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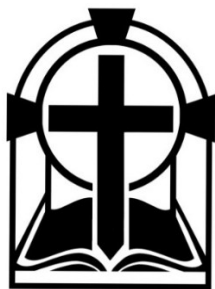
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does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 JOHN 3:1



Love Extended Now and Into Eternity

All Saints Sunday
November 3, 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 **812-447-7895** 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)
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade
Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson
Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room led by Mrs. Probst
Signs, Symbols, and their Meaning led by Pastor Bauman

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Sarah Arnholt
10:45 AM Service Haley Hauersperger
Crucifer: 8 AM Service Luke Warren

Church Calendar

Today

All Saints Sunday

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

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:15 PM Confirmation Class

12:30 PM Jr. Handchimes

1:15 PM Jr. Handbells

1:45 PM Choristers

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

Fellowship Room Reserved

10:00 AM Homeschool Religion Class

10:00 AM Moms in the Word

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Tuesday

10:00 AM-Noon OGT Workday

Noon Staff Meeting

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

10:45 AM Communion Wafer Making

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

7:15 PM Elders Meeting

Thursday

7:00 PM Tri-W Meeting

Friday

6:00 PM Euchre Night

Saturday

Church Reserved

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Celebration of All Saints

Prelude

Reverie—L. Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Processional Hymn

Please stand and face the processional cross

675 Choir sings stanza two

Confession of Sins

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Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

The Feast of Victory

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C *(sung)* And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *(spoken)* Amen.

please be seated

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

[John writes:] After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3

[John writes:] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 156

☞ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifth chapter.

☞ (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☞ (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

700 stanzas 1-3

Sermon

Love Extended Now and Into Eternity

1 John 3:1-3

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

P Let us remember with thanksgiving all those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

✠ Dorothy L. Linn (February 15, 1945-January 7, 2024) ✠

✠ Herschel C. Scheidt (April 22, 1921-February 19, 2024) ✠

✠ Vernon D. Sullivan (August 27, 1945-August 11, 2024) ✠

✠ Becky A. Nordman (October 20, 1954-August 21, 2024) ✠

P Let us pray. Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at the last with them to our heavenly home, that in union with all Your saints we may give You glory forever; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☞ Amen.

Commemoration Hymn

677

The choir sings stanzas two and four

Please stand to sing stanza eight

Nicene Creed

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Prayers

Offering

Choir: *Let Light Shine Out of Darkness*—J. Behnke

Let light shine out of darkness, What we proclaim is not our own, but Jesus Christ.

Let light shine in us, O Lord, in us, through Jesus Christ.

Let light shine out of darkness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reception of New Members 10:45 AM Service

Gabriel Pérez Gómez and Moisés Pérez Francisco

*The confirmation service will be in Spanish. You can follow the service in English on **page 272** in the hymnal.*

Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 160-163

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns: 672, 671, 676, 674, 678

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

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

please stand page 164

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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Recessional Hymn

700 stanza 4

Postlude

For All the Saints—A. Hutchings

Love Extended Now and Into Eternity

1 John 3:1-3

God's love is extended to us now. We are c_____ of God.

God's love will be extended to us for all eternity. We will be l_____ our Lord, and we will s_____

Him as He is.

Until that glorious day, we h_____ in Him, we p_____ ourselves with His forgiveness,

and we seek to live h_____ lives as His saints.

Next Sunday's Readings 1 Kings 17:8-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

LIVING THE SERMON... As you listen to the sermon today, rejoice that God has made you His saint, His holy one, by the blood of Jesus. Holy people live holy lives. Consider how you can walk in holiness and righteousness all the days of your earthly journey. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to walk in the Lord's ways and His forgiveness to purify you when you fail.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks to God that He has made you His child and His saints. Rejoice that you have been cleansed and purified from your sin by the blood of the Lamb. Offer praise to God that His love is extended to you now and for all eternity. Pray for those who are grieving the loss of those they love, that they would be comforted in their sorrow.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.* Psalm 145:15-16

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Darlene Bower, Paul Meier, Betty Fox, Ray Hall, Nancy Lipka, Dianne Hartke, Jan Sherbundy, Jesse Gonsior, Bob Runge, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Jill Scheidt, Karen Hendershot, Debbie Schroer, Jill Hoeltke, Gloria Schultz, Pam Jenkins, Jon Owens (Mark and Anne's son), Cora Waterman (Mark Wint's mother), Jim Baute (Jeff Booher's uncle), Bruce Wilkerson (Cleary's friend), Denise Smith (Jennifer Seifer's friend), Connie Colgate (Emily Linke's grandmother), Cassie Murray (Jason and Laurie Schroer's friend), Maria Mears (Gail Jones' sister), Glenn Strietelmeier (Don Schroer's uncle), Pastor Jeffrey Geisler (Tim and Janice Scheidt's friend), Andy England (Eric and Linda Scheidt's nephew), Maxie Hotz (Jim Hinds' sister), Doug Baumann (Haak's friend), Maureen Veyssets (Jim Cleary's niece), Dianne Hargraves (Carolyn Schuette's sister), Daniel Meier (Lewis' friend), Kyra Groves (Amy Yeley's friend), Theresa Gannon (Jim Cleary's sister), Deb Harlan (Mary Scheidt's mother), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's co-worker's daughter), Beth Schultz (Gloria Schultz's daughter-in-law), Jill Many (Cindy Hendershot's daughter), Marcell Williams (Bridges' friend's mother), William Leitshuh (Cleary's friend), Julie Phillips (Bonnie Nolting's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Kyle Huckaby (Koester's friend), Erica Gretzinger (Jennifer Dougherty's cousin), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Rick Sapper (Cleary's brother-in-law), Lucy Boyd (Hinds' neighbor);

Active Military: Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Michael Mullins (Sperry's friend), Sam Studler (Kalli's friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

WE WELCOME... Gabriel Pérez Gómez and Moisés Pérez Francisco who will be received into membership at the 10:45 AM service today. May God bless Gabriel and Moisés as they worship and serve with us.

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given to the glory of God by Ann Linke in memory of her husband Jerry.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTERS... are available in the gathering space or the church website: stpaulcolumbus.org.

SUNDAY LUNCH MENUS...

Today: Sandwich Bar

Next Sunday, November 10: Chicken Nuggets

November 17: Spaghetti and Meatballs

November 24: Coney Dogs

2025 PLEDGES... If you have not turned in your 2025 pledges, please drop them off at the church this week as the budget will be finalized **this week**.

2025 MISSION OF THE MONTH... The Board of Stewardship is seeking suggestions for 2025 Mission of the Month. Recommendations should be submitted **today** to Carolyn Wilkerson, Rob Baltus, or Adam Scheidt.

MOMS IN THE WORD... meets **tomorrow, November 4th** at 10 AM in the conference room for devotions and fellowship. All moms and children are invited to attend.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORK DAY... St. Paul serves the OGT by sorting donated items for distribution the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, come and join us **this Tuesday, November 5th** from 10 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. Please Note: The need for volunteers is great as Orphan Grain Train seeks to respond to those in need as a result of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. If you can volunteer during regular hours, please consider doing so.

Donations for hurricane relief as well as ongoing donations of clothing and furniture are needed. Donations can be dropped off at any time at the trailer located on the east side of the warehouse.

Thanks to all who donated for hurricane relief and for your continued prayers for the relief efforts.

COMMUNION WAFER MAKING... is **this Wednesday, November 6th** at 10:45 AM in the church kitchen. All are welcome for service and fellowship.

TRI-W MEETING... is **this Thursday, November 7th** at 7 PM. All women are invited to join this service-oriented organization.

EUCHRE AND GAME NIGHT... is **this Friday, November 8th** at 6 PM at the church. The free-will offering will support our Military Care Packages that will be mailed out in December. Euchre is never the only game on hand, and the food and fellowship are pretty amazing. All are welcome!

COLLEGE RETREAT... Pastor Fickenscher invites all college-aged adults to attend a gathering at St. Peter's, Indianapolis **this Saturday, November 9th** from 9 AM-

4 PM. We'll enjoy fellowship with other young adults while learning from Dr. Carl Beckwith of the Fort Wayne seminary and worshipping. If your college-aged child or grandchild is away at school, please encourage him/her to attend. The church address is 2525 E 11th St., Indianapolis. Please let Pastor Fickenscher know if you're interested in attending at (260) 710-6750 or pastorfickenscher@stpaulcolumbus.org.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION... God continues to bless our congregation with many new members. **Next Sunday, November 10th**, at the beginning of Sunday School, we will recognize those who have joined our congregation since May. Please plan to attend and welcome those who have joined our family of faith!

CONCORDIA COUNSELING PRESENTATION... During the Sunday School hour **next Sunday, November 10th**, Deaconess Michelle Downey, Director of Concordia Counseling will offer a presentation about this new outreach endeavor. Although still in its infancy, Concordia Counseling is making a tremendous impact in the lives of many clients as the Center provides counseling services that are Biblically sound, clinically effective, and financially affordable.

Matching Gift Opportunity: A donor has pledged up to \$50,000 in all donations received now through December 15, 2024. **Next Sunday, November 10th**, we will receive a door offering with all gifts matched dollar-for-dollar. You can also participate in this matching gift opportunity by mailing your gift to Concordia Counseling at 504 Walnut Street, Seymour, Indiana 47274 or by making a gift online at concordiacounseling.org.

ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE... The deadline for all reports to be included in the Annual Meeting packet is **Monday, November 11th**. Reports can be submitted by email to Mackenzie Wint at secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org. The packets will be available for pickup beginning on Sunday, November 17th.

BAKING FOR THE BUILDING... Please plan to participate in our Baking for the Building fundraiser on **Sunday, November 17th**. For a number of years every November, we had a congregational bake sale, *Desserts for Dora*, to help pay down the Dora Fischer "loan". We are bringing back this fundraiser with a new name.

Donations of baked goods of all types are needed and then plan to go home with some delicious delights for a freewill donation.

Here's how it works: Bring your baked goods to the fellowship room on **Saturday, November 16th** from 8-11 AM or **Sunday, November 17th** from 7-8 AM. Tables will be set up for placement of donated items. A card will be completed describing the baked good.

On **Sunday, November 17th** between services and after second service, all baked goods are available for a freewill donation. Come to church on the 17th ready to take home some delectable delights!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS...

KfC (Kids for Christ, fifth graders and younger) will meet **Sunday, November 17th** from noon-1:15 PM for lunch and activities. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 13th to Rachel Fohne by text or phone at 812-343-3786 or by email rholting@alumni.iu.edu if your child(ren) plans to attend.

C4Life (6th-8th graders) and SPY (high schoolers) will provide childcare during the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, November 24th**. Eat supper with your family at 5 PM and then provide childcare during the 6 PM meeting.

C4Life and SPY Youth will gather for pizza and gingerbread dough making on **Sunday, December 1st** from noon-2 PM. Enjoy a time of food and fellowship. Parents are invited to serve also!

Friends are always welcome at our youth events!

THE ANNUAL MEETING... is **Sunday, November 24th** at 6 PM and we want you there! We will celebrate the mission and ministry the Lord has given to us as we review reports from boards, committees, and staff, ratify officers, and adopt the 2025 budget. Anyone can attend and all confirmed members 18 years and older can vote.

Please plan to come at 5 PM and enjoy a pitch-in supper. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS... is the official periodical of our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod which contains uplifting articles, devotionals, Bible studies, and news. Annual subscription is \$25. If you would like to receive the Lutheran Witness, please make checks payable to St. Paul and use the Lutheran Witness envelope in your offering box. The deadline to begin or renew a subscription is **next Sunday, November 10th**.

“STOCK THE BOX” FOR JUST FRIENDS... Just Friends Adult Day Services needs your help! More clients are utilizing the service at the Mill Race Center facility. The woodcraft class at The Propeller is popular as well as getting out into the community to fish, go to the library and go shopping. The days are fun, but expenses have risen. Donating consumable items will help defray costs and “Stock the Box”.

We need paper towels, one gallon Ziploc bags, coffee, peanut butter, disinfectant wipes, lemonade mix, trash bags and more. Please see the flyer for the full list. A collection box will be located in the gathering space through **next Sunday, November 10th**. Walmart and Amazon gift cards are also appreciated.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES... During November, the St. Paul LWML will be collecting items for Military Care Packages to send to service members. The following items are desired: travel size grooming products (bar soap, shampoo, body wash, deodorant), and single-serve snacks like granola bars, cookies, chips (in boxes or cans to survive travel), individually packaged crackers with cheese or peanut butter, and STURDY homemade cookies (packaged four to a Ziplock bag). Look for a donation tote in the gathering space beginning the first Sunday in November. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Haak at 812-579-9065.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DONATIONS... Every year we are blessed to have a great turnout for our Christmas Family Fun Night. If you would like to donate ingredients for the gingerbread houses, please sign upon the sheet posted in the gathering space. All items should be brought to church by **Sunday, December 1st**.

Gingerbread house baking will begin on Monday, December 2nd. Gingerbread house assembly will be Wednesday, December 11th. Christmas Family Fun Night is **Sunday, December 15th** with caroling at 3 PM followed by supper and family activities at 5 PM.

THANKS TO... Kantor Dan Mau and our Sr. Choir for the joyful Hymn Festival last Sunday and to Tri-W for hosting the reception.

The Response of God’s People

Last Sunday, October 27th

Divine Service Attendance: **370**; Communion: **283**

Sunday School Attendance: **173**

Offering: **\$15,259.42** Needed Weekly: \$15,397

Extending Christ’s Love: \$34,372

Hymn Festival Door Offering Benefiting the Circuit

Scholarship Fund: \$761

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry

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ECM Teachers: Anne Wiltsey (kindergarten); Jen Probst and Michelle Schultz (preschool)

ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sally Haak, Sarah Lewis, Caroline Wilcox, Glory Wofford, Amy Yeley

Reaching out with Christ’s Love to Serve and Grow