



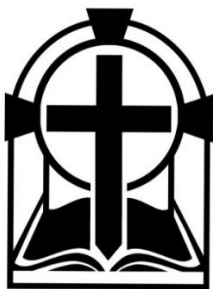
[Jesus said]
I will not leave
you as orphans;
I will come
to you.
John 14:18

Never Alone

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:45 AM Service

May 10, 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
Jr. and Sr. High Bible study led by DCE Probst in the Youth Room
Hey Pastor, what about...? led by Pastor Patterson in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Kylie Price
10:45 AM Service Ellis Sperry

Church Calendar

Today

Mother's Day

Clarity Baby Bottle Campaign Begins

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 Church Reserved

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

June/July Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:15 AM Matins Service

12:15 PM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Bible Study

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

Thursday

Ascension Day

Saturday

9:00 AM-Noon LWML Servant Event

Next Sunday

Celebration of Ascension

Ascension Service of Song

Recognition Sunday: New Members,

Graduates, Sunday School Teachers

8:00 AM Divine Service

9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

Trinity Lutheran High School Presentation

10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

Noon KfC Lunch Event

Noon SPY & C4Life Progressive Meal

12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study

12:30 PM Francis Scheidt Memorial

Dedication—Cemetery

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

CLARITY BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN... begins **today** and concludes on Father's Day. Please take a bottle or envelope, fill it up with coins and/or bills and return it to church on or before Sunday, June 21st.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE... is tomorrow. This is a combined newsletter for June and July.

Sixth Sunday of Easter—10:45 AM Service

Prelude

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight—J. Biery (Hymn 720)

Welcome and Announcements

In the Lord's Service—Clarity Baby Bottle Campaign

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Baptism Hymn

605

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Charlie Rose Rachford

page 268

Entrance Hymn

Jr. Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4

please remain standing 469

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

First Reading

Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, for "In Him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed His offspring.'

Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

[Peter writes:] Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and speak together (John 14:16)

C **Alleluia. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

821 stanzas 1-4

Sermon

Never Alone

John 14: 15-21

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 160-163

Distribution

792, 683, 556, 797 *standing for stanza 5*

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

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

please stand page 164

Closing Liturgy

page 166

Closing Hymn

821 stanza 5

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing—E. Pepping (Hymn 475)

Pastor Bauman is leading the Divine Service at Faith Madison today

Never Alone—John 14:15-21

Jesus p_____ that His followers would never be alone in this world.

Jesus is preparing His disciples—and u_____—for life after His departure.

J_____ Himself is our Advocate with the Father.

The Holy Spirit comes to dwell w_____ us and i_____ us in an intimate, personal union.

We do not trust in our f_____, which rise and fall like the tide. We trust in the sure and certain W_____ of God.

You are n_____ alone!

Next Sunday's Readings—Ascension Service of Song

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; John 14:1-6

LIVING THE SERMON... You are never alone! God is with you always. Christ died and was raised again for you. He will never leave you or forsake you. Remind yourself of that truth. Remind others who are struggling. Visit and write the sick and shut-in with this good news.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Lord, have mercy on Your people who find themselves lonely or doubt Your presence and love. Refresh them with Your love and grace through the working of the Holy Spirit. Pray for mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and for mothers-to-be. Pray also for those married couples who desire to have children, but experience infertility. Pray also for married couples who have experienced the loss of children.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[God the Father] raised [Christ] from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.* Ephesians 1:20-21

FREE FOR CHILDREN 3-12 YEARS OLD

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.

BUILT ON THE ROCK

JULY 13-17 9-11:30AM

REGISTER HERE



The graphic features a central illustration of a construction worker wearing a yellow hard hat and holding a yellow sign that says "VBS 2026". The worker is standing on a pile of grey rocks. The text "BUILT ON THE ROCK" is written in large, bold, orange letters across the rocks. Below the rocks, there are two yellow construction vehicles: an excavator on the left and a bulldozer on the right. The background is a solid blue color. The text "FREE FOR CHILDREN 3-12 YEARS OLD" is in the top left, and "REGISTER HERE" with a QR code is in the top right. The dates and times "JULY 13-17 9-11:30AM" are at the bottom.

Extending Christ's Love

We are never alone. Jesus is always with us, and He has sent us "another Helper" in the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. We are never alone because our Lord is with us and serves us through His Word and sacraments.

Our Triune God will be present in our Christian Education Center through His means of grace during Spanish worship services, chapels and Jesus time in our early childhood ministry, Sunday School, confirmation instruction, youth and adult Bible studies. We are thankful for your ongoing prayers and support for Extending Christ's Love.

Thanks to all who attended our **Congregational Forum** the past two Sundays. Warren Scheidt will answer any questions about the building project at the beginning of the adult class today.

Catalog of Needed Items: The Catalog of Needed Items is now available online (stpaulcolumbus.org), and print copies are in the gathering space. Items available include furnishings for the chapel (including refurbishing the stained glass windows), Great Hall furnishings, furnishings for Sunday School rooms and early childhood ministry classrooms, furnishings for church office staff in the existing church, and many other items. The Catalog of Needed Items gives members, ECM families, and friends of our congregation the opportunity to support Extending Christ's Love above their pledge. Items can be reserved in honor of or in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event. This information will be included in the Dedication Bulletin of the Christian Education Center in 2027. If you have any questions about the Catalog or need assistance in reserving items in the Catalog, please contact Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne.

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*. To drop off items for the June Rummage Sale the back door and overhead door of the chapel will be unlocked every Sunday from 8 AM-1 PM and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 AM-noon, or by appointment by contacting Phil Burbrink or Rachel Fohne. Volunteers will be needed to set up for the sale on June 11th and to work the sale on June 12th and 13th.

The second Rummage Sale is **Friday-Saturday, 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 for this endeavor and for those who will be blessed through the ministry that will occur in the Christian Education Center.



Youth Events

KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Next Sunday, May 17th Noon-1:15 PM We will celebrate the end of the school year with a hotdog lunch, devotions, and summer activities.

Vacation Bible School is Monday-Friday, July 13th-17th from 9-11:30 AM. Register for VBS by using the QR code or through the church website. KfC youth are encouraged to attend Sunday School on **Sunday, July 12th** so that they can participate in the VBS skits during VBS week.



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

Next Sunday, May 17th Progressive Lunch

SPY and C4Life will participate in a Progressive Lunch following the second service to celebrate the end of the school year. We will meet at noon and head out to visit three restaurants for appetizers, main course, and desserts. Drivers are needed for this event. Youth and drivers can sign up on the clipboard in the youth hallway or by contacting DCE Probst.

Friday, June 19th-Saturday, June 27th Taco Barn at the Bartholomew County Fair

Our largest youth fundraiser for the year is quickly approaching. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space.

Monday-Friday, July 13th-17th Serve at Vacation Bible School

Many youth are needed to make our VBS a success as we share the Gospel with children in our community. Sign-up to serve online at stpaulcolumbus.org/vbs2026 or in the gathering space.

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 use 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.

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.

Financial Updates

Beginning in the 2026 tax year, the government reinstated a universal charitable deduction, allowing non-itemizers to deduct cash donations to qualifying charities like St. Paul. Taxpayers can deduct up to \$1,000 for single filers or \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly, offering a tax benefit to the ~90% of households taking the standard deduction. Please consider taking advantage of this deduction by donating to St. Paul! As always please consult your tax advisor about your specific situation.

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!

St. Paul Lutheran SGO

Thanks to your generosity, more than \$100,000 has been contributed to our St. Paul Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization. We have a goal to reach \$135,000 by June 30th! These gifts fund our mission and ministry as well as provide scholarships for families with financial need. 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 April 30, 2026: \$101,153



IN OUR PRAYERS... Baptism: Charlie Rose Rachford; **Congregations with Pastoral Vacancies** including Trinity Dillsboro in our Aurora Circuit; for Pastor-elect Travis Hartman and Faith Madison; **Call Extended:** Rev. Chad Eckles (theology teacher) to Trinity Lutheran High School; **Sick and Recovering:** Phyllis Fox, Renee Strietelmeier, Dee Schurman, Jeff Schroer, Tim Scheidt, Sharon Cline, Bonnie Darlage, Marie Tellman, Julia Bense, Doug Essex, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Debbie Mills (Marybeth Glick's cousin), Willard Abel (Barbara Hughes' brother-in-law), Amber Owens (ECM grandmother), Gloria Olness and Evelyn Sapper (Nora Cleary's sisters), Katy Garza (Cleary's niece), Denise Covert (Melissa Pevlor's friend), Dakota Faith (Jayne Dornquast's relative), Dawn Seifer (Ethan's mother), Lisa McGaha (Don and Debbie Schroer's friend), Al and Pat Abrams (Pam Roth's brother and sister-in-law), Evan Dunn (Oliver's friend), 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), Mary Putz (Anne Wiltsey's mother), Curt Carothers, Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Jami Maher (Joanne Kirby's niece), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), William Leitsuh (Cleary's friend), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Bryce Cleary (Judy Sullivan's friend), Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperry's friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative), Devin Klein (Adam and Kristy Hall's nephew)

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST... We rejoice as Charlie Rose Rachford, daughter of Grant and Clarissa, is born again of water and the Spirit and adopted into God's family at the 10:45 AM service today. Sponsors are Kirsten Hulsbosch and Sarah Loesch. May God bless and keep Charlie in the one truth faith all her days.

JOINT ASCENSION DAY SERVICE... St. Paul Jonesville, St. John White Creek, and St Peter Waymansville invite you to a joint Ascension Day Service and Supper **this Thursday, May 14th** at St. Paul Jonesville. Supper begins at 6 PM with the service at 7 PM. This is a wonderful

opportunity to join in worship and fellowship with fellow Lutherans on a very special day in the church year.

LWML SERVANT EVENT... All women are invited to help create and cut the Convention Banner for the LWML District Convention in June. Sewing and cutting fabric help is requested from 9 AM to noon **this Saturday, May 16th** in the fellowship room. Please bring fabric scissors and a sharp pencil. Any help is appreciated!

ASCENSION SERVICE OF SONG... Next Sunday, May 17th is Ascension Sunday, and we will be celebrating our Lord's Ascension with a special Service of Song led by our Sr. Choir and Sr. Handbells. Please plan to attend and invite others as we raise our voices in worship and praise to our ascended and reigning Lord and Savior!

RECOGNITION SUNDAY... Next Sunday, May 17th will be a Sunday filled with recognition and rejoicing. Please plan to attend worship and Sunday School:

Recognition of Graduates: At both services, we will recognize and pray for our high school and college graduates. If you are graduating, please contact Mackenzie Wint in the church office at mackenzie.wint@stpaulcolumbus.org with the school you are graduating from and your future plans by **today** so that you can be included in the bulletin that day.

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

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

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION... Next Sunday, May 17th, during the Sunday School hour, Principal Clayton Darlage of Trinity Lutheran High School will give an update on the school and share information about the *Way. Truth. Life.* capital campaign.

FRANCIS SCHEIDT MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION... Next Sunday, May 17th at 12:30 PM, a brief dedication ceremony will be held in the cemetery to dedicate a memorial plaque for Francis Scheidt,

missing in action from the Second World War. All are invited to attend the ceremony. In addition, there will be a display in gathering space with pictures and information about Francis' life. For more information about Francis and the dedication ceremony, read the article in the May newsletter.

KINDERGARTEN CLOSING CHAPEL AND CELEBRATION... You are invited to the Kindergarten Closing Chapel and Celebration on **Tuesday, May 19th** at 6:30 PM.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL... begins **Sunday, May 24th**. We will offer three classes—adults, children, and youth. Most Sundays, the adult class will be led by Kantor Dan Mau as he leads us into a deeper appreciation of our liturgy and hymnody.

There are two Sundays where there will be special presentations during the Sunday School hour. On **Sunday, June 14th**, Vicar Nathaniel Bauman will preach at both services and give an update during Sunday School regarding his vicarage experience this past year and his upcoming final year at the seminary.

On **Sunday, July 5th**, Pastor Erkkinen will preach and give a presentation during Sunday School. Pastor Erkkinen served as an army chaplain for many years and also as Assistant Director of the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. His service as a chaplain included Iraq, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and also at the Pentagon following the 9/11 attack.

Please make the commitment to be in the Word this summer!

ACOLYTE TRAINING... All incoming fifth graders and others should plan to attend acolyte training after either service on **Sunday, May 31st**. If you have questions or cannot attend and need to schedule another time, please contact DCE Probst.

STORAGE AREA BY FELLOWSHIP ROOM... To prepare for anticipated renovation in our current Sunday School classrooms, we need to make space to store the items located in those rooms. We are asking for groups and organizations who are using the storage area by the Fellowship Room to consolidate their items. Tables will be set up in the fellowship room, following the 10:45 AM service, on **Sunday, May 31st**. Items still needing storage should be grouped in containers, labeled, and placed on these tables. Any remaining items in the

closet on **Thursday, June 4th** will be donated to the ECL rummage sale. Labeled storage items will then be returned and reorganized in the storage room. If you need more information, please see Jen Probst.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

VBS Craft Donations and Helpers: The Crafts team would like to thank all who donated shoe boxes and toilet/paper towel rolls for Solomon's Temple crafts. We have received a sufficient supply to enable all the children to have a creative building craft! Many thanks! 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.

Vacation Bible School: Adults and youth volunteers are needed for our *Built on the Rock* VBS July 13th-17th. Sign-up to serve online at stpaulcolumbus.org/vbs2026 or in the gathering space.

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.

Taco Barn at the County Fair: Support our youth ministry by volunteering to work a shift at the Taco Barn at this year's county fair June 19th-27th. The sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space.

Promoting our Early Childhood Ministry: A few openings remain in all our classes for the 2026-2027 school year. Please encourage families with young children to check out our early learning center. Director Jen Probst is always available to meet with interested families and to give tours. For more information, please contact Jen Probst, take a flyer from the information table by the front entrance, or visit stpaulcolumbus.org.

FAITH, MADISON UPDATE... We rejoice with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith that Candidate Travis Hartman has been assigned as their pastor. Pastor-elect Hartman is from Billings, Montana. He and his wife Monica have a one-year-old daughter, and their second child is expected to be born this week.

Pastor and Monica Pflug are moving this week to Arizona. We pray God's blessings upon this new chapter in their lives.

In the coming weeks, the parsonage will be refurbished and repainted in preparation for the arrival of the Hartman family. Tentative plans for Pastor Hartman's ordination and installation are the end of July

or early August. Our pastors will continue to serve at Faith until Pastor Hartman is ordained and installed.

SERVANTS NEEDED IN OUR ECM... We are seeking a preschool teacher and kindergarten teacher assistant for the 2026-2027 school year. Interested candidates can visit stpaulcolumbus.org/careers or contact Director Jen Probst by email (director@stpaulcolumbus.org) or by phone (765-491-7818).

THANKS TO...

+ We give thanks for the faithful service of Glory Wofford, Alyssa Schultz, and Caroline Wilcox in our early childhood ministry. Glory will be attending Concordia University Chicago to pursue a Lutheran teaching degree in elementary education. Alyssa has taken a full-time position at Faith Columbus. Caroline will be staying home with their newborn daughter Charlie Micah.

+ the LWML for hosting the euchre and game night on Friday and to all who attended.

+ This morning is the last time the Jr. Choir sings for this school year. We thank them for enriching our services through song.

The Response of God's People

Sunday, May 3rd

Divine Service: **365**

Communion: **283**

Sunday School: **165**

Offering

General Fund: \$15,406

Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: \$1,755.01



St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry

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ECM Teachers: Anne Wiltsey (kindergarten); Michelle Schultz (preschool)

ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Laurie Schultz, Claudia Sims, Amy Yeley

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