

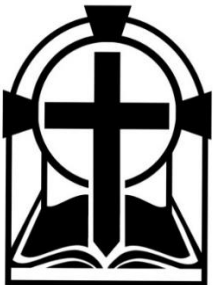


Seated at the Right Hand

Celebration of Ascension

10:45 AM Service

June 1, 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

KfC Sunday School for ages three-fifth grade meets in the third-fourth grade classroom

SPY and C4Life Youth class (grades 6-12) meets in the Youth Room for *Hey Pastor, what about...?*

The adult class meets in the fellowship room and is studying the *Large Catechism* led by Pastor Fickenscher

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Emmitt Jones

10:45 AM Service Caroline Glick

Church Calendar

Pastor Bauman on Vacation June 2-13

Today

Celebration of Ascension

Mite Box Sunday

Neighborhood Information Distribution

Begins

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:15 AM Acolyte Training

9:30 AM Rummage Sale Orientation

Meeting

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

Noon Acolyte Training

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Tuesday

9:00 AM-Noon Orphan Grain Train Workday

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

1-4 PM Rummage Sale Set-Up

5:30-8 PM Rummage Sale Set-Up

Thursday

9 AM-Noon Rummage Sale Set-Up

1-4 PM Rummage Sale Set-Up

Friday

3-9 PM Rummage Sale

Saturday

10 AM-4 PM Rummage Sale

Next Sunday

Pentecost

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

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given in honor of Doug and Wendy Wiederhoeft celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary on June 2nd.

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored by Colin and Linda Scheidt in thanksgiving to God for their 50th wedding anniversary on June 7th.

JUNE-JULY NEWSLETTERS... are available on the table in the gathering space and online at stpaulcolumbus.org.

PASTOR BAUMAN... is on vacation tomorrow, June 2nd—Friday, June 13th. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Fickenscher or Pastor Patterson.

Celebration of Ascension—10:45 AM Service

Prelude

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build—D. Busarow

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Neighborhood Information Distribution

Ringling of the Bell

Baptism Hymn

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Natalie Rose Hogan

page 268

Entrance Hymn

please remain standing 493 stanzas 1-4

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

please be seated

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel? He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

[Paul writes:] For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all

things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 24th chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Seated at the Right Hand

Ephesians 1:15-23

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 160-163

Distribution

Hymns: **840, 815, 494, 564**

Visitors—Please read the 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

493 stanzas 5-6

Postlude

Klein Präludien und Intermezzi, No. 6—H. Schroeder

THE PASCHAL CANDLE... located by the baptismal font, is lit whenever resurrection and new life are celebrated. It has been lit during the fifty days of the Easter season. It is also lit at baptisms and funerals. As we conclude our Easter celebration today with Christ’s ascension, the Paschal candle serves as a visible reminder of the life that is ours through our risen, ascended, and reigning Lord and Savior.

Seated at the Right Hand—Ephesians 1:15-23

Jesus, our ascended Lord fills a _____ in a _____. Thus, the right hand of God is e_____!

Your ascended Lord is your M_____. He is constantly praying for you as your Great High Priest.

Jesus offered the once-and-for-all s_____ for your sin. Today, we celebrate that His earthly mission is accomplished.

Paul prays without ceasing to his ascended Lord. Consider your own prayer life. Are you faithfully praying to your Father and His Son, your Mediator? How and in what ways can you strengthen your prayer life?

Your ascended Lord is your K_____. He is the head of His body, the C_____.

Christ lives and reigns. You are already a c_____ of His kingdom and a member of His body.

As a member of the body of Christ, do you seek to follow Christ, who is the Head. Or do you choose to ignore your Head and go your own way? Seek forgiveness for the times when you have not followed your Head and pray for the Holy Spirit to help you faithfully follow Christ your Head.

Take-home point: When we confess that Christ is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, we are not confessing that we believe in an absent Jesus. Instead, our ascended Lord fills all things to save and serve us as our Mediator, Priest, King, and Head!

Next Sunday's Readings—Pentecost Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Rejoice in your ascended Lord who is your Mediator, High Priest, King, and Head. Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower us to be faithful in prayer, to follow Christ your Head, and to be a faithful witness, telling others about Jesus the Savior.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.* Acts 2:17a

Extending Christ's Love Update

It's time for the **Rummage Sale!** Your help is needed! Please consider serving in any of the following ways:

- **Donations:** Bring your donations to church **now-Tuesday, June 3rd.**
- **Spread the Word:** Invite and encourage family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to stop by **this Friday, June 6th from 3-9 PM or this Saturday, June 7th from 10 AM-4 PM.**
- **Sign-Up to Serve:** Please consider serving one or more of the following shifts:
 - This Wednesday, June 4th: Set up for the Sale—1-4 PM or 5:30-8 PM
 - This Thursday, June 5th: Set up for the Sale—9 AM-Noon or 1-4 PM
 - This Friday, June 6th: Work the Sale—2 PM-6 PM or 6 PM-9:30 PM
 - This Saturday, June 7th: Work the Sale—9 AM-1 PM; 1 PM-5 PM
- **Orientation Meeting:** We will have a brief Orientation Meeting for volunteers in the fellowship room **this morning** at 9:30 AM to give instructions and answer questions.

If you have any questions, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Sariina Kalli at 218-451-1026.



Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Sunday, July 13th—Servant Event at 9:30 AM:

This year our KfC participants will present the Bible story on the first day of Vacation Bible School. Attend Sunday School on Sunday, July 13th to rehearse and then present the Bible story skit on Monday, July 14th.

Monday-Thursday, July 14th-18th—

Vacation Bible School. Register children and sign-up to serve using the QR code.

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

Summer Sunday School: The youth

Summer Sunday School class will be Pastor-led. The topics will be determined by the youth submitting *Hey Pastor, what about ...?* questions. Questions can be submitted using the paper form provided in the confirmation/youth rooms or by texting your questions to Pastor Bauman at 812-350-4115.

Thursday, July 17th from 11:30 AM-2 PM Summer Fun: SPY and C4Life youth are invited to stay for lunch and summer activities. Bring a towel and dress to get wet!

Opportunities to Serve: Please sign-up to serve at the Rummage Sale, Taco Barn, and for Vacation Bible School.

Youth Families and Congregational Members

Serving at the Taco Barn: The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space. Please consider serving at one or more shifts during the Bartholomew County Fair Friday, June 20-Saturday, June 28.

Friends are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact a youth counselor or DCE Jen Probst.



IN OUR PRAYERS... Baptism: Natalie Rose Hogan; **Sick and Recovering:** Sharon Cline, Marvin Boggs, Richard Kruger, Mark Wint, Callan Jones, Gloria Schultz, Amy Yeley, Dennis Peters, Pastor Stache, Ray Cline, John and Sandy Lagneau, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Lynn Hoeltke, Bob Runge, Jill Scheidt, Pam Jenkins, Eric Risk (Renee Strietelmeier's brother), Franci Dilk (Kim Chandler's aunt), Paul Gannon (Clearys' brother-in-law), Phoebe Skidmore (Davidsons' relative), Jerry Maslowski (Sariina Kalli's father), Bella Whittington (South Decatur student), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend), Joan McDaniel (Sarah Gibson's grandmother), Valerie Bernunzio (Krugers' niece), Bonnie Bayly (Kruger's friend), Lisa McGaha (Don and Debbie Schroer's friend), Austyn Gordon (Gonsior's nephew), Candice Rominger (Clearys' friend), Amy Coombs (Darlene Bower's friend), Judy Parker (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Margaret Osmon (Nancy Dyer's sister), Paul Schultz (Gloria's son; Sandy Banister's brother), Edward Arnold (Amanda Kruger Arnold's brother-in-law), 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); **Grieving:** Family of Gabe Pitts (Renee Strietelmeier's friend); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Michael Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Sam Studler (Kallis' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST... We rejoice as Natalie Rose Hogan, daughter of Austin and Macy Hogan, is born again of water and the Spirit at the 10:45 AM service today. Sponsors are Connor and Madison Umphress. May God bless and keep Natalie in the one true faith all her days.

SIGN-UP TO SERVE... Please sign-up to serve in the gathering space as together we accomplish the mission the Lord has entrusted to us:

- + May-August Fellowship Hour Hosts
- + Rummage Sale: Set up June 4-5; Sale June 6-7 (see Extending Christ's Love Update for more details)
- + Taco Barn at the County Fair: June 20-28

+ Vacation Bible School Helper—July 14-18; You can also sign-up through the church website or by using the QR Code to serve at VBS.

ACOLYTE TRAINING... All new acolytes should plan to remain in the sanctuary after either service **today** for acolyte training.

HELP GET THE WORD OUT... Our Neighborhood Information Distribution to invite those in the area to our church and Vacation Bible School begins **today**. Door hangers will be available, as well as the different neighborhoods you can choose to distribute the materials. Those that are distributing will simply hang a flyer on each door in their chosen neighborhood. Please complete your area any time before Sunday, July 13th. Please stop by the table and sign up for a neighborhood so that we can keep on extending Christ's love to serve and grow!

OGT WORKDAY... 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, June 3rd** 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.

SUMMER WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY... Beginning **this Wednesday, June 4th** and continuing through July, the Wednesday morning Bible study will be studying the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. The class meets from 9-10 AM followed by Matins at 10:15 AM. Please plan to attend as we dig deeper into the Scriptures for the week. Note: Bible study will not meet on Wednesday, July 16th due to Vacation Bible School.

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES... Today we celebrate our Lord's Ascension which occurred forty days after Easter. Next Sunday, June 8th we celebrate Pentecost, which occurred fifty days after Easter as we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives. On Sunday, June 15th, we will conclude the festival half of the church year as we celebrate Trinity Sunday, rejoicing in the one true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

INDIANA DISTRICT CONVENTION... The Indiana District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will meet in convention June 19-20 in Fort Wayne. The convention, held every three years, is a time to gather for worship and Bible study, as well as elect the District President and other officers in the District, and consider resolutions. Our congregation's voting delegates are Pastor Fickenschner and Wiley Umphress. Please pray for our District that all our congregations would remain faithful to His Word and zealous for the mission He has entrusted to us.

SEMINARIAN NATHANIEL BAUMAN TO PREACH...

On **Sunday, June 22nd**, Seminarian Nathaniel Bauman will preach at both services and make a presentation in the fellowship room during the Sunday School hour. Nathaniel recently concluded his second year of studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. This summer, Nathaniel and Abby will be moving to Hoyleton, Illinois, where Nathaniel will be serving his vicarage (one year internship) before returning to the seminary for his final year of studies.

VESPERS SERVICE AT THE COUNTY FAIR... St. Paul is leading the Vespers Service at the Bartholomew County Fair. The service is **Sunday, June 22nd** at 5 PM at the David Boll Theatre. The readings, sermon, and hymns will be different from the morning services at church. Please plan to attend and invite others!

CLARITY AND STEP UP 4 LIFE... Easter people are for life people! You can uphold life by participating in the Clarity Baby Bottle campaign and/or Lutherans for Life Step Up 4 Life. Pick up a baby bottle in the gathering space, fill it with bills or coins and return it on or before Father's Day, June 15th.

To participate in Step Up 4 Life, contact Dave Probst or Michelle Bauman or visit lutheransforlife.org.

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR... Andrea Cotton has begun serving as our Social Media Coordinator. We are thankful that Andrea is willing to use her creativity to help promote upcoming church and school events.

ECM REGISTRATION... Please continue to promote our fully-accredited early childhood ministry. Flyers are available in the gathering space and registration information is available on the church website. Encourage families to contact Director Jen Probst with questions or to schedule a school tour. Kindergarten tuition is free through the School Choice program and financial assistance is available for preschool families.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, May 25th

Divine Service Attendance: **312**; Communion: **246**
General Fund: **\$10,711.34** Weekly Need: \$15,933
Extending Christ's Love: \$32,565

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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Laurie Schultz,

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Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow