

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 2022

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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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 enter your information using the QR code 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!



## Events



### **Picnic!**

Please join us immediately following the service for a Church and School Picnic. Food, friends, fun and games! Don't miss it.

### **Chapel and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**

Join us THIS Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM for St. Paul Lutheran End of the School Year Chapel and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. We celebrate the many blessings of the school year and that In Jesus All Things Hold Together (Col 1:17). Help us to congratulate our graduates Julia Ptaszek and Tobenna Nwankwo.

### **Memorial Day Commemoration**

On Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am at St Paul Lutheran Cemetery, we will have a special commemoration for all the war veterans that are buried there. The cemetery is located at 1022 Joh Ave., Baltimore, MD 21229.

**Daily Readings: May 22:** Num 3:1–16, 39–48, Luke 14:25–15:10; **May 23:** Num 8:5–26, Luke 15:11–32; **May 24:** Num 9:1–23, Luke 16:1–18; **May 25:** Num 10:11–36, Luke 16:19–31; **May 26, Ascension Day:** Num 11:1–23, 31–35, Luke 17:1–19; **May 27:** Num 11:24–29; 12:1–16, Luke 17:20–37; **May 28:** Num 13:1–3, 17–33, Luke 18:1–17.

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803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.

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Opening Versicles

*Psalm 118:24; Psalm 113:3; Psalm 84:10; Psalm 25:4; John 17:17*

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

L He redeems your life from the pit

C **and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
  
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:  
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Sit Reading

Acts 16:9–15

- L A reading from Acts, the sixteenth chapter.

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a

seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalmody** (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 67, antiphon v. 3*

L Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

L May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

C **that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

L Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

C **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

L Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

C **The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.**

L God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
And to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and will be forever.**

L Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

### **Reading**

*Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27*

L A reading from the Revelation to St. John, chapter 21.

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the

Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Stand Holy Gospel**

*John 5:1–9*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup>In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” <sup>9</sup>And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

## **Responsory**

*Psalms 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28*

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

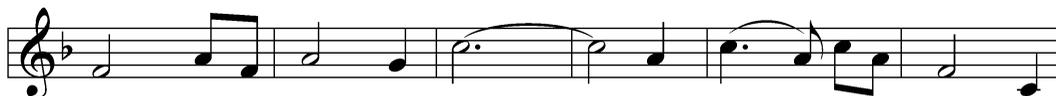
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.  
 L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
 C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.  
 L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
 C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Sit  
 744 Amazing Grace

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Sermon

Theme: Our Father Who Art in Heaven

**Offerings:** will be collected on your way out or text to give at 410-888-0161.

**Offering Hymn: For the Fruits of His Creation**

LSB 894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our  
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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**Stand**

**Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

## **Prayers for the End of the School Year**

L Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart;

C **You have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.**

L At the end of this new school year we thank you:

C **for the students, teachers, and staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School,**

L All have grown in faith, hope, and love

C **and in the knowledge of your son Jesus Christ.**

L Thank you for your holy Word and Holy Spirit.

C **For the knowledge of you Son Jesus and his salvation which has been shared in so many ways.**

L Be with and bless all schools in our community and all who work and learn there.

C **Bless them, Lord, and guide them with your goodness.**

L Bless these summer months, O Lord,

C **that we all may find rest and relaxation in your good creation.**

L We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

### Responsive Prayer

L I cry to You, O Lord;

C **in the morning my prayer comes before You.**

L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

L My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C **and with Your glory all the day.**

L Every day I will bless You

C **and praise Your name forever and ever.**

(Additional petitions may be offered here.)

### Collect of the Day

L 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.**

### Morning Prayer

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

# 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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## News & Notes

### Summer Mission Trip

The Mission Trip is set for June 19th through 24th in Western Kentucky. We will be working with Samaritan's Purse rebuilding houses impacted by the recent tornadoes. If you are interested in joining us, there are four more slots available. Talk to Pastor Alms for more information or email him at [almspg@gmail.com](mailto:almspg@gmail.com).

### Looking for summer opportunities?

St. Paul Early Childhood Center is looking for youth ages 13 and over who want to earn volunteer hours during the summer. Have fun interacting with the children in their day-to-day activities. If you can commit to 2-3 days/week, please contact Ms. Ama at [ama.owusu@splscatonsville.org](mailto:ama.owusu@splscatonsville.org) or call the school at 410-747-1924. Hours are flexible.

# Prayer List

## CHURCH MEMBERS

Jim & Laverne Kyne (both fighting Covid and also Jim improving from pneumonia)  
John & Dina Dornbusch (returning from Madagascar)  
Paula Staudinger (dealing with chronic illness)  
Lindsey Gay (at home, prayers that medical treatment will be timely and successful)  
Lindsey, Janice, and John Gay (strength, stamina, and hope to get through this rough time)  
John Gay (colon cancer)  
Sam Oldhouser (home recovering from colitis)  
Bruce Staudinger (strength and grace as he cares for Paula)  
Steve Hoffman (recovering from surgery)  
Marilyn Haberl (dealing with scleroderma)  
Linda Cook (relief from severe pain)



## SHUT-INS

Libby Cruvey, Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rosalind Lubell, wife of Paul (in the hospital at INOVA Fairfax, on respirator suffering from a very rare disease) 5/22  
David Andrus, son of Paula Staudinger (major blood infection) 5/15  
Pastor Stephen Schafer (having surgery on Tuesday) 5/15  
John and Connie Simmons, friends of the Stigdens (lost everything in a house fire) 5/15  
Myrtle Oliver, mother of Ray Fields (battling cancer) 5/15  
Gayle Hirst, former member (surgery & cancer treatment) 5/15  
The people of Ukraine and an end to the war in Ukraine  
Mason Ruzika, son of school secretary Sara (recovering from a concussion) 5/8  
Ashley Ruzika, daughter of Sara (recovering from knee surgery) 5/1  
John Kassouf, former principal of St. Paul School (stage 4 prostate cancer) 4/17  
Michelle McMorris, teacher in our ECC (battling breast cancer) 5/1  
Brenna, 3 year old daughter of Bonnie, a teacher at St. Paul's Glen Burnie (inoperable brain tumor)

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