

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Baptism of Our Lord  
January 8, 2023

# 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 or 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 Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

**Parents:** We welcome children in the worship service. If your child needs a break during the worship service, the Media Center is available to use. Turn right when you leave the sanctuary and follow the hall around to the Media Center. The service will be livestreamed in the Media Center so that you can still see and hear the worship service.

**Children's Bulletins:** available in the narthex.

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Prelude: *Puer Nobis*: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Aaron David Miller

### 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## *Kneel/Sit*

### Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## *Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit (*sung responsively*)

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

- Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
**my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**  
I will tell of | the decree:.\*  
**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.**  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
**and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**  
You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise,\*  
**be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**  
 Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
**and rejoice with | trembling,**  
 for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
**Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.**  
**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.**  
 Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
**my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



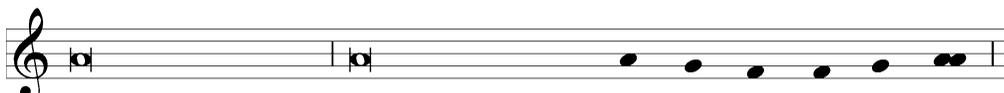
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



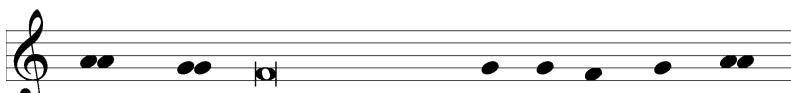
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

**C** **Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

- <sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem: We Have Seen His Star in the East**

John Carter

We have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him.  
Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon Thee.  
O Morning Star, how fair and bright, thou beamest forth in truth and light!  
O Sovereign meek lowly!  
We have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him.  
Thou root of Jesse, David’s Son,  
My Lord and Savior thou hast won, my heart to serve thee solely!  
We have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him.  
Thou art holy, fair and glorious all victorious, rich in blessing.  
Rule and might o’er all possessing.  
We have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him.

### **Epistle**

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in

order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 3:13–17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

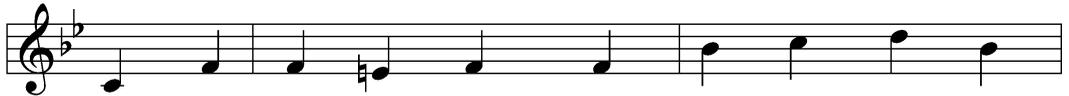
Sit

## 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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## Sermon

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.**

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

*(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically through our website at [stpaulcatonsville.org/donation](http://stpaulcatonsville.org/donation). If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)*

### Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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



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

### Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us

together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### 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 T 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 T 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

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit



537 Beautiful Savior

LSB 537



1	Beau - ti - ful	Sav - ior,	King	of cre - a - tion,	Son	of
2	Fair are the	mead - ows,	Fair	are the wood - lands,	Robed	in
3	Fair is the	sun - shine,	Fair	is the moon - light,	Bright	the
4	Beau - ti - ful	Sav - ior,	Lord	of the na - tions,	Son	of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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### 739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 When my life is al - most gone,  
 And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,



Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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642 O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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**Stand**  
**Thank the Lord**

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



**☐** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what

He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
 joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray. . . .

**C** A - men.

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.

**C** A - men.



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free                      Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood,                      Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny,                              God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine                      To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ;                          I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## Dismissal

**Postlude:** *Winchester New: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Malcolm Archer

## Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
<b>Cantor</b>	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
<b>Reader</b>	Michelle Johnson	JB Jaeger
<b>Usher</b>	Brian Erwin	Cameron Jones
<b>Usher</b>	Jay Barringer	Chris Meyer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dasha Frech	Ella Nelson
<b>Greeter</b>	Karyn Borth	Doris Schaschek

## Daily Lectionary

Do you notice the Daily Lectionary Readings printed in the bulletin each week? Following historic practice, this lectionary presents a continuous reading through the books of the Bible, often associating certain books with particular seasons of the Church Year. The goal is not to read through the entire Bible each year. Rather, two readings of 15-25 verses each are provided for each day – one from the Old Testament, the other from the New Testament. Under this plan, nearly all of the New Testament and approximately one-third of the Old Testament are read each year.

**Daily Readings:** *Jan 8:* Ezek 2:1–3:11, Rom 1:18–32; *Jan 9:* Ezek 3:12–28, Rom 2:1–16; *Jan 10:* Ezek 18:1–4, 19–32, Rom 2:17–29; *Jan 11:* Ezek 33:1–20, Rom 3:1–18; *Jan 12:* Ezek 34:1–24, Rom 3:19–31; *Jan 13:* Ezek 36:13–28, Rom 4:1–25; *Jan 14:* Ezek 36:33–37:14, Rom 5:1–21.

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# News & Notes

## Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today to the glory of God by the Ladies Guild. Altar flowers give glory to God, beautify the sanctuary, and commemorate an important person or event in your life. The Flower Chart for 2023 is posted and has openings available, consider sponsoring flowers. The cost to sponsor is \$25 for one arrangement or \$45 for two. Flowers can be taken home after the service.

## Opportunities to Serve

Please consider serving the St. Paul congregation by joining the **counters**. Two people meet after church to count the offerings and deposit money at the bank. Each counter only needs to volunteer for one Sunday a month and it only takes between 30 - 60 minutes. Please contact Christina Nelson or Steve Haar for more information.



We are also looking for a team of people to assist with the **streaming** of our service online. It's not complicated, and it is important work that gets the message of Christ out into the world. You don't need any computer or technological expertise... just a willingness to help. Contact Aaron Nelson or Pastor Alms to help.

## Family Fun Night Making Lunches for Rescue Mission

We will have a Family Fun Night on January 25<sup>th</sup> to gather and put together lunches for the shelter at St. Vincent DePaul in Baltimore. The time is 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Come and help us put together 200 lunches!

## Mission Trip 2023

There will be a meeting on Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to discuss a mission trip for 2023. Plan to be a part of making a difference for others.

# Welcome

## Welcome SED President Bill Harmon!

Rev. Harmon will join us for our Mission Brunch on February 12<sup>th</sup> following worship. We will have a congregational meal together and hear how President Harmon sees the mission situation in the SED and we will celebrate the opportunities we have to impact the world with the Gospel.

**Mildred Klein** has moved within Charlestown. Her new address is:

709 Maiden Choice Lane  
Wilton Overlook, Room 445  
Baltimore, MD 21228

# Prayer List

## CHURCH MEMBERS

Debbie Frech (cancer treatments)  
Mildred Klein (recovering from a stroke)  
John Gay (cancer)  
Ron Louden (recovering from a procedure, in rehab)  
Peggy Brannan (recovering)  
Lindsey Gay  
Paula Staudinger (recovering from a fall)  
Bruce Staudinger (strength and grace as Paula's full time caregiver)  
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, Peggy Brannan, and Janet Conklin.

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Family of Minh Nguyen, father of David Nguyen, who passed away.  
Eine Haasmaa, mother of Sari Nguyen (recovering from a stroke)  
Faith Welty, aunt of Carol Taylor (elderly and seriously ill)  
Stan Wilen, father of Sari's friend (hospitalized with complications from a fall)  
Giovani Morgan, 3-year old grandson of friends of the Borths (Chiari Malformation) 12/18  
Minh Nguyen, father of David (recovering from multiple issues, including Covid) 12/18  
Anne Nguyen, sister of David (Covid) 12/11  
Rosalind Lubell, wife of Paul (praying for recovery) 12/18  
Ed Cohen (thanksgiving for a good report from the neurologist) 12/11  
Bill Emmerich, twin brother of Betsy Mitchell (cancer) 1/8  
Gayle Hirst, former member of St. Paul (cancer treatments) 12/11

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list, please email [pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org](mailto:pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org) or [dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org](mailto:dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org) or call the church office. Family and friends will automatically be removed after one month. If you want your request to stay on for another month, just contact the office.

