



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.

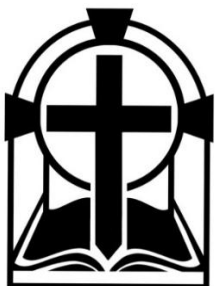
2 Timothy 2:10

First Suffering, Then Glory

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 AM Service

October 12, 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) will not meet today due to Fall Break. Youth are invited to join either adult class.

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: Nora Cleary

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Kinze Fischer

10:45 AM Service Kevin Chun Escalante

Church Calendar

Kantor Mau on vacation through Tuesday, 10/14

DCE Probst on vacation through Wednesday, 10/15

Rachel Fohne on vacation through Friday, 10/17

Today

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

Monday

November Newsletter Deadline

2:00 PM Small Group Grief Study

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

Next Sunday

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

WE WELCOME... Mick, Liesel, and Grace Murphy into our family of faith at the 8 AM service today. May God richly bless them as they worship and serve with us

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST... We rejoice as Grace Elizabeth Haywood and Madeline Eleanor Haywood, twin daughters of Brett and Ashley, are born again of water and the Spirit through Holy Baptism at the 10:45 AM service this morning. Sponsors are Lauren Banister and Chris and Caroline Turi. May God bless and keep Grace and Madeline in the one true faith all their days.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... is **tomorrow, October 13th**.

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Prelude

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds—P. Bouman

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus—P. Manz

Welcome and Announcements

New Members: Mick, Liesel, and Grace Murphy

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn

685 stanzas 1-3

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. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy 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

Ruth 1:1-19a

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited His people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading	2 Timothy 2:1-13
[Paul writes:] You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.	
Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 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. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.	
P This is the Word of the Lord.	C Thanks be to God.
Alleluia and Verse	<i>please stand and sing</i> page 205
C 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 17:11-19
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17 th chapter.	C Glory to You, O Lord.
On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."	
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.	C Praise to You, O Christ.
Apostles Creed	page 207
Little Sermon	
Hymn of the Day	532
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Prayer of the Church	
Offering	664
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<i>Visitors: Please read our Communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin.</i>	
Closing Liturgy	<i>please stand</i> pages 211-212
Closing Hymn	685 stanza 4
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in F Major—J.S. Bach</i>
<i>We welcome students and families from Wyneken Lutheran School in rural Decatur, Indiana. They are participating in the Lutheran Indiana State Volleyball Tournament this weekend.</i>	

First Suffering, Then Glory; 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Martin Luther: "The holy Christian people are externally recognized by the holy possession of the sacred

c_____."

The Christian life is marked by s_____. Jesus said, "If anyone would come after Me, let him

d_____ himself and take up his c_____ and follow Me."

We Christians today should e_____ to suffer for our faith in this life.

Christian suffering comes in our vocations, our c_____ in life.

This is Christ's pattern: First s_____, then g_____.

Next Sunday's Readings—Genesis 32:22–30; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8

LIVING THE SERMON... The experience of suffering for the sake of Christ in this life is a sign that we are truly God's redeemed people. Even Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... O Lord, have mercy on Christian people throughout the world who are suffering for the sake of the Gospel. May their suffering be used by the Holy Spirit to produce in them the endurance and hope of faith that leads to eternal life. May their witness in the midst of suffering be used to draw the lost and erring to faith.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *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

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

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)

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

Please note the upcoming deadlines to sign-up for these 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

Moving forward by the grace of God! Thanks to everyone who attended last Sunday's Voters Assembly. The motion to begin construction of the Christian Education Center was adopted by a ballot vote of 167-5 with two abstaining.

Groundbreaking Service and Celebration will be **Reformation 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 \$28,000 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 this coming week inviting them to participate in this amazing opportunity to fund our safe and age-appropriate playground.

Loyalty Sunday and Faithfully Stewarding God's Gifts

Loyalty Sunday is **next Sunday, October 19th** when we will offer our pledges for 2026 as we respond to the Lord's benefits with thankful and grateful hearts. Prayerfully consider God's blessings in your life and how you can use God's gifts to further His kingdom through our congregation, community, and world. If you cannot attend worship next Sunday, please mail your pledge or drop your pledge off at church this week so that they can be dedicated to the Lord next Sunday.

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 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 **\$21,914.65**

IN OUR PRAYERS... **Baptisms:** Grace and Madeline Haywood; **New Members:** Mick, Liesel, and Grace Murphy; **Marriage:** Jacob and Toni (Jaynes) Howarth married yesterday; **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); **Grieving:** Family of Mary Arnholt (Brian Arnholt's step-mother); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

UNITED IN CHRIST... We rejoice with Jacob and Toni (Jaynes) Howarth whom God joined together in Holy Matrimony yesterday. May God bless them as they abide in His love.

SUNDAY LUNCHESES...

Today—Fall Break—No Lunch Served

Next Sunday, October 19th—Fettucine Alfredo

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

November 2nd—Sandwich Bar

HONEY SUNDAY... is **today**. 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 BREAK SUNDAY... is **today**. 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 **next 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.

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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...

Trivia Night is **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... On **Reformation 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.

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, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, October 5th

Divine Service Attendance: **377**; Communion: **291**

Sunday School Attendance: **218**

General Fund: **\$16,559.75** Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: **\$9,448** includes \$600

Playground Project of which \$100 is in honor of Carl and Taletha Arnholt

SGO Donation: \$200

Radio Ministry: \$105

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Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow