sign-up deadline is **today**.

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



IN OUR PRAYERS... Baptisms: Corbin and Kenlee Jaynes baptized yesterday; **Sick and Recovering:** Marilyn Brown, Cheryal Hinds, Marvin Boggs, 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, 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), Ashley Haywood (Banister's daughter), Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Bobby Carney (Sperry's friend), Mason Hinshaw (Mary Scheidt's friend), Sue Judd (Kathy Ownbey's mother), Stan Schwork (Dan Mau's friend)), 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), Dale Christophel (Ray and Pat Hall'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 (Sperry's friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST... We rejoice with Corbin and Kenlee Jaynes and their family as they were born again of water and the Spirit through Holy Baptism yesterday. May God bless and keep Corbin and Kenlee in the one true faith all their days.

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are in celebration of today's Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday. We, as the LWML, joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

SUNDAY LUNCHESES...

Today— Corn Dogs with Macaroni and Cheese

Next Sunday, October 12th—Fall Break—No Lunch Served

October 19th—Fettucine Alfredo

October 26th—Sloppy Joe/Hot Dogs—KfC Day

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ Stewardship Packets: Please pick up your packet and any others you can hand deliver to help us save on postage. Loyalty Sunday is October 19th.

+ October-December Portals of Prayer

+October Newsletter, also online at stpaulcolumbus.org

LIFE CHAIN... The Life Chain is **today** from 2-3 PM at Columbus City Hall. Life Chains make a public, prayerful, and peaceful stand for Life. For more information, contact Judy Jackson at 812-350-0479.

MOMS IN THE WORD... meets **tomorrow** at 10 AM at the church. Moms and children are invited to join us for devotions and fellowship.

GRIEF SMALL GROUP STUDY... All those who are experiencing grief from the death of a loved one are invited to participate in a small group Bible study using the guide "When Your Heart Breaks." This study will meet on Mondays at 2 PM at the church beginning **tomorrow** and will be led by Marybeth Glick. This study and support group is open to members and anyone from our community who is grieving so please invite others to attend. For more information or to sign-up for the class, please contact Marybeth Glick at marybethglick@gmail.com or 812-371-6254.

SCHOOL CHAPELS... You are invited to join our early childhood ministry students and their families for our October chapels. Chapel services begin at 8:20 AM.

Lambs: **Tuesday, October 7th**

Doves and Kindergarten: **Wednesday, October 8th**

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORKDAY... is **this Tuesday, October 7th** from 9 AM-noon. If you cannot attend, the need for volunteers is ongoing so volunteer anytime during their regular hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 AM-3 PM. Donations can be dropped off at any time at the trailer located on the east side of the warehouse.

FALL BREAK SUNDAY... is **next Sunday, October 12th**. Due to Fall Break, no lunch will be served and there will be no afternoon confirmation class or youth choirs.

Pastors Patterson and Bauman will be available after second service for confirmands who need to make-up or work ahead.

FISH FRY... St. Peter, Waymansville invites you to their fish fry on **Sunday, October 19th** serving from 4-7 PM with dine-in, carryout, or drive-thru options. The menu includes fish sandwiches, hotdogs, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, chips, pie, and drinks. A freewill offering will be received.

THANKS TO... all who made Harvest Fest a success! The Schroer family for hosting, the youth for leading the devotion, our KfC counselors for providing games and activities, Greg Forbes for the PA system, and the nearly 250 people who attended. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship!

THANKS FROM... Marvin Boggs for all the prayers, cards, and messages during his surgery and recovery.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, September 28th

Divine Service Attendance: **547**; Communion: **224**

Sunday School Attendance: **219**

General Fund: **\$13,698.08** Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: **\$14,513** includes \$5,000

Playground; \$70 Marianne Arnholt Memorials

SGO Donations: \$6,000

Preschool: \$1,810 Marianne Arnholt Memorials

Radio Ministry: \$175 Marianne Arnholt Memorials

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