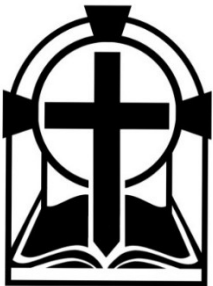


Seeing, Believing, Rejoicing
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19, 2025



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod
Columbus, Indiana

Welcome to St. Paul!

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

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

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at **812-447-7895** to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

Our Communion Practice: We invite and encourage those who have been instructed, confirmed, and confess the faith of this congregation and other congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to receive the Sacrament. Communicants at this altar acknowledge their sins, believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, and desire the Spirit's help to turn from their sins.

Those who are not communing are invited to come forward and receive a blessing by placing their arms across their chest.

If you have questions regarding our Communion teaching and practice, please speak to a pastor.

Communion Preparation: To prepare for the Lord's Supper, you may wish to pray the prayer on the inside cover of the hymnal or review the Christian Questions and Answers on pages 329-330.

Today's Christian Education Opportunities

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent)
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade
Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson
Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room led by Mrs. Probst
Financial Peace University led by the Burbrinks and Fohnes meets in the Quiet Room
Signs, Symbols, and their Meaning led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Sarah Arnholt
10:45 AM Service Haley Hauersperger

Church Calendar

Pastor Fickenschler at Seminary Conference 1/20-1/24

Today	8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes 1:15 PM Jr. Handbells 1:45 PM Choristers 2:00-4:00 PM SPY and C4Life Broomball 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School</i> <i>ECM Registration Opens for Church and Current Families</i> 10:00 AM Small Group Handbells 11:00 AM Children's Tea Planning Meeting 5:30 PM Girl Scouts
Monday	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
Wednesday	<i>Thursday-Saturday Pastor Bauman at Y4Life Conference</i> Next Sunday National Lutheran Schools Week Celebration Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish, ECM Children Sing Noon Lunch Noon KfC Event 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored in thanksgiving to God by Jim and Nora Cleary on the occasion of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + February Newsletter
- + 2025 Offering Envelopes
- + January-March Portals of Prayer
- + Latest edition of Lutheran Women's Quarterly

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Sr. Handbells: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*—S. Eithun

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn

Please stand for stanza four

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Confession of Sins

please stand page 203

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

[Isaiah writes:] For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

[Paul writes:] Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

please stand and sing page 205

- C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

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

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

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Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Seeing, Believing, Rejoicing

John 2:1-11

Prayer of the Church

please stand

Offering

Please stand for stanza five

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Service of the Sacrament

please stand pages 208-210

Distribution

398, 533 stanzas 1-3, 631, 636

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

Closing Liturgy

please stand pages 211-212

Closing Hymn

533 stanza 4

Postlude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star—A. Armsdorff

Calling ALL Women—Sign-up to Serve

The St. Paul Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) held their annual meeting yesterday. At the meeting, mission and service projects were chosen for the year. In the gathering space **today and next Sunday** all women are invited to learn more about the mission and ministry of the LWML and also to sign-up to serve in any of these 2025 events and endeavors. Please stop by the table and learn more about how the LWML serves in our congregation, our nation, and throughout the world!



Seeing, Believing, Rejoicing—John 2:1-11

Sometimes, s_____ is b_____.

Each one of the miraculous signs Jesus did has the same purpose: to give us l_____ in His name.

The word sign is used for a miracle that r_____ a hidden truth.

Today in the Church, Christ's holy gifts of B_____ and the Lord's S_____ are signs.

They point us to J_____.

Baptized into Christ and living in faith, we are now the b_____ of Christ! God r_____ over us!

Next Sunday's Readings *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:16-30*

LIVING THE SERMON... Jesus has been revealed as your Savior. God rejoices over you as His redeemed, forgiven child. In what ways does that truth impact the way you think about yourself and the life God has given you?

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH... O Lord our God, continue to reveal Jesus to us as our Savior through Your holy Word and Sacraments. Open our hearts to continue to see You, believe in You, and rejoice in You as we live out our lives as Your bride, the Church, on this earth and as we eagerly await the eternal wedding feast in heaven.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.* Hebrews 12:1-3

Sponsor a St. Paul Youth

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

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

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

Please prayerfully consider supporting Adam Arnholt, Isabel Burbrink, Tabitha Hall, Madeline Johnson, Emmitt Jones, Keren Lewis, Logan Warren, Luke Warren, Jesse Wofford and Providence Wofford with a national youth gathering sponsorship gift. Your generosity will lessen the financial burden for these youth attending the gathering.

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

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

Extending Christ's Love

We are both humbled and grateful for your generous support of Extending Christ's Love. We have concluded the first four months of the Fulfillment Portion of our campaign. Total income to Extending Christ's Love as of December 31, 2024, is **\$780,036**.

To God Be the Glory!

As we enter the new year, the Building Committee continues to meet regularly with Architect Kevin Stuckwisch to develop and refine the building plans so that they are within the \$8.125 million budget. The Finance Committee continues to explore grants, fundraisers, and other sources of financing for this project.

Please continue to pray for this endeavor, for our congregation, our committees, and for those who will be served through our Christian Education Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Building Committee Chair Warren Scheidt or Finance Committee Chair Phil Burbrink.

The Building and Finance Committees pray God's blessings upon you in the New Year!



Early Childhood Ministry Registration Begins Tomorrow!

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins for church members and current enrolled families **tomorrow, January 20th**. Open registration begins **Monday, January 27th**. *Please tell others about our preschool and kindergarten!* Here are some facts to share:

- We are accredited through the National Lutheran School Accreditation, making our school one of few early childhood centers that are accredited in Columbus.
- Small class sizes
- Extended Care available for both before and after school
- STEM enrichment available
- MOST importantly, we offer a Christ-centered education! The children learn about Jesus and the Scriptures every day!
- Our Kindergarten families are eligible to apply for the School Choice Scholarship for tuition assistance. Our Little Doves (four year old) families are eligible for SGO scholarships.

All registration is **online**. Please go to stpaulcolumbus.org to register!

Youth Events

KFC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Our next KFC event is **next Sunday, January 26th**. We will join with our early childhood ministry students and families for lunch and activities from noon-1:15 PM. Please RSVP by this Wednesday, January 22nd to Rachel Fohne by text or phone at 812-343-3786 or by email rholting@alumni.iu.edu if your child(ren) plans to attend.

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

This afternoon, January 19th: Broomball at Hamilton Ice Arena

from 2-4 PM. Join us for a fun afternoon of hockey in tennis shoes. Transportation will be provided for the confirmands from church, leaving at 1:40 PM, or come to Hamilton at 2 PM. Pick-up is at 4 PM from Hamilton.

February 2nd Candlemas Celebration: All youth and their friends are invited to an evening of food, fellowship from 5-7 PM as we enjoy food, customs, traditions, and games associated with Candlemas celebrations around the world. No RSVP needed.



IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering: Ray Cline, Sandy Lagneau, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Lynn Hoeltke, Jan Sherbundy, Bob Runge, Jill Scheidt, Pam Jenkins, Tim Sarver (Danny Johnson's friend), Gloria Bredehoeft (Larry Haak's sister), Jan Haak Davis (Larry Haak's cousin), Dianne Hargraves (Carolyn Schuette's sister), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Dave Jensen (Krugers' friend), Moe Humphrey (Ray and Pat Hall's friend) Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friend), Laurie Walsdorf (Clearys' friend), Kristina Hargitt (Kim Chandler's friend), Amy Cockburn (South Decatur principal), Dale Christophel (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), Jim Baute (Jeff Booher's uncle), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's coworker's daughter), Marcelle Williams (Bridges' friend), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Naomi Gillespie (Haaks' great-niece); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Michael Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Sam Studler (Kallis' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

BAPTIZED TODAY... We rejoice as Nancy Eleanor Alysia Burbrink, son of Cory and Amber Burbrink, is born again of water and the Spirit. Sponsors are Travis and Katie Schwipps. May God keep Nancy in the one true faith all her life.

SUNDAY LUNCHESES...

Today: Meatball Subs

Next Sunday: January 26th: Walking tacos—KfC Day;
National Lutheran Schools Weeks Celebration

Sunday, February 2nd: Sandwich Bar

February 9th: Corn Dogs and Tater Tots

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

MARRIAGE RETREAT... *Marriage in God's Way* Retreat is **this Saturday, January 25th** at the Lakeview Villages Lodge. The retreat will be led by Dr. Todd and Heather Biermann. Cost is \$75 per couple which includes registration, materials, lunch, and snacks. To register or for more information, email office@concordiacounseling.org or call 812-671-8704.

JR. CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR SING NEXT SUNDAY... The Jr. Choir (grades 2-6) will sing at both services **next Sunday, January 26th**. Please have children in the music room by 7:30 AM to rehearse. The

Children's Choir (ages 3-first grade) will sing at the beginning of the 10:45 AM service.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK... is January 26-February 1. We will join with Lutheran schools throughout the nation around the theme Endure. Our school students will participate in many special activities and events to celebrate our school.

Our Sunday celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week is **next Sunday, January 26th**. Our early childhood ministry students will sing at the 10:45 AM service. After the service, our KfC event will include both church and early childhood ministry children and their families. Lunch will be provided for all with activities and events from noon-1:15 PM. Due to the ECM children singing at the 10:45 AM service, Communion will be offered following the service next Sunday.

UPCOMING EUCHRE NIGHTS... The youth groups of St. John's, White Creek and St. Paul's, Jonesville invite you to a soup supper and euchre night **next Sunday, January 25th** at St. Paul's, Jonesville. Euchre begins at 4 PM, soup supper at 5:30 PM. \$5 to play and \$5 to eat.

St. Peter, Waymansville invites you to their soup supper and euchre night on **Sunday, February 2nd** beginning at 5 PM. \$5 to eat and \$5 to play.

Our next euchre night, sponsored by our LWML, is **Friday, February 7th** at 6 PM. St. Paul members of all ages are invited to come play cards or board games and eat lots of great pitch-in foods (and usually pizza). Come join your church family and enjoy this Friday night fellowship. Contact Sariina Kalli 218-451-1026 for more information.

CANDLEMAS CELEBRATION... Candlemas is a festival day in the church year on **February 2nd**. This day commemorates the events when Jesus was forty days old and was taken to the temple for the first time. At the temple, He was met by Simeon and Anna. Since Candlemas falls on Sunday this year, we will observe it with a Service of Song. We will follow the Candlemas liturgy which includes a candlelight ceremony. Please plan to attend and invite others to this special celebration of Christ our Light!

Sunday School Hour: The fellowship room Bible study will be a special study on the Biblical significance and importance of the events celebrated at Candlemas.

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

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

CHILDREN'S TEA SOCIAL... All St. Paul and ECM children, and accompanying adult(s), are invited to a dress-up Children's Tea Social on **Sunday, February 23rd** from 2-3:30 PM in the church fellowship room. Flavored teas and apple juice, scones, petite sandwiches, and dainty desserts will be served (more of a snack than a meal), and an activity is being planned. The focus of the event is primarily for the children and accompanying adult to learn another country's culture by participating in a High Tea modeled after the British custom. The sign-up deadline is **Sunday February 16th**; this will enable us to plan appropriately. You may sign-up by emailing Vicki Howarth at dvhowarth@comcast.net or through the

following link: <https://forms.gle/cnCTT7XVnsEa73nH7>. A sign-up table will also be available in the gathering space beginning January 26th. Please join us for an afternoon of High Tea fun and fellowship!

Whether or not you are attending, please consider letting us borrow a teapot and/or teacup and saucer for the event. You may bring them the morning of February 23rd, or if attending, at the time of the High Tea. Please let Vicki know prior to February 16th if you have any of these items you plan to bring. Thank you!

LENTEN SUPPER SIGN-UP... Thanks to everyone who has signed up to serve a midweek Lenten supper. Only one supper needs a host. Please consider sponsoring the Lenten meal on April 9th. If you are willing to serve, please sign-up in the gathering space.

THANKS FROM... Your presence, the cards, and your kind remarks were very much appreciated in the celebration of Don Strietelmeier's 90th birthday.

The Response of God's People

Last Sunday, January 12th

Divine Service Attendance: **355**; Communion: **268**

Sunday School Attendance: **177**

General Fund: \$29,697.31 Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: \$90,300 including \$225 in honor of Don Strietelmeier's 90th Birthday

Additional Gifts: \$630 Radio Ministry; \$100 Financial Peace University Registrations

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