

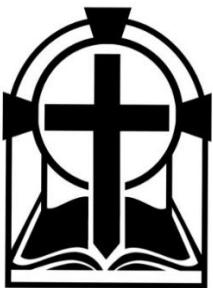


The Hands of the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Sunday

10:45 AM Service

May 11, 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

Youth class (grades 7-12) meet in the confirmation classroom to watch and discuss the *Luther* movie led by Pastor Bauman

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 Tabitha Hall

10:45 AM Service Emma Gibson

Church Calendar

Today

Good Shepherd Sunday & Mother's Day

Clarity Baby Bottle Campaign Begins

Step Up 4 Life Begins

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

June/July Newsletter Deadline

6 PM Finance Committee Meeting

7 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday

Noon Staff Meeting

5:30 PM Church Reserved

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

6:00 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

7:15 PM Education Board Meeting

Friday

Last Day of School for Kindergarten

6:30 PM Closing Chapel and Celebration

Next Sunday

Recognition Sunday

Graduates Recognized at Both Services

New Members and Sunday School

Teachers Recognized at the beginning of 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

Noon Lunch

Noon-1:15 PM KfC

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

1:30 PM Youth Board and Counselors Meeting

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving of Heidi Smith's baptism by her family.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED... and are available on the table in the gathering space. If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture, there is a copy with your name on it. If your picture is not included in the directory but would like a directory, they are available for a \$10 donation.

Good Shepherd Sunday—10:45 AM Service

Prelude

Sr. Handbells: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*—D. Edwards
Beautiful Savior—arr. Dan Mau

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bell

Baptism Hymn

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism Heidi Marie Smith

page 268

Reception of New Members Joe and Amanda Smith

Entrance Hymn

please stand **710**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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

First Reading

Acts 20:17-35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Second 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.

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.

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter. **G Glory to You, O Lord.**

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, but you do not believe because you are not among My sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

The Hands of the Good Shepherd

John 10:22-30

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

Handbell Solo: *When Peace Like a River* (LSB 763)

Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 160-163

Distribution

Hymns: **687, 468, 466, 625, 480**

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

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Postlude

Freu dich sehr—G. Böhm

The Hands of the Good Shepherd—John 10:22-30

The hands of your Good Shepherd...

...p_____ for you.

...p_____ you.

...g_____ you.

...r_____ you.

...h_____ you and keep you.

LIVING THE SERMON... As you listen to the sermon today, rejoice that you are in the hand of your Good Shepherd now and forever. Seek to follow Him as He leads you throughout your life, and receive the spiritual nourishment He gives to you through His Word.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... On this Mother's Day, rejoice in the gift of mothers and their hands that love, care, and serve. Pray for mothers to have strength, wisdom, and patience as they serve their children. Pray for couples who desire children and are unable to conceive, and for families struggling with conflict and division, and for families experiencing grief and sorrow.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[Jesus said:] A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.* John 16:16

Next Sunday's Readings Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

Recognition Sunday is next Sunday, May 18th

Please plan to attend worship and Sunday School on this day of recognizing and rejoicing!

Recognition of Graduates: At both services, we will recognize and pray for our high school and college graduates.

If you are graduating, please contact Mackenzie Wint in the church office at secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org with the school you are graduating from and your future plans so that you can be included in the bulletin that day.

Recognition of New Members: At the beginning of Sunday School, we will recognize those who have joined our congregation in the past six months. Please plan to attend and welcome our newest members!

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers: We are blessed with dedicated Sunday School teachers and staff. As we end the school year, we will recognize and thank these faithful servants at the beginning of Sunday School.



Extending Christ's Love Update

Thanks for your prayers and your faithful and generous support of Extending Christ's Love. We have received some generous blessings these past weeks, and we want to share this good news with you!

First, at the end of March, we surpassed the \$1 million mark in total income for Extending Christ's Love. The 64-month Fulfillment Phase of our Extending Christ's Love campaign began September 1, 2024. By March 31st, in seven short months, total income has surpassed \$1 million! During this time, we have received additional pledges and gifts, as well as church members increasing their pledges or paying ahead on their pledges. The more that we are able to contribute now the less we will need to finance later on. We are so thankful for your generous support!



Second, we have been blessed with two generous pledges in the past weeks. The first gift which has been received is for \$65,000. A portion of this gift is designated for the new playground and outside patio area, which will be in a secure area behind the Christian Education Center. The designated portion of this pledge is to provide **matching funds** for the costs associated with this area (playground equipment, rubber mulch, fencing, landscaping). Having received this pledge, we are determining the total cost for this area, with the goal that by the beginning of the school year in August, we can begin a campaign to raise the additional funds, in particular reaching out to current and former early childhood ministry families to support this endeavor. The accreditation team identified playground safety and security as one of our greatest weaknesses that must be addressed. This generous gift will enable us to provide a safe, secure, and age-appropriate playground area for our early childhood ministry students.

The second pledge is \$20,000 for furnishings for the Chapel and Great Hall area of the Christian Education Center. This gift, given in memory of Bob and Bonnie Risk, will be applied to the costs of installation of the stained-glass windows, chairs, tables, and other furnishings for this area that will be the hub of mission and ministry.

As a church family, we all have the opportunity to raise additional funds for Extending Christ's Love: Our Rummage Sale is quickly approaching on **June 6-7**. Gather new or gently used items for the sale. Large items can be stored in the chapel. All other donations should be brought to the church between Sunday, May 18th and Tuesday, June 3rd. Serve before or at the Rummage Sale: We need many volunteers to assist on Wednesday-Thursday, June 4th-5th to set up for the sale and on June 6th and 7th during the sale. Sign-up in the gathering space.

Youth Events

KFC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Next Sunday, May 18th: Join us from noon-1:15 PM for lunch, devotions, fellowship, and fun as we celebrate the end of the school year!

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

Today and next Sunday, May 18th: Youth in grades 7-12 will meet together in the confirmation classroom to watch and discuss the *Luther* movie during the Sunday School hour.

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 Pastor Bauman.



IN OUR PRAYERS... **Baptism:** Heidi Smith; **New Members:** Joe, Amanda, and Heidi Smith; **Sick and Recovering:** Mark Wint, Callan Jones, Gloria Schultz, Amy Yeley, Dennis Peters, Pastor Stache, Ray Cline, Sandy Lagneau, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Lynn Hoeltke, Bob Runge, Jill Scheidt, Pam Jenkins, 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), Jean Joyner (Nancy Dyer's sister), Candice Rominger (Clearys' friend), Amy Coombs (Darlene Bower's friend), Judy Parker (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Angela Vennemann (Elizabeth Tucker/Daniel Wint's cousin), Margaret Osman (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); **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)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS... We rejoice that Joe, Amanda, and Heidi Smith will be received into our family of faith at the 10:45 AM service this morning. Heidi will be adopted into the family of God through Holy Baptism. Her godparents are her grandparents Jerry and Amy Boger. Joe and Amanda will be received into our church family through confirmation. We pray God's richest blessings on Joe, Amanda, and Heidi as they with us are fed, led, and blessed by Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

EASTER PEOPLE ARE FOR LIFE PEOPLE... Our God is the God of Life. He is our Creator and He has given us eternal life. There are two opportunities for you to

support the for life mission and ministry of Clarity and Lutherans for Life.

Clarity Baby Bottle Campaign begins **today** on Mother's Day and continues through Father's Day on **Sunday, June 15th**. Please pick up a bottle and fill it with change or bills and return it on or before June 15th.

LFL wants you to Step Up 4 Life! Register now to join our St. Paul Step Up 4 Life team and assist Lutherans for Life in its efforts to proclaim that every life is indispensable and has intrinsic value given by God. The walking campaign runs from **today-June 24th**, and we need your help in earning steps while raising money for Lutherans For Life and its Gospel-motivated and life-affirming ministry. Please see Michelle Bauman and David Probst in the gathering space between services today to learn more about Step Up 4 Life and register for our St. Paul team!

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
- + 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.

KINDERGARTEN CLOSING CHAPEL AND CELEBRATION... You are invited to join our kindergarten students and their families for their closing chapel and celebration **this Friday, May 16th** at 6:30 PM.

JR. CHOIR SINGING... The Jr. Choir sings for the final time in the 2024-2025 school year **next Sunday, May 18th**. Children should be in the music room by 7:30 AM to rehearse.

COMMUNION WAFER MAKING... You are invited to serve with us as we make Communion wafers on **Wednesday, May 21st** beginning at 10:45 AM in the church kitchen.

EDUCATION BUILDING FLOOR CLEANING... The floors in the education building will be cleaned and waxed **Wednesday-Saturday, May 21st-24th**. The church office will be closed and there will be limited access to the building. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact a pastor directly.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL... begins **Sunday, May 25th**. The children's class (three years old-fifth grade) will engage in a study called *Delivered*, focusing on how God gives us His good gifts through the means of grace. This class meets in the third-fourth grade Sunday School classroom.

The SPY and C4Life class will be pastor-led this summer with the theme: *Hey Pastor, what about...?* Youth can submit questions in the box in the confirmation room or by texting Pastor Bauman at 812-350-4115.

The adult class, led by Pastor Fickenscher, will continue their study of the *Large Catechism*.

Please make the commitment to be and grow in the Word during the summer!

RUMMAGE SALE... Our Rummage Sale to benefit Extending Christ's Love is **June 6-7, and your help is needed!** Please continue to gather items for the sale. Larger items can be stored in the chapel. Donations can be brought to church beginning **next Sunday, May 18th**. Volunteers are needed to set up for the Rummage Sale on June 4-5, and to serve during the sale on June 6-7. Please sign up in the gathering space. If you have questions, contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

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.

GRANT RECEIVED... Our early childhood ministry has received a grant for \$450.96 from the Borchering Visual Arts Endowment designated for art programming at our school. This endowment is managed by the Bartholomew County Heritage Fund. We are thankful for this grant that will enrich our students' education.

THANKS TO... Today is the last Sunday that Sr. Handbells will be ringing for the 2024-2025 year. We are thankful for their faithful service in enriching the Divine Services through song.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, May 4th

Divine Service Attendance: **346**; Communion: **266**

Sunday School Attendance: **169**

General Fund: **\$13,842.76** Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: \$3,734.01 Includes: \$1,100 Bob

Risk Memorials; \$176 Bake Sale Fundraiser

Additional Gift: \$105 Radio Ministry

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

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Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow