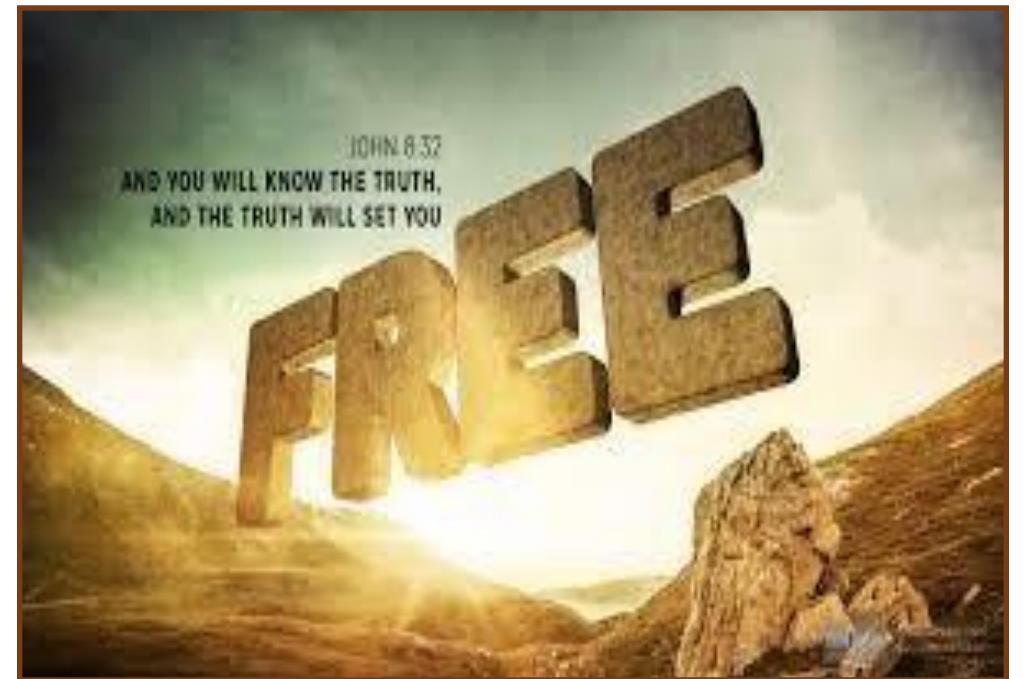


St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville, MD



Saved by Grace, through Faith

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Jesus calls us to be a Lutheran community gathered around Word and Sacrament and sends us to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for our neighbors everywhere.

Welcome to worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! **If you are a guest** with us today we would like to extend a special greeting from our family. We invite you to worship with us; sing with us; pray with us; believe with us; for God has sent His Son to bring life and salvation. The ushers will be glad to answer any questions you have. If you have special prayer requests or would like a visit they will also be able to assist you. Please sign our guest book before you depart today. Make worship and Bible study the center of your weekly life. Be here each Sunday, that we may rejoice in the Lord together! May God bless us!

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion, The Lord's Supper) is a sacred act established by Christ Himself and given to the whole Church. God's Word teaches: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself." (I Cor. 11:28-29) Therefore, in accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe that those who commune should:

- a. Be baptized Christians who have been instructed in God's Word, especially regarding the Sacrament;

- b. Confess and sincerely repent of all their sins; (1 John 1:8,9);
- c. Believe that through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, God forgives their sins and gives them newness of life (Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 6:23; II Cor. 5:17)
- d. Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true Body and Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith. (I Cor. 10:16; Matthew 26:28)
- e. Recognize that participation at His table is a “proclaiming of the Lord’s death” (I Cor 11:26) and indicates a public agreement and unity with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament, and the faith we confess in this congregation.

In Christian love and care, and because of pastoral responsibility, anyone who wishes to commune with the St. Paul family and is not a confirmed member of St. Paul or a sister LC-MS congregation, please speak to the pastor or an elder before participating in the Lord’s Supper.

Non-alcoholic individual cups are in the center of each communion tray.

Unconfirmed adults and children may come to the altar for a blessing. They are invited to remain standing to receive a blessing.

As Lutherans we believe and teach that:

People are saved by God’s **grace alone**. This grace is revealed to and bestowed on us through Jesus Christ. It is through the merits of Christ alone and not by our works that God forgives our sins and grants us eternal life.

It is through **faith alone** that we receive forgiveness of sin and salvation. This faith is created, renewed and sustained by the Holy Spirit through God’s Word and sacraments.

Scripture alone is the basis for all Christian doctrine, for it is God’s Word; inspired by Him and thus infallible. It is our sole authority. The doctrines formed in Scripture we believe are correctly set forth in the Lutheran Confessions (statements of belief).

As a Christian family we invite you to learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are without a church home in the area and are looking for a warm, Christ centered caring family where the Word is proclaimed, and God is exalted; we invite you to be with us. We look forward to getting to know you better and ministering to your needs.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020

ORGAN PRELUDE: We All Believe in One True God

Jacob B. Weber

WELCOME

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION

HYMN - Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Stand

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Luke 18:13)

Kneel

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

LSB 204



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

2Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.

Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

After the reading:

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

³though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*

he utters his voice, the | earth melts.
⁷The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.
⁸Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how he has brought desolations | on the earth.
⁹He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots | with fire.
¹⁰“Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted | in the earth!”
¹¹The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

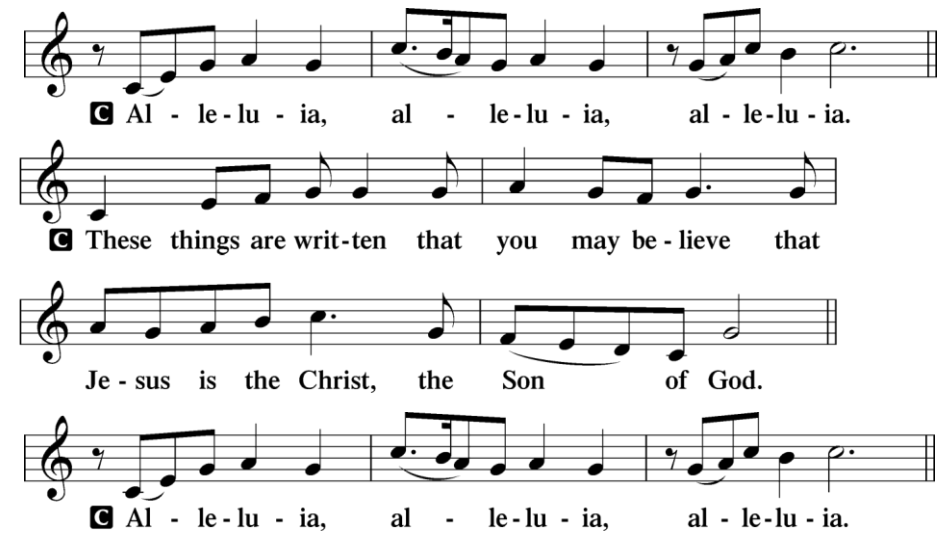
After the reading:

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a 7/8 time signature. The first staff is the Alleluia, the second and third are the verse, and the fourth is the final Alleluia. The lyrics are written below the notes.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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

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

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

Sit

HYMN - When I Behold Jesus Christ

LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



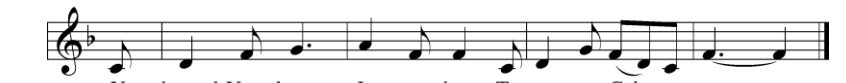
Refrain
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

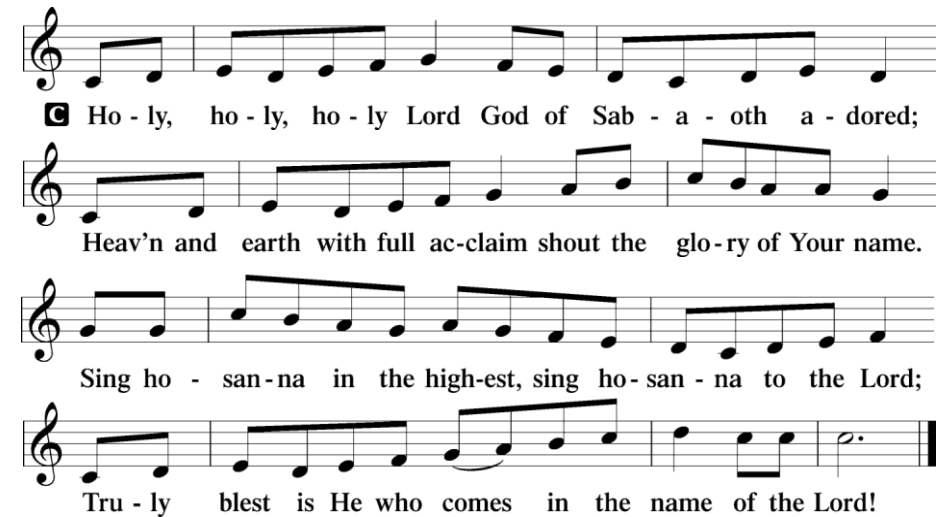
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS - Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits

of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| O, Lord, We Praise Thee | <i>LSB 617</i> |
| Just As I Am, without One Plea | <i>LSB 570</i> |
| God Loves Me Dearly | <i>LSB 392</i> |
| My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | <i>LSB 575</i> |

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C: Amen.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: A Mighty Fortress Helmut Walche

We thank Allison Braatz for playing the trumpet for worship this morning.

ONLINE RESOURCES FROM ST PAUL

Weekly Videos of the worship services available at the website:

<https://stpaulcatonsville.org/about-us/recent-online-services/>

Weekly Audio of the sermons available on the website:

<https://stpaulcatonsville.org/information/the-voice-of-st-paul/>

The audio sermons are also available as a podcast. Just search for "The Voice of St. Paul" or go here: <https://voiceofstpaul.buzzsprout.com/>

Weekly Video Bible Studies are available on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulcatonsville> Scroll down to find the video studies. You do not have to join Facebook to access these.

DAILY READINGS:

October 25: Deut. 27:1–26; Matt. 17:14–27; 26: Deut. 28:1–22; Matt. 18:1–20; 27: Deut. 29:1–29; Matt. 18:21–35; 28: Deut. 30:1–20; Matt. 19:1–15; 29: Deut. 31:1–29; Matt. 19:16–30; 30: Deut. 31:30–32:27; Matt. 20:1–16; 31: Deut. 32:28–52; Matt. 20:17–34.

Bible Study Opportunities at St. Paul

We currently offer two Bible study groups which meet via Zoom online. One meets Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. and the other meets on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Please contact the church office for more information on how to join these Bible studies.

Sunday Morning In Person Adult Bible Class Has Begun

Sunday Bible Class is being taught by Pastor each Sunday at 8:45 am in the Sanctuary. The normal precautions will be in place: masks and social distancing. Class will go from 8:45 to 9:45 am. Please join us! You may also see the Bible study on-line by going to: <https://stpaulcatonsville.org/online-bible-class/>

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this All Saints Day were provided by Marilyn and Brian Haberl in memory of their firstborn daughter, Erika Christine, October 30, 1980.

New Member Class Via Zoom

Pastor Alms is offering a New Member class which will go through Luther's Small Catechism. We will make the zoom information available to the congregation. If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning more about our Christian faith and the Lutheran church please invite them and let Pastor know.

(pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org)

We have Small Catechisms available for anyone who doesn't have one. We invite you to learn more about Jesus with us. If you are without a church home and are looking for a Christ centered place where the Word is proclaimed, and God's grace is shared: we invite you to be with us. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Check our website and Facebook page for more information about St. Paul!

Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild will meet Tuesday October 27th at 7pm at Dottie Frech's house.
Hope you are able to join us.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 2020

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

November 1st 10:00 a.m.

Every first Sunday of November, the church turns her attention to the saints of God who have gone before us. The word "saint" means "holy one" and all the baptized are saints on account of Christ and his life and death for us. On All Saints Sunday we remember the saints to whom Christ has given eternal life.

At St. Paul in worship we will remember all the saints in our church and in our families who have died since November 1st of 2019. We will have a commemoration/litany where each name is read and a Scripture verse is spoken responsively and a bell is rung. If you have an immediate Christian family member (mother, father, child, sibling) who has passed away since last November whom you wish to be remembered, please submit their name (and their relationship to you) to the office, by Sunday, October 25th.

Community Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, October 31, from 3:00PM – 4:00PM

Join Us For
**Trunk
or
Treat**
October 31st



We have put special pandemic precautions in place for this year. Event volunteers will wear masks. Goodies may be in individual bags or cups on a table in front of the trunk, or if these items are handed out then the individual will wear gloves in addition to their mask. All food products will be prepackaged.

Church and school families are providing the trunks.
To provide a trunk, contact Kate Baeder 301-717-3936 or Barb Haar 410-491-9116



Don't forget to set your clocks back next Saturday before going to bed!

Daylight Savings Time ends November 1.