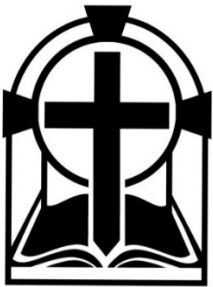




*Because YOU Say So*

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 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)  
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  
*Financial Peace University* led by the Burbrinks and Fohnes meets in the quiet room  
*Signs, Symbols, and their Meaning* led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

### Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau  
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Jaclyn Dettmer  
10:45 AM Service Elijah Stepper

## Church Calendar

*Pastor Fickenscher on Vacation 2/10-2/16*

Today	<b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes 1:15 PM Jr. Handbells 1:45 PM Choristers 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	March Newsletter Deadline 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM Matins Service</b> 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Sr. Handbells 7:00 PM Sr. Choir
Friday	5:00-9:00 PM Youth Valentine's Day Childcare
Next Sunday	<b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> Noon Lunch Noon KfC Event 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

**TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY...** is sponsored in memory of Paul and Mary Hackman by Jim and Kathy Brock.

### **IN THE GATHERING SPACE...**

+ 2024 Contribution Statements  
+ February Newsletter which includes the 2024 Annual Report

### **SUNDAY LUNCHES...**

Today: Corn Dogs and Tater Tots  
Next Sunday: February 16<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Sandwiches  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Fettuccine Alfredo  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Taco Bar  
March 9<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Nuggets (KfC Day)

The lunch sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space.  
**Please sign-up to serve!**

# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## Prelude

Small Group Handbells: *Praise for the Morning*—M. Akers  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*—M. Keller

## 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.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

Isaiah 6:1-8

[Isaiah writes:] In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

[Paul writes:] Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

*please stand and sing page 205*

**☞ 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

Luke 5:1-11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fifth chapter.

**☞ Glory to You, O Lord.**

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**☞ Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles Creed

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## Little Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

**688**

## Sermon

*Because YOU Say So*

Luke 5:1-11

## Prayer of the Church

*please stand*

## Offering

**856**

## Service of the Sacrament

*please stand pages 208-210*

## Distribution

**833** (see note below), **826, 940 stanzas 1-4, 831**

*Notes on Hymn 833: The refrain is always sung twice. The congregation sings the sections marked "All".*

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

## Closing Liturgy

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## Closing Hymn

**940 stanza 5**

## Postlude

*March in C—D. Johnson*

**LIVING THE SERMON...** Make it your purpose to follow Jesus: heart, soul, and mind. Prioritize the Word of God in your weekly schedule through regular devotions at home, and Bible study and Worship at St. Paul. A steady diet of God's Word will nourish and strengthen your faith and bring blessings to your life!

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH...** "Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word."

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.* Jeremiah 17:7

***Next Sunday's Readings—Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany***

*Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26*

# Because YOU Say So—Luke 5:1-11

What would y\_\_\_\_\_ do?

What did Peter do? Why? Did it make sense?

What was the result of listening to Jesus and doing what He said?

Why are the Words of Jesus so powerful that they can DO what they say?

What then are we to do with the Holy and Powerful Word of God?

R\_\_\_\_\_ it!

B\_\_\_\_\_ it!

O\_\_\_\_\_ it!

P\_\_\_\_\_ it!

## Youth Events

### **KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)**

Our next KfC event is **next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** from noon-1:15 PM for lunch, devotions, and activities. Please RSVP by this Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to Rachel Fohne by text or phone at 812-343-3786 or by email [rmloting@alumni.iu.edu](mailto:rmloting@alumni.iu.edu) if your child(ren) plans to attend.

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

**This Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day Childcare:** Our youth attending the National Youth Gathering will provide childcare from 5-9 PM on Valentine's Day. Youth should arrive by 4:45 PM.

**Friday-Saturday, March 7-8 Lock-In:** Mark your calendars for our annual lock-in. The lock-in will begin at church on Friday evening and conclude at Trinity Lutheran High School on Saturday morning.

### **All Youth and Youth Families**

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Supper:** Our youth groups will be sponsoring the Lenten supper. Please plan to attend and assist with this fundraising meal.

*Friends are always welcome at youth events. If you have any questions, please contact a youth counselor or Pastor Bauman.*

**IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering:** Pastor Stache, Ray Cline, Jeff Schroer, Sandy Lagneau, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Lynn Hoeltke, Jan Sherbundy, Bob Runge, Jill Scheidt, Pam Jenkins, Edward Arnold (Amanda Kruger Arnold's brother-in-law), Greg Hercamp, Mike Alesandro (Gayla's husband), Cassie Murray (Jason and

Laurie Schroer's friend), Lonnie Doty (Laurie Schroer's father), Tiffany Wilson (Karen Hendershot's cousin), Tim Sarver (Danny Johnson's friend), Jan Haak Davis (Larry Haak's cousin), Dianne Hargraves (Carolyn Schuette's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Dave Jensen (Krugers' friend), Moe Humphrey (Ray and Pat Hall's friend) Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friend), Kristina Hargitt (Kim



Chandler's friend), Amy Cockburn (South Decatur principal), Dale Christophel (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), Jim Baute (Jeff Booher's uncle), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's coworker's daughter), Marcelle Williams (Bridges' friend), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Naomi Gillespie (Haaks' great-niece); **Grieving:** Family of Fred Pollert (Bruce Pollert's brother), **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Michael Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Sam Studler (Kallis' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

**MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...** is **tomorrow, February 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**CAMP LAKEVIEW REGISTRATION...** for all summer camps began this past week. Registration for retreats, family fun days, and other programs opens **tomorrow, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. For more information and to register, visit [lakeview.camp](http://lakeview.camp).

**VALENTINE'S DAY CHILDCARE...** The youth attending the National Youth Gathering cordially invite you to participate in our upcoming national youth gathering babysitting fundraiser on Valentines Day, **this Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** from 5-9 PM at church. Taking part in this wonderful fundraiser that not only benefits our youth but also gives you a chance to enjoy a carefree night out. You can go on a date night, enjoy a movie, or just rest at home; and we'll take care of the kids at the church with fun games and activities planned for them. Freewill donation. Reserve your spot today and enjoy a night out with your loved one!

Please register your child(ren) by **this Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** through the following link <https://forms.gle/UHTFxngAmxP8Lxt77> or by texting or calling Jen Probst at 765-491-7818.

**CHARITY FUNDRAISER...** You are invited to a fundraiser to support Adicyn Otte's treatments for lupus on **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** beginning at 5 PM at the White Creek School Gym. The evening includes a chili supper, gift basket auction, and more. For more information or to donate a gift basket or make a cash donation, see the information posted in the gathering space or contact Carsyn Schlehuser at 812-447-4240 or [carsynschlehuser@gmail.com](mailto:carsynschlehuser@gmail.com).

**ALTAR GUILD WORKSHOP...** The Indiana District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is hosting an Altar Guild Workshop entitled *Sacred Time, Sacred Space, Sacred Things for a Holy People* on **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran in Dillsboro. This one-day workshop will explore some of the external concepts surrounding the worship life of the Church. The presentation was originally developed as a learning opportunity for altar guilds and those who assist in the preparation and care of the worship space. However, it is most certainly open to all who wish to learn more about how the Church year, the Church building, and the Church's items help us to proclaim Christ and Him crucified. The workshop is free, and lunch is included. For more information or to register, please contact Trinity's church office at 812-432-5406.

**CHILDREN'S TEA SOCIAL...** All St. Paul and ECM children (*boys and girls*), and accompanying adult(s), are invited to a dress-up Children's Tea Social on **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 2-3:30 PM in the church fellowship room. Flavored teas and apple juice, scones, petite sandwiches, and dainty desserts will be served (more of a snack than a meal), and an activity is being planned. The focus of the event is primarily for the children and accompanying adult to learn another country's culture by participating in a High Tea modeled after the British custom. The sign-up deadline is **next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**; this will enable us to plan appropriately. You may sign-up by emailing Vicki Howarth at [dvhowarth@comcast.net](mailto:dvhowarth@comcast.net) or through the following link: <https://forms.gle/jPtc7ha3uPpDujYC8>. A sign-up table is also available in the gathering space. Please join us for an afternoon of High Tea fun and fellowship!

Thank you to all those who have let us borrow your teacups, saucers, pots, sugars and creamers, etc. for the tea. We look forward to an enjoyable afternoon of scrumptious snacks, tea and fellowship on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3:30 PM. Your items may be reclaimed in the kitchen anytime following the tea social.

**2025-2026 ECM REGISTRATION...** is now open. Information is available on the front table in the gathering space and online at [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org). All registration is online. *Please help us promote our Christ-centered, accredited early learning center!* If you have any questions, please contact Director Jen Probst.

**OPEN ECM POSITIONS...**We are looking for quality candidates to fill the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Preschool teacher
- Teacher assistant
- Afternoon extended care teachers
- Substitute teachers

Most positions have morning responsibilities. Depending on availability, the weekly work structure can flex between Tuesday/Thursday and Monday/Wednesday/Friday. If you are interested in joining our staff, please send in your resume to secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org with a note indicating which position(s) you are interested in. We will be collecting resumes through the month of February. For additional questions, please feel free to contact Jen Probst or any member of the Early Childhood Ministry Board (Andrea Cotton, Marissa Younger, and Emily Linke).

**SPONSOR A YOUTH...** The LCMS National Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 19-23, 2025, under the theme "Endure". Next year, fourteen youth and adults from St. Paul will be attending "Endure," along with 20,000 Lutheran youth and adults from around the United States, and the WORLD!

The National Gathering is one of the major projects of the Youth Ministry Office of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The Gathering provides a great opportunity for young people and adults to boldly come together in the name of Jesus Christ to proclaim, celebrate, and witness their salvation through Him, rejoice in the fellowship of their church and be affirmed and nurtured in their lives as God's people through Word and Sacrament. Youth Gatherings provide an arena to raise the visibility of youth ministry within The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

We are inviting friends, family, and congregation members to sponsor youth attendees for the National Youth Gathering trip this summer. Your generous sponsorship gift of \$100/youth will assist the youth with the cost to attend the Gathering (approx. \$1,500 per person for travel, hotel, food, registration etc.), and provide you with an opportunity to stay connected with them while they are at the Gathering next summer.

Please prayerfully consider supporting Adam Arnholt, Isabel Burbrink, Tabitha Hall, Madeline Johnson, Emmitt Jones, Keren Lewis, Logan Warren, Luke Warren, Jesse

Wofford and Providence Wofford with a national youth gathering sponsorship gift. Your generosity will lessen the financial burden for these youth attending the gathering.

To sponsor one or more youth, please use your "Designated Offering" envelope in the back of your offering box. Indicate "Youth Sponsorship" with your gift. If you are sponsoring specific youth(s), please also indicate their name(s) on the envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact DCE Jen Probst or Pastor Bauman.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS...** Thrivent members: It's time to designate your Choice Dollars if you have not already done so. Login in to thrivent.com or call (800) 847-4836 and designate your Choice Dollars before March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Lois Wischmeier or the church office.

**BOARD POSITION OPEN...** The Aurora Circuit Church Workers Scholarship Fund (ACCWSF) is an endowment that awards scholarships to members from Aurora Circuit congregations who are preparing for fulltime church work vocations. Currently there is a position open on the governing board. Board members encourage support for ACCWSF and award scholarships. Typically, the Board meets twice a year. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Bauman.

**THANKS FROM JILL SCHEIDT...** "I give thanks to God for all of you." Randy and I are so appreciative of the beautiful cards, hugs, phone calls, visits, and meals these past months.

Jill requests your continued prayers as she and Randy travel this week to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for an extended period of evaluations and tests as well as possible surgical procedures.

**THANKS TO...** everyone who attended the euchre and game night on Friday and to the LWML for sponsoring the event.

## **The Response of God's People**

**Last Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **357**; Communion: **287**

Sunday School Attendance: **181**

General Fund: \$27,540.75      Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: \$13,928

Additional Gift: \$105 Radio Ministry

# Extending Christ's Love Update

The Building and Finance Committees continue to work diligently on developing the design and raising funds for our Christian Education Center. But what about our current facilities? What about capital improvement projects? Obviously, there are and will be needed improvements now and throughout the next five years of our Extending Christ's Love campaign. How will we fund these special projects?

20 years ago, during our Growing with Christ's Love campaign and the construction of our current church, any capital improvement project necessitated a smaller campaign to raise the needed funds. Members were asked to contribute to three funds at the same time (general fund, Growing with Christ's Love, special campaign). We met the challenge at that time and were able to make extensive repairs on the bell tower of the chapel, reroof, install new sidewalks, and repair the south wall of the education building, as well as add insulation and improve lighting in the education building, even as we continued to support Growing with Christ's Love!

Although we accomplished what needed to be done 20 years ago, our congregational leaders have been working diligently to not put us in a place of simultaneous capital campaigns. Before beginning our Extending Christ's Love campaign, we conducted our Friends of Clifty Church campaign to replace the retaining wall, make needed repairs and improvements to the chapel, and move the bell to the newly constructed bell tower.

Last year, due to hail damage, all six HVAC units were replaced at the church, funded by insurance and your generosity through your general fund giving.

Going forward, our congregational leaders have identified capital improvement projects that need to be completed. They have developed a schedule and a plan to finance these projects. Our 2025 budget includes funds for repainting the sanctuary, the final area of our church that has not been repainted recently. Repainting will occur **the weeks of February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

In the coming years, some of these capital improvement projects will be included in the proposed budget while others will be funded through the unrestricted funds managed by our Endowments, Estates, and Trusts Committee. For example, the Endowments, Estates, and Trusts Committee has set aside funds to reroof our current church building at the same time the new Christian Education Center is being shingled.

Please continue to pray for Extending Christ's Love, for our congregation, our committees, and those who will be served through our Christian Education Center.

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry**

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Caroline Wilcox, Glory Wofford, Amy Yeley

*Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow*