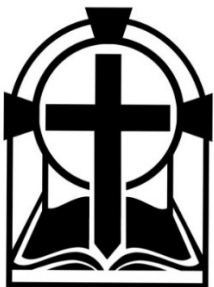




Receiving the Children

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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) meets in the conference room

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

Life Together Book Study led by Deaconess Fickenscher

Signs, Symbols, and their Meaning led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Danial Helt

10:45 AM Service Edwin Chun Escalante

Church Calendar

Today	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 Noon ECM Open House Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Confirmation Class 1:00 PM Spanish Service 4:00 PM Harvest Fest at Schroer Ranch 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Sr. Handbells 7:00 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	1:30 PM Hickory Creek Devotions
Next Sunday	All Angels Service of Song St. Michael and All Angels 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

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given to the glory of God by Chad and Debbie Sims in celebration of their 28th wedding anniversary on September 28th.

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored by Julia Bense in loving memory of her husband Ken on the occasion of his birthday.

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + October Newsletter, also online at stpaulcolumbus.org
- + October-December *Portals of Prayer*
- + New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

SIGN-UP TO SERVE IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + Fellowship Hour Hosts
- + Sunday Lunches

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost—8 AM Service

Prelude

Arioso—R. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Baptism Hymn

605

Sacrament of Holy Baptism Paul Christopher Kamman

page 268

Entrance Hymn

please remain standing **848 stanzas 1-3**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then You showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance upon them, for to You have I committed my cause.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

James 3:13-4:10

[James writes:] Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us"? But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

please stand and speak together

☞ Alleluia. Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me, but Him who sent Me. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

☞ Glory to You, O Lord.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And He did not want anyone to know, for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to You, O Christ.

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

851 stanzas 1-3

Sermon

Receiving the Children

Mark 9:30-37

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

851 stanza 4

Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 160-163

Distribution

725, 637, 547, 561, 633

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

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

please stand page 164

Closing Liturgy

page 166

Closing Hymn

848 stanza 4

Postlude

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices—P. Manz

Early Childhood Ministry Open House and Fundraiser

Following the 10:45 AM service **today**, you are invited to attend an Open House at our early childhood ministry where you can tour the classrooms, meet the staff, and view student crafts and projects.

Church and School Apparel: Our Early Childhood Ministry is hosting a fundraiser that features the church logo on sweatshirts and T-Shirts. They are offering different style Christ-centered bracelets for kids as well. Stop by the table in the gathering space. All proceeds will benefit the Extending Christ's Love Campaign.

Receiving the Children

Mark 9:30-37

While Jesus describes the salvation of the world, the disciples p_____ to discuss who is the greatest among them.

Jesus calls the disciples to repentance similar to how God called A_____ to repentance.

The Greatest became the L_____ to make us great.

We have d_____ and r_____ with Jesus, so what he does, we do.

We receive whom the world r_____.

Jesus isn't afraid to have d_____ conversations.

Next Sunday's Readings—St. Michael and All Angels Day
Service of Song with special readings.

LIVING THE SERMON... Jesus has become the Servant of all, us included, so we desire to serve all. Who are the people in our lives that we have ignored that we ought to begin to serve?

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, the Son of Man, in order that by his death and resurrection we have been made great. Strengthen us, so that we may sacrificially serve even the least, as he has done for us. Amen.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *Are [angels] not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?* Hebrews 1:14

Extending Christ's Love

Thanks for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. Total pledges and gifts have exceeded **\$4.3 million!** Your generosity is making this mission possible as we are able to proceed with the design development and architectural plans for the Christian Education Center. At the September 9th Council meeting, the Finance Committee presented the Budget Blueprint recommending the cost of the Christian Education Center not exceed \$8,125,000, which was approved by the Church Council. The Building Committee will be working with the architect to design the Christian Education Center according to the approved budget. The Finance Committee continues to apply for grants and seek additional funding for the project, which will lower the amount of long-term debt. If you would like a copy of the Budget Blueprint, please contact the church office.

Offering Envelopes for Extending Christ's Love are in the basket on the table by the front entrance. Please take as many envelopes as you need for making contributions.

Please continue to **pray** for this endeavor that Christ's love would continue to be extended through our congregation.





St. Paul
Lutheran Church

Harvest Fest

SEPTEMBER 22ND | 4PM

Schroer Ranch

9846 E. 50 N. COLUMBUS

Games, hayrides,
hymn sing & more

SUPPER SERVED AT 5:30 PM

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.
HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, DRINKS,
AND TABLE SERVICE PROVIDED.

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Connie Colgate (Grandmother of Emily Linke), Paul Meier, Ray Hall, Nancy Lipka, Barbara Hughes, Dianne Hartke, Jessica Kegeris, Jan Sherbundy, Jesse Gonsior, Bob Runge, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Jill Scheidt, Karen Hendershot, Debbie Schroer, Jill Hoeltke, Gloria Schultz, Pam Jenkins, 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), Terry Moore (Willie Hoover's aunt), 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), Dylan Eaken (South Decatur student), Marcell Williams (Bridges' friend's mother), William Leitshuh (Cleary's friend), Julie Phillips (Bonnie Nolting's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Lisa Benes (Kruger'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 and Michael Mullins (friend of the Sperry's)

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST... We rejoice as Paul Christopher Kamman, son of Karson and Julia Kamman, is baptized at the 8 AM service today. Godparents are Cassandra LaRovere and Kenton Kamman. May God bless and keep Paul in the faith all his days.

SUNDAY LUNCH MENUS...

Today: Pizza

Next Sunday, September 29: Fiesta Day

October 6: Corn Dogs with Mac n' Cheese

October 13: No Lunch Served—Fall Break Week

HARVEST MISSION... is **today and October 13th and 27th**. Share extra produce from your garden with your church family and make a donation for these items, if you are so inclined. Donations go to our Food Pantry to purchase milk, eggs, meats, etc. If you have questions, please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142.

JR. CHOIR SINGING NEXT SUNDAY... The Jr. Choir (grades 2-6) will sing at both services **next Sunday, September 29th**. Jr. Choir members should be in the music room at 7:30 AM to rehearse.

ALL ANGELS SERVICE OF SONG... St. Michael and All Angels is a festival day commemorated on September 29th since the fifth century. The purpose of this celebration was to remember, teach, and celebrate the work of the angels. Since St. Michael and All Angels falls on Sunday this year, we will have a Service of Song **next Sunday, September 29th** featuring our choirs and special instrumentation as we celebrate though Word and song, the ministry of God's holy angels.

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 on **Tuesday, October 1st** 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:** Currently there is an abundance of donations that need to be sorted and boxed. If you can volunteer during regular hours, please consider doing so.

Donations of gently used clothing and furnishings are needed and appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at any time at the trailer located on the east side of the warehouse.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION... Dee Schurman will be 90 on October 22nd! Her children invite you to come celebrate with us and wish her a Happy Birthday on **Saturday, October 5th** from 2-4 PM in the fellowship room. Refreshments will be served, no gifts please.

LUTHERAN HERITAGE SPEAKER... Grace Lutheran, Columbus invites you to their annual Lutheran Heritage Speaker on **Saturday, October 5th**. Presenter is Dr. Paul Grime from the Fort Wayne Seminary on *The Reformer as Musician*. The presentation will focus on the importance of Luther's musical legacy in helping inform and strengthen the laity during the Reformation and to this day. The presentation begins at 6:15 PM. A pitch-in supper begins at 5:30 PM with meat and drinks provided. If you plan to attend the meal, please RSVP by calling the church at 812-372-4859 or online at gracecolumbus.org.

LWML SUNDAY... is **Sunday, October 6th**. We will celebrate and also pray for the outreach endeavors of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We will also receive a special mite box offering on October 6th. Women are encouraged to wear purple. For more information about the LWML, please contact President Sariina Kalli at run4evr7@hotmail.com.

HONEY SUNDAYS... Our LWML is sponsoring Honey Sundays on **Sundays, October 6th and 13th**. Bottles of honey are available for a suggested donation of \$10 with proceeds benefiting Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Honey will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

LIFE CHAIN... You are invited to participate in the Life Chain on **Sunday, October 6th** from 2-3 PM in front of Columbus City Hall. The Life Chain is an opportunity to make a public, prayerful, and peaceful stand for Life.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY... It's time for a new church directory! Pictures will be taken on **Thursday and Friday, October 24-25** from 3-8:30 PM and **Saturday, October 26** from 10 AM-4 PM. Please sign-up in one of the following ways:

- + Use the QR code
- + Go to the link at our website stpaulcolumbus.org
- + Sign-up in the gathering space on Sundays, September 29th and October 6th.



Submitted Pictures: If you cannot make the photo session, please submit your picture to a member of the church staff by Sunday, October 20th.

Donations Appreciated: We are requesting a \$10 donation for all who have the pictures taken and for all who submit a picture. All participants (both pictures taken and submitted pictures) will receive a directory and those who have their picture taken will receive an 8x10 portrait.

Activity Pictures Needed: We are looking for pictures to be included in the directory of church activities, events, and ministry groups from the past 3-5 years. Please upload pictures using the QR code.

LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS... The Church Council has authorized the replacement of dead and dying trees and shrubs. Total cost is \$6,025. If you would like to give a designated gift for this project, please use your designated gift envelope, indicating that your gift is for landscaping. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Dan Schroer or Bruce Pollert.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, September 15th

Divine Service Attendance: **327**; Communion: **263**

Sunday School Attendance: 191

Offering: **\$8,906.68**

Needed Weekly: \$15,397

Extending Christ's Love: \$37,600

Additional Gifts: \$210 Radio Ministry

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

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