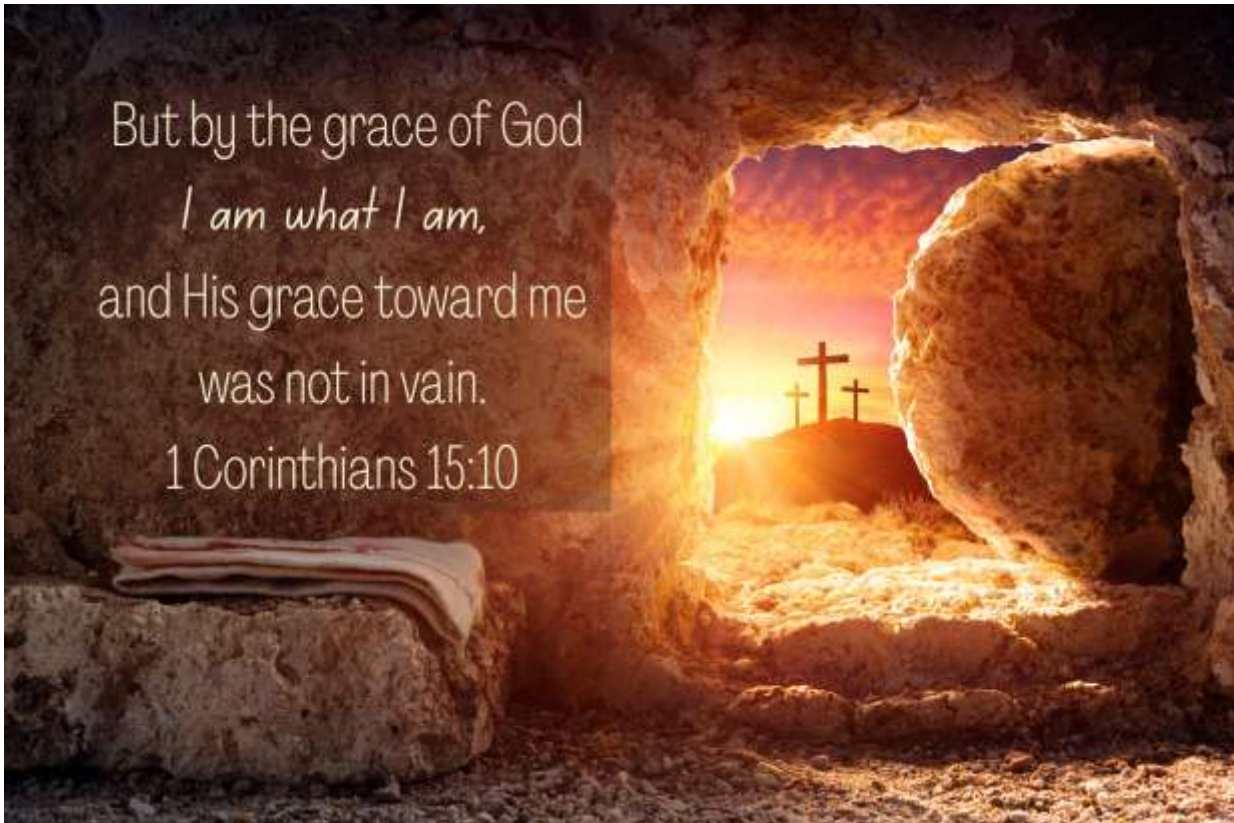


But by the grace of God
I am what I am,
and His grace toward me
was not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:10



Grace Upon Grace to Paul

Easter Sunday

April 5, 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.

Easter Breakfast

Easter breakfast is served from 7:30-9:45 AM by our youth families. Join us for breakfast casseroles (gluten free and dairy free available), biscuits and gravy, pastries, fruit, and drinks. The freewill offering benefits our youth ministry.

Christian Education Opportunities

There is no Sunday School this morning.

The following classes resume next Sunday.

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

Adult Bible Study meets in the fellowship room

Church Calendar

Today	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
Monday	10:00 AM Moms in the Word 10:00 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Tuesday	8:20 AM Easter Chapel for Little Lambs 9 AM-Noon Orphan Grain Train Work Day 12:15 PM Staff Meeting
Wednesday-Saturday	Mackenzie Wint on Vacation
Wednesday	8:20 AM Easter Chapel for Little Doves and Kindergarten 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
Saturday	9:00 AM LWML Rally at White Creek
Next Sunday	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 Lunch 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:15-2:00 PM 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

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 LUNCHESES...

Today, April 5th No Lunch Served—Easter

April 12th Sandwich Bar

April 19th Fundraiser—Nicaraguan cuisine and hotdogs—KfC

Day

April 26th No Lunch Served—Confirmation Sunday

Easter Festival Service

As We Gather... *Grace Upon Grace* is the theme of our sermon series. Through this Lenten season, we have witnessed God's abundant grace in action to undeserving people throughout the Scriptures and rejoiced that we are on the receiving end of God's free and unconditional grace. On this festival day, our theme is *Grace Upon Grace to Paul*. Paul, a hater of Christ, a persecutor of Christians. However, God's grace is for Paul as well. As Paul reflects on Christ's death and resurrection and God's abundant grace, he confesses: "By the grace of God I am what I am." This is our glorious confession as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection.

Prelude

7 AM and 9 AM Services: *Praeludium in C*, BuxWV 137—D. Buxtehude
Sr. Handbells: *Easter Bells*—S. Tucker
10:45 AM Service: *Praeludium in G*—N. Bruhns

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Invocation and Opening Verses

Please stand and face the processional cross

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Alleluia! Christ has risen, as He said. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

C Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

P Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

C Because He lives, we will live also!

P Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

C Death has been swallowed up in victory!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn with children's Alleluia Banner Procession

Hymn 463

After "burying" our Alleluias during Lent, we raise our Alleluias in praise to our risen Savior.

Confession of Sins

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C Amen.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise


Refrain




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:10-15:1

The LORD delivers His people from slavery and certain death by miraculously parting the Red Sea.

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

At the 7 AM Service, the psalm will be spoken responsively as outlined below.

At the 9 AM and 10:45 AM services, the choir will sing the psalm in its entirety, using the choral setting by R Proulx.

P This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us be glad!

C **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us be glad!**

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; God's love endures forevermore. So let the children of Israel say: God's love endures forevermore!

C **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us be glad!**

P The Lord's right hand has triumph brought; the Lord's right hand has raised me up. I shall not die but I shall live, singing of all God's mighty deeds!

C **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us be glad!**

P The stone the builders would not use has now become the cornerstone. Such wonders are the work of the Lord, and they are marvels in our sight!

C **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us be glad!**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul recounts Christ's resurrection and confesses, "By the grace of God I am what I am."

[Paul writes:] Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession

Please stand and face the processional cross as it moves to the center of the congregation for the Gospel reading.

The reading of the Gospel from the midst of the congregation serves as a visible reminder that on Easter night Christ appeared and stood in the midst of His disciples.

7 AM Service

Hymn 488

9 AM and 10:45 AM Services

Choir: *Christ Being Raised*—J. Behnke (Romans 6:9—text printed below)

Alleluia! Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; Death has no more dominion over Him. Alleluia!

Easter Gospel

John 20:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look

in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Please remain standing as the cross is returned to its place

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

7 AM Service: **482**

9 AM and 10:45 AM Services: **483** *Choir sings stanza one*

Sermon

Grace Upon Grace to Paul

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon Notes are on page 8

Nicene Creed

please stand

G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition of the prayers, the following is said:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

Offering

Hymn 475

Service of the Sacrament

please stand

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

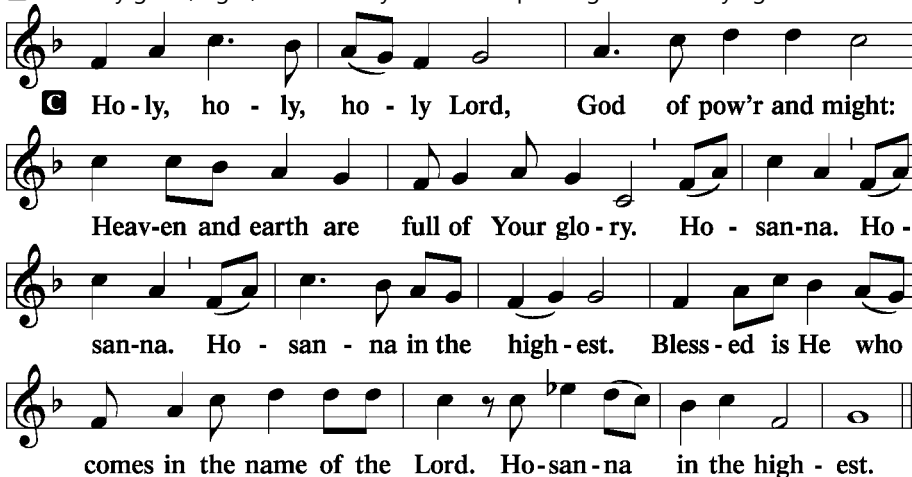
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

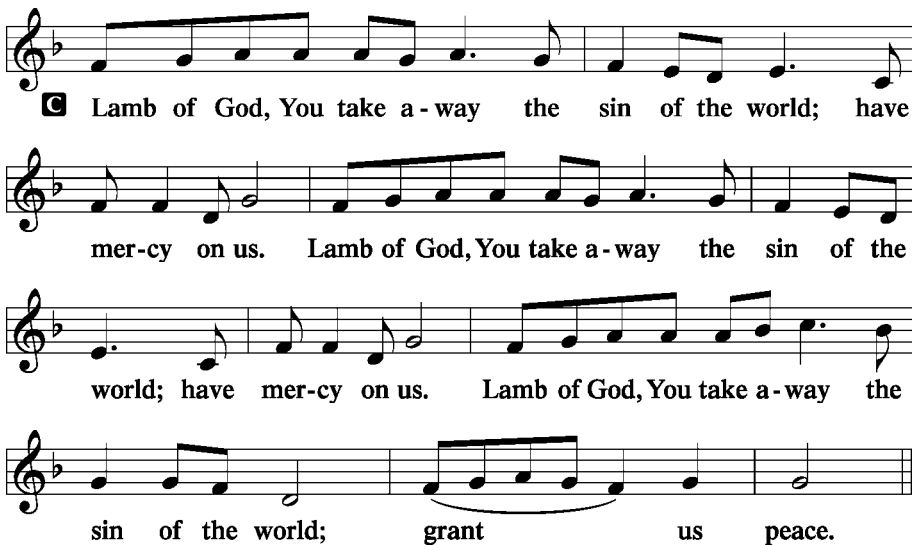
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven...

P Our Lord Jesus Christ...

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

please be seated

Distribution

7 AM Service Hymns: 487, 461, 467, 469, 458

9 AM and 10:45 AM Services Hymns: 487, 461, 467, 482, 458

Visitors—Please read the Communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin. Thank you.

Post-Communion Canticale

please stand



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

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

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you...give you peace.

C Amen.

Prayer for the Meal 7 AM Service

Recessional Hymn

Hymn 490

Postlude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God, Psalm XIX—B. Marcella

Serving Today

Organist and Choir Director

Kantor Dan Mau

Trumpeter

Caleb Abshire

Choirs

7 AM and 9 AM Services: Sr. Handbells

9 AM and 10:45 AM Services: Sr. Choir

Crucifers

7 AM Service: Isabel Burbrink

9 AM Service: Adam Arnholt

10:45 AM: Providence Wofford

Acolytes

7 AM Service: Addy Arnholt

9 AM Service: Sarah Arnholt

10:45 AM Service: Faith Wofford

Grace Upon Grace to Paul

1 Corinthians 15:1-10

What false teaching did Paul believe before he was saved?

How was Paul saved and transformed by God's grace?

What does Paul declare is of "first importance"? Why must this be of first importance for you?

Paul confesses, "By the grace of God I am what I am". How is Paul's confession also your confession of faith?

God's Word teaches us that we can use God's grace in v_____. How and when does this occur?

Next Sunday's Readings Acts 5:27-42; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

LIVING THE SERMON... *By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not in vain.* Paul's confession is our confession. Of first importance on this Resurrection Sunday, make sure that your trust is in the crucified and risen Christ and not in yourself, your works, or anyone or anything else. Consider God's free gift of grace in your life taking to heart the warning that God's grace can be in vain. Make the commitment to receive God's abundant grace through faithful and frequent worship, Bible study, devotions, and partaking of the Lord's Supper. Empowered by God's grace, seek to love, serve, and forgive others in Christ's name.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Rejoice in Christ's resurrection and God's free and abundant grace in Christ. Pray that you will always make that which is of first importance, the utmost importance in your life. Pray that you would not squander God's gift of grace but in the power of God's grace, live and love graciously.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *God exalted [Jesus] at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.* Acts 5:31-32a



A colorful poster for VBS 2026. The background is blue. At the top left, it says "FREE FOR CHILDREN 3-12 YEARS OLD". In the center, a yellow construction worker wearing a hard hat and a yellow shirt with "VBS 2026" on it stands on a pile of grey rocks. The text "BUILT ON THE ROCK" is written in large, bold, orange letters across the rocks. To the right, there is a QR code and the text "REGISTER HERE" with an arrow pointing to the QR code. At the bottom, it says "JULY 13-17 9-11:30AM". There are also illustrations of a yellow excavator and a yellow bulldozer at the bottom.

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BUILT ON THE ROCK

JULY 13-17 9-11:30AM

In a world of sinking sand, Christ is our solid Rock! Join us for a week of learning and growing as we are built up and firmly founded on the strong and powerful Word of God.

Easter Lilies

The flowers on the altar shelf are given by Tri-W

Jeff and Mary Booher
Jim and Kathy Brock
Bob and Karen Burbrink
Mick, Liesel, and Grace Murphy

Dan and Taffy Schroer
Carolyn Schuette
Chad and Debbie Sims
Joe and Ellen Weaver
Joshua Weichman

Phillip and Connie Weichman
Paul and Lisa Wendel
Henry and Lois Wischmeier
Louis and Holly Wischmeier

In Memory of...

Pastor William Stache from Jeff and Jill Baker

Erica Greathouse from the Branamans

Leslie and Betty Baugher from Beverly Campbell

Family members who were called home in 2025, Paul and Teresa Gannon and Rick Sapper from Jim and Nora Cleary

Lucy Strietelmeier from Don and Virginia Coffee

Randy Dettmer and Chris Hiatt from Jeff and Jennifer Dettmer and family

Steven Dornquast from Chad and Jayne Dornquast

Our Lord from Grace Ferguson

Doug Feller and Wayne McDaniel from Paul, Sarah, Emma and Lily Gibson

Donna Glick

Mary VonFange, my mother, and Myron Glick, my husband from Marybeth Glick

Lynn B Hoeltke and Wilbur and Lorena Hoeltke from Beverly Hoeltke

Diane Jackson and Ken Miller from Tom Jackson

Bryan Shane Sutton from Danny and Sandy Johnson

Nancy and Jerry Maslowski from the Kalli Family

Arthur Killey from Barbara Killey, Andy and Brandy Schafstall, Jason and Shannon Koester,
and Aaron and Aimee Killey, and grandchildren

Larry Kitchin (Sue's husband), Vivian Klene (Sue's mother), Daniel Klene (Sue's father),

Greg Phillips (Sue's son-in-law) from Sue Kitchin

Judy Kirkland from Scott, Kelly, Brody, Eli Kirkland and Emma White

Max and Caroline Luther from Glenda Luther

Linda Lykins from Logan and Allison Lykins and family

Jill C. Manley from Greg Manley

Homer and Fern, Mike, Jim and Kay Newton, Clive and Helen Pankow from Susan Newton and Loisann Ayala

Larry Nunn from Mary Ann Nunn; Lisa, Jason, Emma and William DeBord

Ben Pence from Evelyn Pence

Ben Pence from David and Melissa Pevlor and family

Charles and Etta Faye Forster, Walter and Wilma Sasse, Hans Gunter and Edith Lichte from John and Donna Sasse

My parents, Ken and Lillie Mae Arnholt Christopher, from Linda J Scheidt

Don and Harriett Scheidt, Keith and Beulah Thompson, Bradley Thompson, Logan Thompson,
and Sgt Jonathan Hunter from Eric and Linda Scheidt

George and Joanne Gordon and Virgil and Bettie Scheidt from Warren and Molly Scheidt

All my relatives and friends from Alex R Schuette

Virgil Seifer from Ethan Seifer

Dale and Marianne Arnholt from Carl and Mary Shaffer and family

Bob and Bonnie Risk from Scott and Renee Strietelmeier

Gene Strietelmeier from Don Strietelmeier
H Gene Strietelmeier from Don, Scott, Renee, Jacob and Suzy Strietelmeier and Sara and Paul Nash
Vern Sullivan from Judy Sullivan
John Tellman from Marie and Jan Tellman
Harold and Lois Voelz and Earl and Erika Miller and John Gottfried from Steve and Jan Voelz
Jim & Kathy Wint from Daniel and Mackenzie Wint and family
Our parents, Robert and Betty Lou Yeley and Maurice and Marian Eckelman from Mike and Wilma Yeley

In Thanksgiving for...

The gift of our children, Adam and Sarah, from Brian and Jackie Arnholt
Andrew, Savannah, Owen, Clark, Ingrid, Scarlett and James from Brian and Ashley Bostwick
Forgiveness and Salvation through Christ from Mike and Mary Bridges
God's grace from Wilbur and Bonnie England
Our Lord and our family from Dave and Vicki Howarth
God's continued blessings from Jacob and Toni Howarth
Madeline, Andrew and Lauren from Rikki and Wendy Johnson and Joe and Ellen Weaver
My LWML Family from the Kalli family
Our church family from Johnny and Sandy Lagneau
Our loving Grandparents and Family from Logan and Allison Lykins and family
All the blessings to our family from Catherine Nolting
Our sons and their families from Bruce and Natalie Pollert
Our grandchildren from Janice and Tim Scheidt
Our grandchildren from Warren and Molly Scheidt
All God's Blessings from Don and Debbie Schroer
Our family from Skip and Kris Taylor
Our children (and spouses) and grandchildren from Doug and Wendy Wiederhoeft
Granddaughter Vera and Granddaughter on-the-way from Mark and Pam Wint

In Honor of...

Kathy and Kristy Hoover from Willie Hoover
The beauty of God's sanctuary from Alex R Schuette

In Celebration of...

Toby's first birthday from Jordan and Kacey Patterson
*A special thanks to all who donated lilies to beautify our church.
Easter lilies may be taken home after the 10:45 AM Service.*

St Paul SGO Donations Exceed \$100,000

Thanks to your generosity, more than \$100,000 has been contributed to our early childhood ministry through the St. Paul Lutheran **S**cholarship **G**ranting **O**rganization. These gifts fund our mission and ministry as well as provide scholarships for families with financial need. If you haven't yet contributed to the St. Paul Lutheran SGO, please consider doing so. 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 March 31, 2026:** \$100,953

Extending Christ's Love

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The resurrection of Christ changes everything. With the apostle Paul, we confess: *By the grace of God I am what I am!*

Grace upon grace. Grace upon grace for you in Christ your risen and reigning Savior. Grace upon grace for our family of faith here at St. Paul. We are blessed to gather together to receive the *means of grace*—God's Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. And by grace, we are empowered to live and love graciously, extending this abundant grace by teaching and delivering the life-giving Word of God to young and old through our Latino outreach, early childhood ministry, youth ministry, and Christian education.

God's grace in Christ also moves us to generosity. We are humbled by your support for Extending Christ's Love. As construction begins, we rejoice that our Christian Education Center will be a place where the grace of God is proclaimed, taught, and lived.

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 for 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

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Today 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.

Sunday, April 19th Lunch and Activities

Children and their friends and parents are invited to join us for lunch at noon and for faith-building activities that conclude at 1:15 PM.

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

Today Serve Easter Breakfast

Youth and families should plan to assist with serving and cleanup for the Easter breakfast.

Sundays, April 19th and 26th Confession of Faith Sundays

Youth should plan to attend Confession of Faith during the Sunday School hour to support and encourage our 8th grade confirmands.

Sunday, May 3rd Sauce Making Day

Join us for lunch and making our famous sauce for the taco barn at the county fair. After making the sauce, we'll enjoy games and activities together. Pick-up time is 2 PM. Ground beef will be available Sunday, April 26th to take home and brown to be returned on or before May 3rd.

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



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) 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. 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Henry Wischmeier, Tim Scheidt, Bonnie Darlage, 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, Dakota Faith (Jayne Dornquast's relative), Evelyn Sapper (Nora Cleary's sister), Dawn Seifer (Ethan's mother), 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 Cleary (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)

MITE BOX SUNDAY... is today. 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 **tomorrow, April 6th** at 10 AM in the fellowship room. Join us for a devotion and fellowship!

EASTER CHAPEL SERVICES... You are invited to join our early childhood ministry families as they celebrate Christ's resurrection. The Lambs chapel is **this Tuesday, April 7th** and the Doves and Kindergarten chapel is **this Wednesday, April 8th** beginning at 8:20 AM both days.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WORK DAY... is this Tuesday, April 7th from 9 AM-noon at the Jonesville Warehouse. 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES...

this Wednesday, April 8th at 6 PM. We will continue our study of Isaiah. All are welcome to join us.

MEN'S GATHERING... is this Thursday-Sunday, 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

this Saturday, April 11th at St. John's Lutheran Church, White Creek. Registration and breakfast begins at 9 AM, with 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.

FUNDRAISING MEAL FOR MEMBERS IN NEED...

On **Sunday, April 19th**, lunch will be served after the 10:45 AM service to support Noel and Mercedes and their family, one of our Latino families. Traditional Nicaraguan cuisine will be served along with hotdogs and other familiar fare. A freewill offering will be collected. Don't miss out! Please contact Pastor Fickenscher if you have any questions or if you would like to contribute even if you can't attend the meal. Checks can be made out to St. Paul with Noel Lopez in the memo line.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUMS...

God is at work here at St. Paul and through the missions we support. We want *everyone* to be informed of all the great things going on. Please join us for Congregational Forums on **Sundays, April 26th and May 3rd** during the Sunday School hour. The Forum will begin on April 26th after our confirmands offer their Confession of Faith presentations and continue the entire Sunday School hour on May 3rd. Come and receive updates regarding what is occurring in our Latino outreach, early childhood ministry, youth ministry, Christian education, and music ministry. The Building and Finance Committees will offer reports as

well as a discussion regarding the pastoral vacancy in Faith, Madison that begins May 1st and the synodical convention this summer. Please plan to attend to learn and ask questions.

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.

JOINING OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

We would love to have you join our family of faith here at St. Paul. If you would like to find out more about our church or the process to become a member, please contact Pastor Bauman in person, by phone (812-350-4115) or by email (pastorbauman@stpaulcolumbus.org).

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. Please contact Director Jen Probst (812-376-6504; director@stpaulcolumbus.org) for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

VBS Craft Donations and Helpers:

Shoebboxes 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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...

Car Club Cruise-In is **this Saturday, April 11th** from 9 AM-1 PM at the school. Food and prizes will be available. For more information, please check out the flyer in the gathering space.

Trinity Youth Football League: Registration is open for the upcoming season. TYFL offers flag football, tackle football, and cheerleading for children kindergarten through eighth grade. To register or for more information, visit: trinityyouthfootball.com. If you are interested in serving as the seventh-eighth grade head football coach, please contact Brad Boas at tyfl@trinitycougars.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Sundays, April 19th and 26th: 9:30 AM Confirmands
Confession of Faith

Sunday, April 19th: Lunch fundraiser following second service

Sunday, April 26th: 10:45 AM Confirmation and First Communion Service

Sundays, April 26th (after confirmands Confession of Faith presentations) and May 3rd: 9:30 AM Congregational Update

Sunday, May 17th: Recognition Sunday: New members, high school and college graduates, Sunday School teachers and staff; 9:30 AM Trinity High School Presentation

THANKS TO...

- + the musicians who served at the Good Friday Evening Service: Providence Wofford and Elisabeth Laws, violin; Jesse Wofford, cello; and Katie Arnholt, handbells
- + all our musicians for enriching our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services
- + our youth families for hosting the Easter breakfast and for all who donated food for the breakfast

The Response of God's People

Wednesday, March 25th

Lenten Service: **121**

Sunday, March 29th

Divine Service: **442**

Communion: **326**

Sunday School: **156**

Offering

General Fund: \$13,639.74

Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$9,012.18

Lutheran SGO: \$8,200 including \$8,000 In honor of our dedicated ECM staff



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

Claudia Sims, Caroline Wilcox, Amy Yeley

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