



Grace Upon Grace to the Centurion

Palm Sunday

March 29, 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
Bible Study meets in the fellowship room studying the Nicene Creed

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Jace Vogel
10:45 AM Service Caroline Glick

Church Calendar

Today	Palm Sunday <i>Children Process with Palms</i> 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 Easter Egg Hunt Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:30 PM Youth Confirmation 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 Sr. Handbells 7:00 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	Maundy Thursday 6:45 PM Divine Service
Friday	Good Friday <i>School is in session</i> 10:00 AM Morning Service 10:45 AM Together as Family 10:45 AM-2 PM SPY and C4Life Servant Event, Lunch, and Activities 6:45 PM Communion Service of Darkness—English and Spanish
Saturday	Church Reserved
Next Sunday	Easter Sunday Mite Box Sunday <i>Children Process with Alleluia Banners</i> 7:00 AM Festival Divine Service 7:30 AM-9:45 AM Easter Breakfast Served 9:00 AM Festival Divine Service 9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 10:45 AM Festival Divine Service—English and Spanish 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given by Bruce and Natalie Pollert in thanksgiving for their 47th wedding anniversary.

The Order of Divine Service

Palm Sunday

Prelude

Jr. Handchimes: *Prelude for Seven*
Jr. Handbells: *Prelude in g minor*
Prelude in G Major

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship.

Ringling of the Bell

Choral Call to Worship Jr. Choir

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (443 stanza 1)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

Procession with Palms

Please stand and turn to face the back of the church.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel." And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised Him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the whole world has gone after Him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Processional Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna stanzas 2 and 3



2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;



The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Text and tune: Public domain

Collect of the Day

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Words of prophecy concerning the Servant of the LORD, the Promised Messiah.

The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens My ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps Me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates Me is near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; who will declare Me guilty?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ, the faithful servant, humbles Himself to death on the cross.

[Paul writes:] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a

servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Please remain seated and speak together

G He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:11-66

The Gospel will be read as a narration. The congregation will speak those sections indicated in bold type.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 27th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

Narrator: Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him,

Pilate: Are You the king of the Jews?

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: You have said so.

Narrator: But when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer. Then Pilate said to Him,

Pilate: Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?

Narrator: But He gave no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

Narrator: For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife: Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of Him today in a dream.

Narrator: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Narrator: And they said:

Congregation: Barabbas, Barabbas.

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?

Narrator: They all said,

Congregation: Let Him be crucified!

Narrator: And he said,

Pilate: Why, what evil has He done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: Let Him be crucified!

Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Narrator: And all the people answered,

Congregation: His blood be on us and on our children!

Narrator: Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, Soldier: Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator: And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry His cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of the Skull), they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. And over His head, they put the charge against Him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying,

Congregation: You, who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Narrator: So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying:

Congregation: He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God.'

Narrator: And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way.

Out of deep respect and gratitude, please stand for the words that record the death of Christ.

Narrator: Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying:

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator: That is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

Congregation: This man is calling Elijah.

Narrator: And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. But the others said:

Congregation: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.

Narrator: And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

Congregation: Truly this was the Son of God!

Narrator: There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Congregation: Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while He was still alive, "After three days I will rise." Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples go and steal Him away and tell the people, "He has risen from the dead," and the last fraud will be worse than the first.

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.

Narrator: So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

444

Sermon

Grace Upon Grace to the Centurion

Mathew 27:11-66

Nicene Creed

please stand page 191

Prayers

Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 194-198

Distribution

442, 454 stanzas 1-4, 441, 531, 634

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

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

please stand

P Let us pray....one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

454 stanza 5

Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna—J. Kerr

Holy Week Services and Special Events

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

6:45 PM Divine Service concluding with the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 3rd

10 AM Morning Service *ECM students and Sunday School Children second grade and younger sing*

10:45-11:30 AM Together as Family Activities in the Fellowship Room

10:45 AM-2 PM SPY and C4Life Service, Lunch, and Activities

6:45 PM Divine Service concluding with the Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday, April 5th

7, 9, and 10:45 AM Festival Divine Service *with children procession of Alleluia Banners*

7:30-9:45 AM Easter Breakfast Served by Youth Families

No Christian Education Classes on Easter

Grace Upon Grace to the Centurion

What did the centurion and the soldiers under his command see and hear on Good Friday?

By grace, the centurion and the other soldiers confess: "Truly this was the S_____ of G_____."

F_____ kept the disciples from making the good confession on Good Friday.

By grace, the Holy Spirit gives you the courage and power to make the good confession: Jesus w_____ and i_____ and w_____ always be the Son of God!

Maunder Thursday at 6:45 PM *Grace Upon Grace to Peter; Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; John 13:1-17, 31-35*

Good Friday at 10 AM *Grace Upon Grace to the Thief of the Cross; 1 Peter 1:18-21; Luke 23:33-47*

Good Friday at 6:45 PM *Grace Upon Grace to Mary; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 18:1-19:42*

Easter Sunday at 7, 9, and 10:45 AM

Grace Upon Grace to Paul; Exodus 14:10-15:1; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

LIVING THE SERMON... By God's grace, the centurion and many of the soldiers under his command made the good confession. By grace, you have been given the faith and the courage to confess Christ before others. Consider those you know who need to hear this good confession and how you can witness to them concerning the grace of God in Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks that Jesus the Son of God offered His life for you on the cross. Give thanks that by God's grace, you believe in Jesus to be the Son of God and your Savior and that are empowered to confess Christ before others. Seek forgiveness when fear has kept you from confessing Christ.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain.* 1 Corinthians 15:10a

Extending Christ's Love

In Matthew's account of Palm Sunday, he records that children were also shouting out, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" This angered the religious leaders. Jesus responds to their indignation by quoting the Psalm, "Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise."

On this Palm Sunday, our children raise their hosannas of praise. Our Christian Education Center will provide the space and place for children and adults to learn about Jesus, the Son of God, and to worship and praise Him. In the Christian Education Center, opportunities will abound to receive the Word of the Lord and to respond with praise in our early childhood ministry, Sunday School, Spanish worship services and Bible studies, confirmation instruction, and youth Bible studies and events.



Rummage Sales: We will host two Rummage Sales this summer in the chapel. The first will be Friday-Saturday, **June 12-13**. For this sale, we are seeking donations of furniture, household items, and adult clothes. The second is **July 17-18** and will focus on children's clothes, toys, and furniture. In addition, you are encouraged to host a Rummage Sale at your house with proceeds benefiting Extending Christ's Love. For more information, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786.

Thanks for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. Please continue to pray that for generations to come, hosannas of praise will sound forth from this place to the glory of our Savior and King!

Youth Events

All Youth Families—Upcoming Youth Fundraiser

Next Sunday, April 5th—Easter Breakfast

The sign-up sheet for Easter breakfast is posted in the gathering space. Youth families please sign up to bring a breakfast casserole or other food items needed for the Easter breakfast. Breakfast casseroles should be brought cooked and hot to the church kitchen by 7:30 AM on Easter Sunday. All other donations should be delivered to the church kitchen by Good Friday at 10 AM.



KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Today—Procession of Palms and Easter Egg Hunt

Children are invited to process with palms at either service. Please arrive in the gathering space ten minutes before the service.

Families are invited to go to the Fellowship Room after the 10:45 AM worship service for devotions and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Good Friday, April 3rd—Together as Family Day

Following the 10 AM Good Friday service, please join us in the fellowship room for activities from 10:45-11:30 AM that will reinforce the significance of this day and build on our *Grace Upon Grace* Lenten theme. The early childhood ministry children and Sunday School children second grade and younger will be singing at the 10 AM service.

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Alleluia Banner Procession

Children are invited to process with Alleluia Banners at the 7, 9, or 10:45 AM service. Please arrive in the gathering space ten minutes before the service.

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

Today, March 29th—Hide Easter Eggs

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

Good Friday, April 3rd—Servant Event, Lunch, and Fellowship

Youth are encouraged to attend the 10 AM Good Friday service. After the service, youth will assist with Together as Family, set-up for the Easter breakfast, enjoy lunch together, and participate in fun and fellowship in the afternoon. Pick-up is at 2 PM.

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Serve Easter Breakfast

Youth and families should plan to assist with serving and cleanup for the Easter breakfast. Youth attending the 7 AM service are encouraged to serve after the service. Youth attending the 9 and 10:45 AM services are encouraged to serve before they attend worship.

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

Thrivent Members—Choice Dollars Designation

Thrivent members are given Choice Dollars to designate to their church or some other nonprofit organization. Choice Dollars expire **this Tuesday, March 31st**. 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.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786.

Stewarding HIS Gifts

There are multiple ways to give to St. Paul. You can always donate online through the website or the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. **You can make a one-time donation or schedule weekly or monthly donations that you can adjust or cancel at any time.** If you have a question about donating to St. Paul or any information below, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org.

Extending Christ's Love Pledges

Do you need a reminder about what you pledged for Extending Christ's Love, or do you need an update on how much you have already donated? Fulfilling your Extending Christ's Love pledge is an essential part of our overall financial plan for the project. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Financial Updates

The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) rules allow IRA owners to make a direct transfer from their IRA to a qualified charity without including the distribution in taxable income. Eligible individuals may contribute up to \$111,000 in 2026 directly from their IRA to a charitable organization such as St. Paul Lutheran Church. These transfers can also be applied toward satisfying their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. Please consult with your tax advisor about your specific situation. A QCD from an IRA can be an excellent way to give to St. Paul.

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 about your specific situation.

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!** You can donate stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to the SGO and receive a 50% tax credit! Please consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice. You can visit www.lutheransgo.org for more information!

2025-2026 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal: \$135,000 Amount Raised as of February 28, 2026: \$92,753

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Henry Wischmeier (surgery Tuesday), Tim Scheidt (surgery Thursday), Marie Tellman, Phyllis Fox, Julia Bense, Doug Essex, Danny Johnson, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Katrina Smith, Sheila Shaffer, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Dawn Seifer (Ethan's mother/surgery on Wednesday), Lisa McGaha (Don and Debbie Schroer's friend), Katy Garza (Clearys' niece), Al and Pat Abrams (Pam Roth's brother and sister-in-law), Evan Dunn (Oliver's friend), Sherri Heath (Sally Haak's sister), 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), 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, Marcia Carson and Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friends), Jami Maher (Joanne Kirby's niece), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), 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 (Sperrys' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative), Devin Klein (Adam and Kristy Hall's nephew)

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + April newsletter, also available online
- + 2025 Contribution Statements
- + April-June *Portals of Prayer*
- + New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today, March 29th Spaghetti and Meatballs
Next Sunday, April 5th No Lunch Served—Easter
April 12th Sandwich Bar
April 19th Chicken Nuggets—KfC Day

EASTER EGG HUNT... is **this morning** following the second service. Join us in the fellowship room for devotions and our egg hunt. Bags are provided.

TOGETHER AS FAMILY... Following the 10 AM Good Friday Service on **April 3rd**, families are invited to stay for activities that reinforce the truths of this sacred day and build on our Lenten theme of *Grace Upon Grace*.

ALLELUIA BANNER PROCESSION... Children are invited to process with Alleluia Banners at our Easter services **next Sunday**. Please arrive in the gathering space ten minutes before the service.

EASTER BREAKFAST... will be served by youth families from 7:30-9:45 AM. Please enjoy breakfast after the 7 AM service or before the 9 and 10:45 AM services. The menu is ham and sausage casseroles (gluten free/dairy free options available), biscuits and gravy, pastries, fruits, and drinks. The freewill offering benefits our youth ministry.

MITE BOX SUNDAY... is **next Sunday, March 1st**. Offerings received in the LWML Mite Boxes support district and national LWML mission grants.

MOMS IN THE WORD... All mothers and their children are invited to attend our monthly Moms in the Word gathering on **Monday, April 6th** at 10 AM in the fellowship room. Join us for a devotion and fellowship!

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, April 7th** 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES... on **Wednesday, April 8th** at 6 PM. We will continue our study of Isaiah. All are welcome to join us.

MEN'S GATHERING... is **April 9th-12th** at Camp Lakeview. The theme is *Guarding our First Charge* with speakers Dr. Donna Harrison and Indiana LCMS District President Richard Stuckwisch. For more information or to register, visit mensgathering.us.

COLUMBUS ZONE SPRING LWML GATHERING... is **Saturday, April 11th** at St. John's Lutheran Church, White Creek. Registration and breakfast will begin at 9 AM, with a program to follow and a luncheon to close the gathering.

CONFESSION OF FAITH AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY... Our confirmands will offer their Confession of Faith during the Sunday School hour on **Sundays, April 19th and 26th**. On Sunday, April 19th, the fellowship hour will honor our confirmands. During Sunday School, they will answer questions drawn from the Scriptures. On Sunday, April 26th, they will offer their Confession of Faith presentations during the Sunday School hour. During the 10:45 AM service, they will be confirmed and receive their first Communion.

ECM CARNIVAL... The Early Childhood Ministry Board is hosting the CARnival on **Saturday, May 2nd** from 2-4 PM. This year's CARnival will have a Hawaiian theme. The ECM board is seeking volunteers to host a booth at the event. Booths may include a fun activity or game; prizes will be provided. Please contact Andrea Cotton to sign up for a booth at 812-344-4580 or amorris1525@gmail.com.

ECM REGISTRATION... *Help us promote our 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. The Little Doves class (four-year-olds) is currently full and a waiting list has started, but openings remain in the Little Lambs and Kindergarten classes. Please contact Director Jen Probst (812-376-6504; director@stpaulcolumbus.org) for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

Easter Breakfast: Openings remain for breakfast casseroles and other food items. Please sign up **today** in the gathering space. Breakfast casseroles should be brought to the church kitchen baked and warm by 7:30 AM next Sunday. All other food items should be brought to the kitchen by Good Friday at 10 AM.

VBS Craft Donations and Helpers: Shoeboxes and empty toilet paper rolls are needed for VBS crafts. Donations can be placed in the box in the gathering space. If you are interested in helping with crafts, please contact Vicki Howarth, 812-343-6967 via text or call; or email at dvhowarth@comcast.net.

Small Group Bible Study Leaders: If you are interested in hosting a small group, please contact Crista Burbrink, Chad Fohne, Sarah Lewis, or Jen Probst. Small group leaders will be supported with topical resources, church staff guidance, and much more.

Summer Sunday School: Volunteers are needed to teach during Summer Sunday School May 24th-August 2nd. There are two classes—children's class (preschool-fifth grade) and youth class (sixth-twelfth grade). Materials will be provided. Please sign up in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please contact DCE Probst.

THANKS TO...

- + the LWML for hosting the Lenten supper and silent auction and to all who participated in the silent auction.
- + all who donated candy for the Easter egg hunt.
- + all who supported the Just Friends Donation Drive.
- + our children and youth who participated in Jr. Handchimes and Jr. Handbells. Today is the last Sunday they are ringing for this school year.

The Response of God's People

Wednesday, March 18th

Lenten Service: **97**

Sunday, March 22nd

Divine Service: **405**

Communion: **299**

Sunday School: **193**

Offering

General Fund: \$12,097.65

Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$2,125 Including \$265 Lenten

Meal Proceeds for New Kitchen Equipment

Lutheran SGO: \$100



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