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2 Peter 1:19

Sure and Certain
Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026



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 DCE Probst
Christian Leadership Class meets in the Music Room led by Zach Mathews
Bible Study meets in the fellowship room studying the Nicene Creed

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Addy Arnholt
10:45 AM Service William Laws

Church Calendar

Today

Transfiguration Sunday

Children process with Alleluia Banners

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

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

2:4 PM SPY and C4Life Broomball

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

5:30 PM Girl Scouts

8:20 AM Lambs Chapel

Ash Wednesday

8:20 AM Doves and Kindergarten Chapel

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

5:30 PM Supper

5:30 PM Sr. Handbells

6:30-6:45 PM Imposition of Ashes

6:45 PM Communion Service—English and Spanish

7:45 PM Sr. Choir

4:00 PM Parenting Workshop

Saturday

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM 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

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

+ March Newsletter, also available online

+ 2025 Contribution Statements

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude

Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair—K. Hildebrand

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn with Alleluia Banner Procession

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The Sr. Choir sings stanza 4; please stand for stanza 5

Confession of Sins

please stand page 151

Kyrie

page 152-153

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

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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. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same 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

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:8-18

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Epistle Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

[Peter writes:] For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy

mountain. And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If You wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Sr. Choir sings stanza 1

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Sermon

Sure and Certain

2 Peter 1:16-21

Nicene Creed

please stand page 158

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

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Distribution

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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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Closing Hymn

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This hymn "buries" our alleluias during the season of Lent. The children are invited to carry the alleluia banners out of the church. They will be wrapped (buried) for the Lenten season. On Easter Sunday, the alleluia banner box will be unwrapped and the children will process in with the alleluia banners.

Postlude

Rigaudon—G. Böhm

Sure and Certain—2 Peter 1:16-21

How did Peter struggle with listening on the Mount of Transfiguration? What other examples of Peter refusing to listen, believe, and follow do we encounter during Jesus' earthly ministry?

When Peter nears the end of his earthly life in our text for today, he directs believers to listen to the sure and certain W_____ of God, even more sure than what Peter, James, and John experienced on the Mount of T_____.

By listening to Jesus and the Scriptures, you will not be led astray by f_____ teachers.

Why is it important to keep listening to Jesus and the Scriptures even when they confront and rebuke you?

What gifts are given to you through the Word?

Ash Wednesday Readings Grace Upon Grace to David—Psalm 51; 2 Samuel 11:1-12:14

Next Sunday's Readings Grace Upon Grace to Adam and Eve—Genesis 3:1-21; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

LIVING THE SERMON... You have Jesus, the Word made flesh. You have the sure and certain Word of God. A common tradition is for Christians to give up something for Lent. Consider adding something to your daily routine this Lenten season—more time in the Word! Attend midweek services where we will be diving deeply into God's Word. Increase your time reading and studying God's Word. One suggestion: If you read two chapters in the Gospels every day during Lent, you will have read all four Gospels before Easter.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks to God for His sure and certain Word. Pray for the desire to hear, read, mark, learn, and take His Word to heart. Pray that you would not resist the Word but listen, receive, believe, and obey.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[The LORD God said to the serpent] I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*
Genesis 3:15

Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Next Sunday, February 22nd—KfC Event, Noon-1:15 PM

Plan to stay for lunch and an afternoon of fun and fellowship with your church friends.

SPY (high schoolers) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)

Today—Broomball at Hamilton Ice Arena

Always a youth favorite. Please plan to attend! We will enjoy Broomball and pizza at the Hamilton Ice Arena. Transportation will be provided from church, leaving at 1:30 PM or youth can drive or be dropped off at Hamilton Ice Arena at 2 PM. Pick-up is at 4 PM at Hamilton. No RSVP needed.

March 22nd—Fill Easter Eggs and Fellowship Event

Sixth graders and SPY youth are invited to stay for lunch and then to fill Easter Eggs with candy.

March 29th—Hide Easter Eggs

Those youth who attend the 8 AM service are invited to help hide Easter eggs during the 10:45 AM service.

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



Extending Christ's Love

You have the sure and certain Word of God! The church is built on the solid rock of Christ and His Word. Through our Christian Education Center, the sure and saving Word of God will be taught and proclaimed in Spanish worship services, to children in our early childhood ministry, confirmation instruction, and children and adult Sunday School and Bible studies in both English and Spanish. Thanks for your regular Sunday offerings and your support of Extending Christ's Love so that our congregation might continue to proclaim and teach the sure and saving Word and point people to Jesus, the Word made flesh!



Playground Project: We are closing in on fully funding the Playground Project. We need **\$3,626** to reach our goal. Remember all gifts to the Playground Project are matched dollar-for-dollar.

Thrivent Members—Choice Dollars Designation: Most Thrivent members are given Choice Dollars to designate to their church or some other nonprofit organization. Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2026. If you are a Thrivent member, please do one of the following:

Online: Go to thrivent.com and designate your Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus, Indiana.

Phone: Call 1-800-847-4836 during regular business hours. When prompted by the automated service, say "Thrivent Choice". Provide your phone number and date of birth to verify your account. You will then be connected to a customer service representative who will assist you in directing your Choice Dollars to our congregation.

It is an exciting season in our life together as God's family in this place. Please continue to pray that our church would remain firmly founded on the Word of God!

More Ways to Give!

Did you know??? You can donate appreciated securities directly to St. Paul to fulfill your General Fund or Extending Christ's Love pledges. Donating appreciated securities such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds may offer a tax advantage to the donor. Generally, the tax-deductible value of a gift of securities is the current market value as of the date of the gift. Appreciation (capital gains) of this donated security is generally not taxable to the donor. As always, please consult with your tax advisor for your specific situation. If you would like to donate a gift of appreciated securities or simply want to get your questions answered, please reach out to Financial Secretary Rachel Fohne at financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-343-3786.

Exciting Update!

Our church has been approved to participate in the Kroger Community Awards Program as a registered non-profit! Through this program, Kroger donates a percentage of shoppers' spending to approved organizations in the community. In order for our church to receive a portion of these donations, shoppers must complete the following steps: Visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into your Kroger account, you can search for St. Paul Lutheran Church either by name or **KW412** and then click Enroll. Please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org with specific questions.

St Paul Scholarship Granting Organization

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

A donation to our St. Paul Lutheran SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry by helping us fund our mission and ministry! Why donate to our Lutheran SGO?? Donors receive a 50% state income tax credit! Please consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice. 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!

IN OUR PRAYERS... **Marriage:** Brian and Ashley (Neawedde) Bostwick married yesterday; **Divine Call:** Pastor Andrew Keller called to be Chaplain and Theology Teacher at Trinity Lutheran High School; **Sick and Recovering:** Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Henry Wischmeier, Katrina Smith, Dennis Hoeltke, Emmy Baker, Wilma Yeley, Sheila Shaffer, Marie Tellman, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Beverly Neawedde, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Marilyn Brown, Michelle Matthews (Ray and Pat Hall's niece), Steve Kennedy (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Amy Coombs (Darlene Bower's friend), Sam Straub (Kathy Adams' nephew), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, Deb Larsen, and Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friends), Larry Hoeltke (Dennis Hoeltke's brother/Mike and Wilma Yeley's brother-in-law), Connie Ball, Lisa Williams (Ann Linke's niece/Jordan Patterson's aunt), Pastor Craig Wulf and Jesse Lopez (John and Gail Jones' friends), Lori Lucas (Katrina Smith's friend), Mary Putz (Anne Wiltsey's mother), Curt Carothers, Al Abrams (Pam Roth's brother), Marcia Carson and Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friends), Jami Maher (Joanne Kirby's niece), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Margaret Osmon (Nancy Dyer's sister), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Bryce Cleery (Judy Sullivan's friend), Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperry's friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are in celebration of Brian and Ashley Bostwick being united in marriage yesterday and God's blessing of family.

TODAY'S RADIO SERVICE... is sponsored in memory of Paul and Mary Hackman by Jim and Kathy Brock.

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today—Chicken Sandwiches

Next Sunday, February 22nd—Corn Dogs and Tater Tots;

KfC Day

March 1st—Taco Bar

March 8th—Sloppy Joes

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY... Each Wednesday in Lent, supper will be served beginning at 5:30 PM. The midweek services begin at 6:45 PM. On Ash Wednesday, Tri-W will serve a supper of sloppy joes, hotdogs, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, chips, applesauce and

desserts. The freewill offering is for new kitchen supplies for the Christian Education Center. The Ash Wednesday service is preceded with the Imposition of Ashes from 6:30-6:45 PM and includes Holy Communion.

Lenten Sermon Series: The theme for all our Sunday and midweek Lenten services beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Sunday is *Grace Upon Grace*. At each service, we will witness the transformative power of God's grace in the lives of His people in the Scriptures and draw connections and applications to our lives abiding in God's grace.

PARENTING WORKSHOP... The vocation of a parent is a special blessing and a great responsibility. Each age and stage in a child's development benefits from resources and collective support. Please join DCE Jen Probst for our first annual Enrichment Workshop. This year's workshop will address how parents of infants through teens can balance over protection in the real world and under protection in the virtual world.

Who: Everyone is welcome to attend.

Where: Church Fellowship Room

When: **This Saturday, February 21st**

from 4:00-6:00 PM

Cost: Free

Childcare Registration: QR Code or

<https://forms.gle/2zdqk9DNfUWuaZyW6>

If you would like additional information, please email director@stpaulcolumbus.org or speak to Jen Probst.



EASTER EGG CANDY DONATIONS... We host a Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. Please consider making a candy donation for this fun event. Candy should be individually wrapped and able to fit inside of a plastic Easter egg and donated by **Sunday, March 22nd**. The donation box is in the gathering space. Please direct any questions to DCE Jen Probst.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES... The LWML is sponsoring a Military Care Package project with the goal of mailing gift cards (stateside) and care packages (overseas) in February. You can help in one of two ways. First, please send Sariina the names and complete addresses of any military personnel you know who are serving overseas or stateside. Then, bring in any of the wish list items, which can be found on the LWML bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Please reach out to Sariina Kalli at 218-451-1026 with questions.

JUST FRIENDS DONATION DRIVE... Just Friends adult day services is seeking items for their annual donation drive. Your generosity helps provide a welcoming day center where people can connect, engage, and be truly valued. The most needed items are paper towels, napkins, peanut butter and jelly, and Folgers coffee. A longer list of items is on the poster of the donation box which will be located in the gathering space until March 29th.

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP... The sign-up sheet for the Easter breakfast is posted in the gathering space. Please consider supporting our youth ministry by bringing a breakfast casserole or donating food items.

ECM REGISTRATION... Registration for the 2026-2027 school year for our early childhood ministry is now open! *Please help us promote our Christ-centered, fully accredited school!* All registration is online so encourage families to visit the church website (stpaulcolumbus.org) to learn more and to register. Families are also invited to tour our school. Financial aid is available to all families so that no student is turned away. Please contact Director Jen Probst (812-376-6504; director@stpaulcolumbus.org) to schedule a tour or for more information.

CAMP LAKEVIEW REGISTRATION... Registration for all Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages summer camps and programs are now open. For more

information, visit Lakeview's website at www.lakeview.camp or call the camp office at 812-342-4815. Come and experience the joy of camp this summer!

ONLINE GIVING... Please consider using our secure, online donation platform to give to St. Paul. Did you forget your checkbook or cash today? No worries! Simply scan the QR code to give through our website. Also, you have the option to set up a recurring donation that you can adjust or cancel at any time. This is an excellent way to fulfill general fund or Extending Christ's Love pledges. Please reach out to Rachel Fohne at financialsecretary@stpaulcolumbus.org or 812-343-3786 with specific questions.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, February 8th

Divine Service: **417**

Communion: **318**

Sunday School: **190**

Offering

General Fund: **\$16,106.52**

Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: **\$2,527.59** including \$199.59

Jim Probst Memorials benefiting Playground Project

Radio Ministry: \$125



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