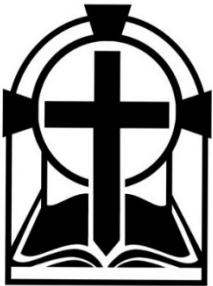




More Than a Miracle

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod
Columbus, Indiana

Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

The Family Quiet Room and Restroom are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at 812-392-2732 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) meet in the Quiet Room

Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade

Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson

Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room

A Study of Hymns led by Deaconess Fickenscher meets in the conference room

Two Kingdom Living led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Addy Arnholt

10:45 AM Service Zaylie Gonsior

Church Calendar

Today	8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Lunch Noon-1:15 PM KfC Event Noon Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
	<i>Pastor Bauman in Nebraska Tomorrow-Friday</i>
Monday	9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 11:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Tuesday	6:30 PM Girl Scouts
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service 6:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Sr. Handbells 7:00 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	11 AM-2 PM Church Reserved 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study
Saturday	9 AM-Noon LWML Rally in Bean Blossom Noon-5 PM Church Reserved
Next Sunday	Good Shepherd Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship/Confirmand Reception 9:30 AM Confession of Faith Sunday School for Children 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Lunch Noon Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

THE MAY NEWSLETTER... is available on the table in the gathering space or online at stpaulcolumbus.org.

APRIL-JUNE PORTALS OF PRAYER... are available on the table in the gathering space.

PASTOR BAUMAN... will be in Nebraska **tomorrow-Friday** visiting family. If you need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patterson or Pastor Fickenscher.

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living—R. Farlee

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

480 stanzas 1-4

Confession of Sins

please stand page 151

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect for the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C (*sung*) **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (*spoken*) **Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Acts 3:1-21

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-10

[John writes:] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is from the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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G (sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

G (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

As [the disciples] were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate before them.

Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

please be seated

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Jr. Choir sings stanza one

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Sermon

More Than a Miracle

Acts 3:1-20

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

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

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Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

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Closing Liturgy

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Closing Hymn

480 stanza 5

Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625—J. S. Bach

More Than a Miracle—Acts 3:1-20

More than a miracle, the resurrection of Jesus offers f_____ to all sinners – Even the WORST of sinners!

There certainly is no worse sin than k_____ the Author of life – Jesus!

The resurrection of Jesus is his victory over even the w_____ sin.

The resurrection of Jesus is His victory over even the worst sin – even y_____!

Next Sunday's Readings—Good Shepherd Sunday

Acts 4:1–12, 1 John 3:16–24, John 10:11–18

LIVING THE SERMON... What a joyous relief to know that even our worst sin is forgiven by God! We are heaven-bound! Such blessing moves us to joyous service and sacrifice for our Lord in ministry to all people, especially those who do not yet know our Lord by faith. This week, ponder what service and sacrifice you can make to bring Christ and his mercy to the people in your relationships.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... That the Holy Spirit would bring the comfort and joy of sins forgiven to the members of our church family. That just as Christ has forgiven even the worst of our sins, we too would forgive the sins of those who have done their worst against us.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.* 1 John 3:16

OUR EASTER CELEBRATION CONTINUES... Easter is the most important day ever! As Paul writes: *If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in our sins* (1 Corinthians 15:17). But Christ has been raised from the dead, and so our Easter celebration is not just one day, but a season, the Great Fifty Days of Easter, between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. The Paschal Candle, next to the baptismal font, is a reminder that we are in this resurrection season. The Paschal Candle is lit whenever resurrection and new life are celebrated. Thus, it will remain lit during the entire Easter season, and it is also lit at baptisms and funeral services.

But there's more! Not only is Easter so significant that we celebrate Christ's resurrection for a Fifty Day season. We celebrate Christ's resurrection every week, every Sunday, the Day of Resurrection, the Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10). Every Sunday is an Easter celebration as we gather in the presence of our risen Lord to hear His Word of life and to partake of the feast of Easter victory.

Youth Events

Today

KfC Event from Noon-1:15 PM Children fifth grade and younger will gather for lunch and activities.

Sunday, May 5th

SPY and C4Life Sauce Making Day All SPY and C4Life Youth are invited to remain after the 10:45 AM service for a pizza lunch and then to make the sauce for the Taco Barn at the County Fair. Parents are welcome to assist. Games will follow sauce making. Pick-up time is 2 PM. **Ground Beef**

Preparation: On Sunday, April 28th, the ground beef for the taco sauce will be in the kitchen. We are asking for church members to take home a ten-pound roll of ground beef, brown it, and return it on or before May 5th.

Sunday, May 19th

KfC Event from Noon-1:15 PM Children fifth grade and younger will gather for lunch and activities.

Saturday, June 1st

Family AND CHURCH FAMILY Fun Day at Lakeview Villages Enjoy a day at camp with your family and your church family! Arrive any time after 9 AM. Opening devotions and orientation are at 10 AM and closing devotions are at 4:30 PM. A cookout lunch will be provided at noon (included in the cost). During the day, there will be three optional activities led by the Lakeview staff which families can participate in. In addition, there will be free time for participants to choose the following activities: basketball, bouldering wall, canoeing, field games, fishing, gaga ball and 9-square in the air, hiking, kayaking, paddle-boating, sand volleyball, swimming, tetherball, and the tire playground.

Sign-up and Cost: This event is the KfC activity for June, but is open to all families, youth, and children. To encourage participation and to make sure the event is not a financial burden on our families, we are offering special pricing if you sign up at church by **TODAY, April 14th**: \$15 for every participant five years and older; children under five are free; **\$40 maximum per family**. If attending, please RSVP to Rachel Fohne at rnloting@alumni.iu.edu or by text or phone at 812-343-3786. To receive this special pricing, you must sign up with Rachel (*not* through the Camp Lakeview website) and you must sign up **TODAY**. You must give your payment to Rachel before June 1st. Payment is by cash or check. If paying by check, please make your check out to St. Paul Youth.

For more information about the day and activities, please visit lakeview.camp/fun or speak to a KfC counselor.



Vacation Bible School

July 8-12; 9:00-11:30 AM

Go to stpaulcolumbus.org/vbs2024 or use the QR code to:

- + Register your child(ren) ages three-sixth grade.
- + Volunteer (youth and adults)



IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Emmy Baker, Jill Scheidt, Karen Hendershot, Debbie Schroer, Jill Hoeltke, Ron Arnholt, Lou Anne Denny, Gloria Schultz, Pam Jenkins, Pat Hall, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Lisa Benes (Kruger's friend), Amy Workman (Sandy Johnson's cousin), Esther Cleary (Cleary's sister-in-law), Paul Gannon (Cleary's brother-in-law), Kyle Huckaby (Koester's friend), Carolyn Kidd (Sandy Johnson's friend), Erica Gretzinger (Jennifer Dougherty's cousin), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Regan Hoevener (Kristy Hall's sister-in-law), Rick Sapper (Cleary's brother-in-law), Julia Carmichael (Kathy Harner and Nancy Lipka's cousin), Lauren Brewer (Kathy Harner and Nancy Lipka's niece), Lucy Boyd (Hinds' neighbor); **Active Military:** Noah Hoeltke

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR... are given in celebration of Mike and Wilma Yeley's 55 years of marriage, from their daughters and family.

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored to the glory of God by Mike and Wilma Yeley in thanksgiving to God as they celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

SUNDAY LUNCHES... Here are the upcoming menus:
Today: Corndogs (KfC Event)
Next Sunday, April 21st: Breakfast Day
April 28th: No Lunch Served—Confirmation Sunday
May 5th: Pizza (Taco Sauce Making Day)
May 12th: No Lunch Served—Mother's Day

HANDBELL CONCERT... St. Peter's, Columbus invites you to a Handbell Concert led by their handbell choirs **this afternoon** at 3:30 PM in the sanctuary.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY... meets **this Thursday, April 18th** at 6 PM in the Conference Room. Join us as we take an honest look at Sunday School stories, starting with Adam and Eve. The study is led by Deaconess Fickenscher. All women are invited to attend.

LWML SPRING RALLY AND INGATHERING... Any ladies of St. Paul who would like to attend the spring rally at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Morgantown, IN, on **April 20**, are welcome to meet at the church at 8 a.m. to carpool to the event. THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to the Brown County Schools in-gathering too. Our collection bin has been overflowing with precious donations to the cause. Please contact Sariina

Kalli @ 218-451-1026 for more info about the in-gathering or the rally.

CONFIRMANDS CONFESSION OF FAITH... Our 8th grade confirmands will offer their Confession of Faith on **Sundays, April 21st and April 28th** and be confirmed and receive their first Communion at the 10:45 AM service on **Sunday, April 28th**.

Next Sunday, April 21st, a reception will be held in honor of our confirmands during the fellowship hour. They will answer questions covering the major teachings of Scriptures during the Sunday School hour.

On **Sunday, April 28th,** the confirmands will offer their Confession of Faith presentations during Sunday School, before the 10:45 AM Confirmation Service.

Please pray for our confirmands that they would remain faithful to the Lord their entire lives.

SEWING IN FELLOWSHIP... If you are willing and able to help sew costumes for VBS and the Children's Christmas program, join the LWML on **Saturday, April 27**, from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 with questions. A list of items needed that morning is in the April newsletter or on the bulletin board in the gathering space.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION... On **Sunday, May 5th** at the beginning of Sunday School, we will recognize those who have joined our congregation since January. Please plan to attend to get to know our newest members and to welcome them to our family of faith.

EUCHRE AND GAME NIGHT... is coming up on **Friday, May 10**, at 6 p.m. Even if you don't know the game of euchre, there are plenty of other card games and board games available and lots of wonderful goodies to eat. Come help kick off Mother's Day weekend with some fellowship, food, and fun! \$5 to play, which supports LWML missions.

WOMEN'S FLOWER ARRANGING EVENT... On **Saturday, May 11th** at 10 AM, ALL women are invited to join us for a fun filled event in the fellowship room. The event will include a light brunch, devotion, and flower arranging. This event is open to all women, so please invite others! RSVP is being requested for this event, so enough supplies can be provided for those in attendance. Please RSVP to Mackenzie Wint at secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org by **Sunday, May 5th**.

VASES NEEDED... for the upcoming women's flower arranging event on May 11th. If you have any extra vases at home you'd like to donate for this event, please place them in the collection box in the gathering space no later than **Sunday, May 5th**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES... We will recognize and pray for our high school and college graduates during our services on **Sunday, May 19th**. If you are graduating, please contact Mackenzie Wint in the church office at secretary@stpaulcolumbus.org with the school you are graduating from and your future plans so that you can be included in the bulletin that day.

VBS CRAFT SUPPLIES FULFILLED... Thank you for all the donations of paper towel rolls, CORE bottles and quart zip-lock bags. You have fulfilled the craft needs for this summer!

We look forward to creating fun, faith-affirming crafts with the children during VBS. Your generosity is much appreciated! Thank you, VBS crafts team

ECM ENROLLMENT... Openings remain in the Lambs, Doves, and Kindergarten classes for the 2024-2025 school year. *Please help us promote our excellent school!* See the brochures in the gathering space for further information. Register online at stpaulcolumbus.org/ecmregistration.

THANKS FROM... Jill Scheidt for your prayers, cards, and kind and encouraging words. She appreciates your continuing prayers for healing and wisdom for the doctors as they determine the best course of action.

THANKS FROM... the ECM board to everyone who helped with the CARnival yesterday, and to everyone who attended this event!

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, April 7th

Divine Service Attendance: **384**; Communion: **290**

Sunday School Attendance: **202**

Offering: **\$22,599.61** Needed Weekly: \$15,397

Additional Gifts: \$1,568 Mulch Donation; \$1,000

Extending Christ's Love

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry

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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Glory Wofford, Jenna Green

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Connected to Christ ✚ Connected to One Another ✚ Connecting Others to Christ