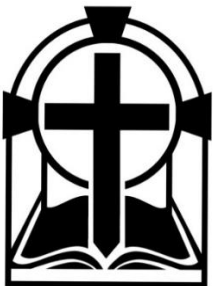




Who's Your Father

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 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 Daryn Vogel

10:45 AM Service Haley Hauersperger

Church Calendar

Today

Trinity Sunday/Father's Day

Clarity Baby Bottle Campaign Ends

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

Monday

5:30 PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

Thursday

Church Reserved

Thursday-Friday Indiana District LCMS Convention
Fort Wayne

Friday-Saturday, June 28 Taco Barn at the County Fair

Next Sunday *Nathaniel Bauman Preaching and*

Presenting During Sunday School

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

5:00 PM Vespers Service—Bartholomew
County Fairgrounds

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored by Dave and Pam Dailey in thanksgiving to God for His continued blessings.

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + June-July Newsletters; also online as stpaulcolumbus.org
- + July-September *Portals of Prayer*
- + New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

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
- + 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.

Trinity Sunday

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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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. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call, and My cry is to the children of man.

"The Lord possessed Me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When He established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep, when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and fore-knowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. For David says concerning Him, "'I saw the Lord always before Me, for He is at My right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore My heart was glad, and My tongue rejoiced; My flesh also will dwell in hope. For You will not abandon My soul to Hades, or let Your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to Me the paths of life; You will make Me full of gladness with Your presence.'

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ,

that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.” Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 205

G 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

John 8:48-59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that He would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I Am.” So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Who’s Your Father?

John 8:48-59

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

504 *Please stand for stanza four*

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.

Closing Liturgy

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Closing Hymn

all sing (805)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C—M. Shepperd

Thanks to Aaron Laws for playing for French Horn this morning

Who's Your Father—John 8:48-59

The debate between the religious leaders and Jesus concerning the question, "Who's Your Father?" begins in John 8:39 and continues through our text for today. Here are the verses that precede our text:

*They answered Him, "**Abraham is our father.**" Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did, but now you seek to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing what your father did." They said to Him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. **We have one Father—even God.**" Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear My word. **You are of your father the devil**, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."*

The religious leaders claim that A_____ is their father and that G_____ is their father.

Jesus declares that the d_____ is their true father.

The religious leaders claim that Jesus' father is a S_____ and that he has a d_____.

Jesus is the S_____ of God, and He is the e_____ God, one with the F_____.

Who's your Father? The Triune God's greatest desire for you is that you be and remain a c_____ of the heavenly Father now and for all eternity.

Next Sunday's Readings—Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Luke 8:26-39

LIVING THE SERMON... Who's your father? There is your heavenly Father, but there's also the devil, the father of lies. The father of lies seeks to deceive you and lead you away from our heavenly Father. Seek to live as a child of the heavenly Father. Come frequently to your Father's house and speak often to your Father in prayer.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... On this Trinity Sunday and Father's Day, give thanks for your father on earth and for your Father in heaven. Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you when the father of lies seeks to tempt you, deceive you, and lead you away from your heavenly Father.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[Jesus said:] "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."* John 8:39a

Extending Christ's Love Update

Thank you to everyone who had a part in the successful rummage sale last weekend. Not only did St. Paul collect more than \$6,500 for the Extending Christ's Love Campaign, but the items left at the end of the sale were donated to Orphan Grain Train, Goodwill, Sans Souci, and the Decatur County Sheriff's Department. We couldn't have done it without you! In addition, an anonymous donor has pledged to match the total from the rummage sale! Praise be to God for this gift.

There's even more good news! We have been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Mundt Foundation (mundtfoundation.org) for furnishings for the Great Hall of the Christian Education Center. This is a matching grant



and a gift for \$25,000 has been received in memory of Bob and Bonnie Risk to provide the matching funds. The Lord continues to provide! A gift towards the campaign was also made in honor of Colin and Linda Scheidt's 50th wedding anniversary by Tim and Janice Scheidt. Congratulations, Colin and Linda, and thank you, Tim and Janice!

Please continue to pray for this project, the Building and Finance Committees, and for our congregation that we would continue to faithfully extend Christ's love.

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 youth room 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 Taco Barn and for Vacation Bible School.

Youth Families and Congregational Members

Serving at the Taco Barn: *The fair begins this week!* The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space.

Consider serving at one or more shifts during the Bartholomew County Fair **this 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... Sick and Recovering: Marvin Boggs, Richard Kruger, Mark Wint, Callan Jones, Gloria Schultz, Amy Yeley, Dennis Peters, Pastor Stache, Ray and Sharon Cline, John and Sandy Lagneau, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Lynn Hoeltke, Bob Runge, Jill Scheidt, Pam Jenkins, Patricia Leshkow (Karen Kruger's cousin), 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), 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), 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 (Sperry's friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

HELP GET THE WORD OUT... Our Neighborhood Information Distribution to invite those in the area to our church and Vacation Bible School is ongoing through Sunday, July 13th. Door hangers are 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 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!

INDIANA DISTRICT CONVENTION... The Indiana District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will meet in convention this **Thursday-Friday, 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 Fickenscher 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...

Next 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 **next 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!

VBS CRAFT SESSION AND ITEMS NEEDED... VBS Crafts Planning is well underway. For all interested craft volunteers, there will be a training session on **Thursday, June 26th** from 2-3 PM in the church fellowship room.

One of the crafts planned is also a service project for our shut-ins and nursing home residents, treat bags with the message: God Provides - "I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you." Isaiah 41:10.

Donations needed for the treat bags: gum, small Cokes, small bottles of water, purse size Kleenex, Ritz cracker packets (peanut butter or cheese), small Hershey bars, small Oreos, Hershey Kisses, individually wrapped hard candy, and small hand sanitizer. A designated donation tote is in the gathering space.

Any questions please call or email Vicki Howarth 812-343-6967, dvhowarth@comcast.net. Thank you!

HARVEST MISSION... Do you have an abundance from your garden? This abundance is from the Lord and can be a blessing to others! Bring your surplus, produce, flowers, and plants to the table in the gathering space **any Sunday**. Any one is welcome to take donated items from the table. If you so choose and are able, consider

making a donation to support our food pantry and help others in need. If you have questions, please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142. Thanks to our LWML for sponsoring this endeavor.

ECM STAFFING UPDATE... We are pleased to announce the addition of two preschool teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. Glory Wofford will be the lead teacher for the Little Lambs Preschool Class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alyssa Schultz will serve as the lead teacher for the Little Doves preschool class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Alyssa is a member of St. John's, White Creek. Please pray for our school and staff, and continue to promote our school to your family and friends!

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.

THANKS TO... all who supported the baby bottle campaign for Clarity and Step Up 4 Life for Lutherans for Life.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, June 8th

Divine Service Attendance: **345**; Communion: **263**
General Fund: **\$ \$9,466.19** Weekly Need: \$15,933
Extending Christ's Love: \$8,158 Including: \$6,510
Rummage Sale proceeds; \$100 In Honor of Colin and Linda Scheidt's 50th Wedding Anniversary

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Claudia Sims, Caroline Wilcox, Amy Yeley

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