

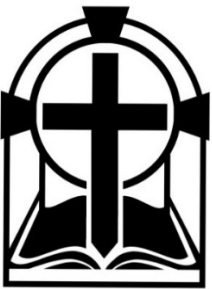


HELP
MY
UNBELIEF!

Mark 9:14-29

We Can't. But HE Can!

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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 **812-447-7895** 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) meets in the conference 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 led by Mrs. Probst

Life Together Book Study led by Deaconess Fickenscher

Signs, Symbols, and their Meaning led by Pastor Fickenscher meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Tabitha Hall

10:45 AM Service Khloe Blackwell

Church Calendar

Pastor Bauman on vacation through Friday

Today	<i>Fort Wayne Seminary Door Offering</i> 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 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM Confirmation Class 12:30 PM Jr. Handchimes 1:15 PM Jr. Handbells 1:45 PM Choristers 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	School Photos 9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells 5:30 PM Girl Scouts
Tuesday	School Photos
Wednesday	8:20 AM Kindergarten and Doves Chapel 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	8:20 AM Lambs Chapel
Saturday	9:00 AM-Noon LWML Sewing in Fellowship
Next Sunday	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 ECM and Children's Choir Sing Noon ECM Open House Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Confirmation Class 1:00 PM Spanish Service 4:00 PM Harvest Fest at Schroer Ranch 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + October Newsletter, also online at stpaulcolumbus.org
- + October-December *Portals of Prayer*
- + New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

SIGN-UP TO SERVE IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + Fellowship Hour Hosts
- + Sunday Lunches

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Sr. Handbells

10:45 AM Service: *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*—J. Behnke

Both Services: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*—J. Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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Confession of Sins

please stand page 151

Kyrie

pages 152-153

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest

page 154

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

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

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G (*spoken*) **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

James 3:1-12

[James writes:] Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing

☩ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14-29

ℙ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter. **☩ (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw [Jesus], were greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted Him. And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

ℙ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

8 AM Service: **849 (all stanzas)**
10:45 AM Service: **849 stanzas 1-2**

Sermon

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Apostles Creed

please stand page 159

Prayer of the Church

Offering

8 AM Service—Sr. Handbells: *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*—J. Behnke
10:45 AM Service: **849 stanza 3**

Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 160-163

Distribution

559 stanzas 1-4, 620, 724, 696

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

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Closing Hymn

559 stanza 5

Postlude

Postlude on Psalm 150:6—D. Wagner

*A door offering will be received for the Food Coop at the Fort Wayne Seminary.
Thanks for your generous support.*

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Our Theme: Christ most certainly CAN do what we are entirely unable to do.

The disciples can't cast out the demon, but Jesus c_____.

We c_____ save ourselves, but God CAN! And He does!

Our problem is w_____ faith.

Christian faith does not find power in itself. No, the power of faith is always in faith's object: in J_____

C_____ alone.

Christ is working even now through his Word and the Lord's Supper to s_____ our weak faith.

Next Sunday's Readings *Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37*

LIVING THE SERMON... What struggles and trials rob you of peace with God? Remember that they are NOT bigger than God's ability and willingness to help you. Maybe you CAN'T solve your problems, but trust that the Lord CAN.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Almighty God, cure the unbelief of those whose faith is weak (it's okay if that is you too). Enliven Your Church by the working of the Holy Spirit that she may be the light of Christ in the darkness of the evil of this world.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *[Jesus said] Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me, but Him who sent Me. Mark 9:37*

Extending Christ's Love

Thanks for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. Total pledges and gifts have exceeded **\$4.3 million!** Your generosity is making this mission possible, as we are to proceed with the design development and architectural plans for the Christian Education Center. At last Monday's Council meeting, the Finance Committee presented the Budget Blueprint recommending the cost of the Christian Education Center not exceed \$8,125,000, which was approved by the Church Council. The Building Committee will be working with the architect to design the Christian Education Center according to the approved budget. The Finance Committee continues to apply for grants and seek additional funding for the project, which will lower the amount of long-term debt. If you would like a copy of the Budget Blueprint, please contact the church office.

Offering Envelopes for Extending Christ's Love are in the basket on the table by the front entrance. Please take as many envelopes as you need for making contributions.

Please continue to **pray** for this endeavor, that Christ's love would continue to be extended through our congregation.



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St. Paul
Lutheran Church

Harvest Fest

SEPTEMBER 22ND | 4PM

Schroer Ranch
9846 E. 50 N. COLUMBUS

Games, hayrides,
hymn sing & more

SUPPER SERVED AT 5:30 PM

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.
HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, DRINKS,
AND TABLE SERVICE PROVIDED.

IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Kim Chandler (surgery Friday), Paul Meier, Ray Hall, Skip Taylor, Barbara Hughes, Dianne Hartke, Jessica Kegeris, Jan Sherbundy, Jesse Gonsior, Bob Runge, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Jill Scheidt, Karen Hendershot, Debbie Schroer, Jill Hoeltke, Gloria Schultz, Pam Jenkins, Cassie Murray (Jason and Laurie Schroer's friend), Maria Mears (Gail Jones' sister), Glenn Strietelmeier (Don Schroer's uncle), Pastor Jeffrey Geisler (Tim and Janice Scheidt's friend), Andy England (Eric and Linda Scheidt's nephew), Maxie Hotz (Jim Hinds' sister), Doug Baumann (Haak's friend), Terry Moore (Willie Hoover's aunt), Maureen Veyssets (Jim Cleary's niece), Dianne Hargraves (Carolyn Schuette's sister), Daniel Meier (Lewis' friend), Kyra Groves (Amy Yeley's friend), Theresa Gannon (Jim Cleary's sister), Deb Harlan (Mary Scheidt's mother), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's co-worker's daughter), Beth Schultz (Gloria Schultz's daughter-in-law), Jill Many (Cindy Hendershot's daughter), Dylan Eaken (South Decatur student), Marcell Williams (Bridges' friend's mother), William Leitshuh (Cleary's friend), Julie Phillips (Bonnie Nolting's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Lisa Benes (Kruger's friend), Kyle Huckaby (Koester's friend), Erica Gretzinger (Jennifer Dougherty's cousin), Naomi Gillespie (Haak's great-niece), Rick Sapper (Cleary's brother-in-law), Lucy Boyd (Hinds' neighbor); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke and Michael Mullins (friend of the Sperry's)

THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH... are given by Roger and Betty Fox for the many blessings that God has given us over the last 45 years of marriage.

SUNDAY LUNCH MENUS...

Today: Chicken Wraps
Next Sunday, September 22: Pizza (note change)
September 29: Fiesta Day
October 6: Corn Dogs with Mac n' Cheese

PASTOR BAUMAN ON VACATION... Pastor Bauman will be out of the office this week. If you need pastoral care, please contact Pastors Patterson or Fickenschier.

INSTALLATION INVITATION... You are invited to the commissioning and installation service of Deaconess Melissa Pflug **this afternoon** at 3 PM at Faith, Madison. Deaconess Pflug will be serving as a missionary in the Eurasia region. A reception will follow the service.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS... is **today, September 15th** at Mill Race Park. The event begins at 12:30 PM with opening ceremonies at 1:15 PM at the Amphitheatre. The walk route is one mile. For more information or to support the cause, please contact Chelsey Warren at 812-344-0410 or chels.warren88@gmail.com.

ANNIVERSARY INVITATION... First Presbyterian Church of Columbus invites you to their Community Celebration in commemoration of the congregation's 200th anniversary **today, September 15th** from 2-4 PM at Donner Park Shelter House.

ECM CHAPELS THIS WEEK... Join the ECM students for chapel this week on **Wednesday, September 18th** or **Thursday, September 19th**. The Kindergarten and Doves (4 year olds) have chapel on Wednesday and the Lambs (3 year olds) have chapel on Thursday.

SEWING IN FELLOWSHIP DAY... is set for **this Saturday, September 21st** from 9 AM to noon in the fellowship hall. They will be cutting material and sewing costumes for VBS and the Children's Christmas programs. Contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142 for more information.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY CHILDREN SINGING AND OPEN HOUSE... The children attending our early childhood ministry will join our Sunday School children (first grade and younger) to sing **next Sunday, September 22nd** at the 10:45 AM service.

Following the 10:45 AM service, you are invited to attend an Open House at our early childhood ministry where you can tour the classrooms, meet the staff, and view student crafts and projects.

Communion at the 10:45 AM Service: Holy Communion will be offered after the 10:45 AM service on September 22nd.

Parking: Due to the higher attendance, please consider parking up the hill if you are able to walk further to church.

HARVEST MISSION... is every **second and fourth Sunday** of the month through October. Share extra produce from your garden with your church family and, to share in the bounty of others, and to make a donation for these items if you are so inclined. Donations go to our Food Pantry to purchase milk, eggs, meats, etc. If you have questions, please contact Nora Cleary at 812-343-9142.

JR. CHOIR SINGING ON SEPTEMBER 29th... The Jr. Choir (grades 2-6) will sing at both services on Sunday, September 29th instead of September 22nd as previously announced. Choir members should be in the music room at 7:30 AM to rehearse.

ALL ANGELS SERVICE OF SONG... St. Michael and All Angels is a festival day commemorated on September 29th since the fifth century. The purpose of this celebration was to remember, teach, and celebrate the work of the angels. Since St. Michael and All Angels falls on Sunday this year, we will have a Service of Song on **September 29th** featuring our choirs and special instrumentation as we celebrate though Word and song, the ministry of God's holy angels.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY... It's time for a new church directory! Pictures will be taken on **Thursday and Friday, October 24-25** from 3-8:30 PM and **Saturday, October 26** from 10 AM-4 PM. Please sign-up in one of the following ways:



- + Use the QR code
- + Go to the link at our website stpaulcolumbus.org
- + Sign-up in the gathering space on Sundays, September 29th and October 6th.

Submitted Pictures: If you cannot make the photo session, please submit your picture to a member of the church staff by Sunday, October 20th.

Donations Appreciated: We are requesting a \$10 donation for all who have the pictures taken and for all who submit a picture. All participants (both pictures taken and submitted pictures) will receive a directory and those who have their picture taken will receive an 8x10 portrait.

OGT VOLUNTEERS... Orphan Grain Train has an abundance of clothing that needs sorted. Consider volunteering at the Jonesville Warehouse Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM-3 PM.

A NOTE OF THANKS... A sincere thank you to the St. Paul congregation and pastors for your prayers and comforting support as Skip was hospitalized for a stroke. The recovery has been remarkable. We are truly blessed and feel God's hand at work.

--Skip and Kris Taylor

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, September 8th

Divine Service Attendance: **353**; Communion: **274**

Sunday School Attendance: **211**

Offering: **\$11,044.42** Needed Weekly: \$15,397

Extending Christ's Love: \$945

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Ministry

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