# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2023

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

2001 Old Frederick Road Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Church: 410-747-1897 School: 410-747-1924 www.stpaulcatonsville.org email: secretary@stpaulcatonsville.org Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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.

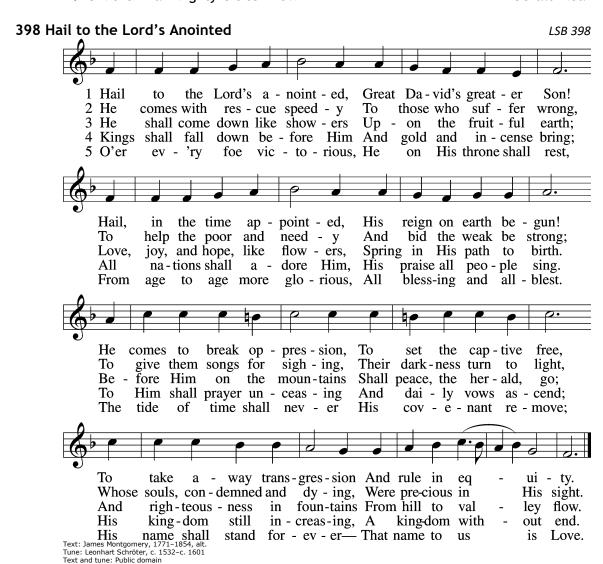
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2023

**Prelude:** O More Than Mighty Cities Known Gerald Near



## 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.
- 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 19:1-4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,\*

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*

and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Day to day | pours out speech,\*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.

There is no speech, nor | are there words,\*

#### whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.\*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun.

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.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,\*

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

**Kyrie** 

Mark 10:47



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



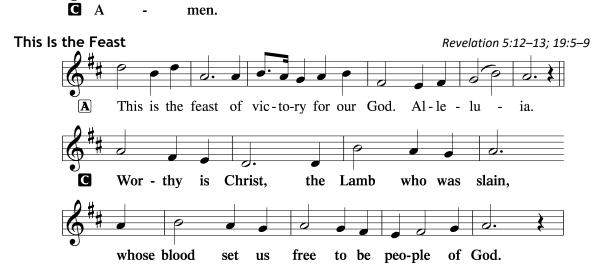


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



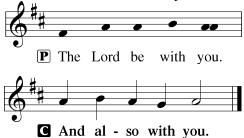
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.







## Salutation and Collect of the Day



- P Let us pray.
- C 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.



# Sit Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called me from the womb,

from the body of my mother he named my name.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword;

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow;

in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my right is with the LORD,

and my recompense with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,

he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him;

and that Israel might be gathered to him—

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation. the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Anthem: O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

Robert Buckley Farlee

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word, eternal love revealed in time:

Come, make your home within our hearts, that we may dwell in light sublime.

Our bartered, busy lives burn dim, too tired to care, too numb to feel.

Oh, come and shine upon our shadowed world: your radiance bathes with power to heal.

Your glory shone at Jordan's stream, the font where we were born anew.

Attune your church to know you near: illumine all we say and do.

O Light of Nations, fill the earth; our faith and hope and love renew.

Come, lead the peoples to your peace, as stars once led the way, once led the way to you.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

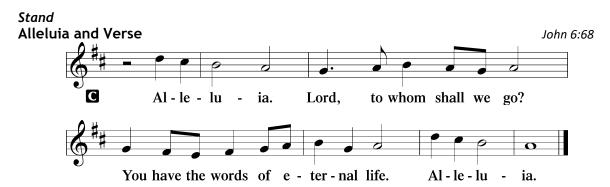
<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all

knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel John 1:29–42a

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



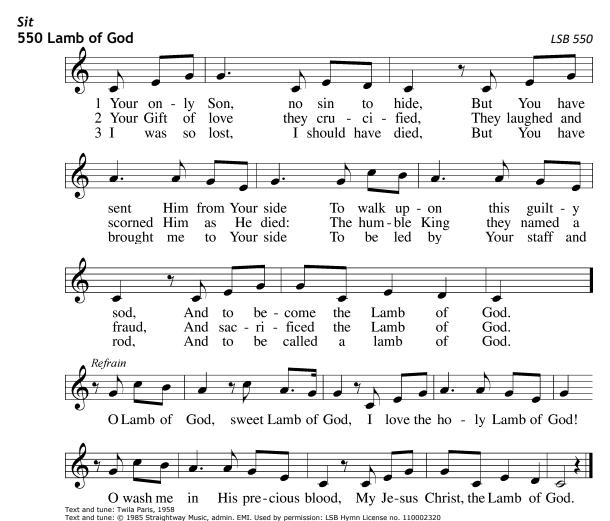
<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and

saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

## P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





#### 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.

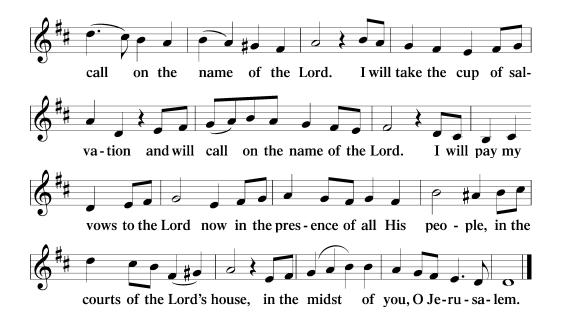
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ⊤ everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

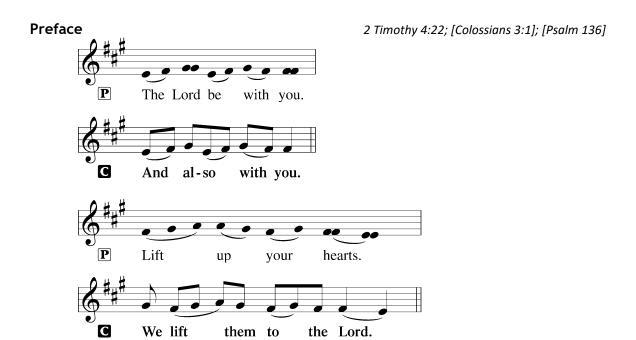
## Offering

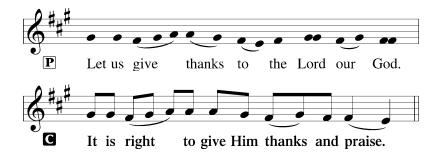
(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically through our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/donation. If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)





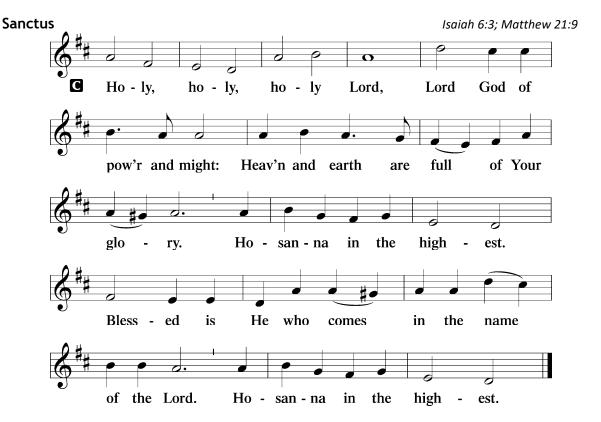
## Service of the Sacrament





## **Proper Preface**

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



## 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 Ou

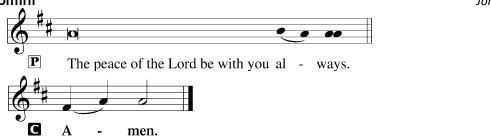
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

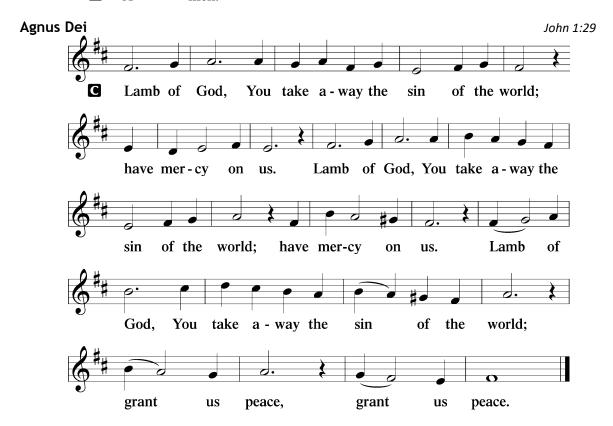
#### The Words of Our Lord

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."

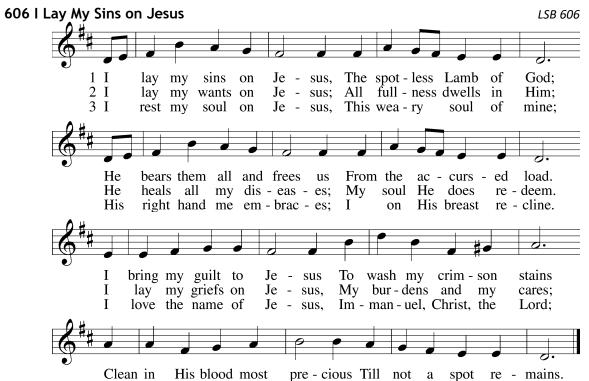
Pax Domini John 20:19





Sit





Like fra-grance on Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89 Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen Text and tune: Public domain

He from them all

the

re - leas - es: He

breez - es

all my sor - rows

His name a - broad is

shares.

poured.



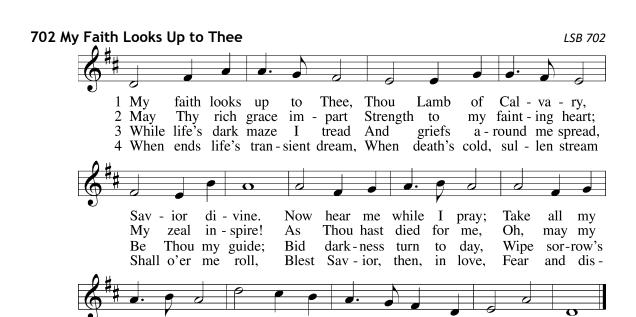
LSB 620



5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808–58; tr. David W. Rogner, 1960
Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758
Text: © David W. Rogner. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002320
Tune: Public domain

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.



me from this day Be

Text and tune: Public domain

ev - er stray From Thee

a-bove. A

whol - ly

liv - ing

Thine!

fire!

a - side.

ran-somed soul!

let

let

Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A

bear me

me

safe

guilt a - way; O

trust re-move: O

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87

tears a - way, Nor





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray....



## **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

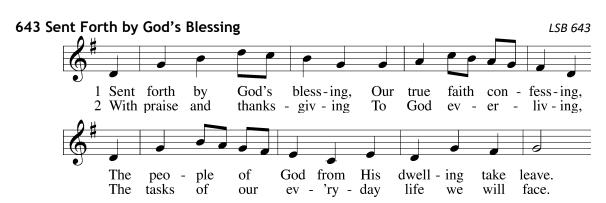


**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.







#### **Dismissal**

Postlude: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! Mark Sedio

#### Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV\* Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version\*), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2023 Concordia Publishing House.

## News & Notes

#### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are placed on the altar today to the glory of God by the Ladies Guild.

## Opportunities to Serve

- If you can commit to one Sunday a month to join the team of *counters*, please contact Christina Nelson or Steve Haar for more information.
- If you are willing and interested in helping with the **streaming** of our service online, please contact Aaron Nelson or Pastor Alms to help.
- To sponsor Altar Flowers or to provide treats for Fellowship Time, sign up on the bulletin board in the stairwell.



## Together We Make a Difference: Bagged Lunches Project

On January 25th (6 to 7:15 pm) St. Paul Lutheran Church and School will gather to put together bagged lunches for Beans and Bread in Baltimore. Beans and Bread is a day resource program that offers housing, health, mental health, recovery, and employment service. Our goal is to provide 200 bagged lunches for the homeless and needy population they serve. Each elementary school class and the congregation will gather specific items for the lunches. Then on January 25<sup>th</sup>, we will gather to put the lunches together. We are asking church members to do two things: (1) come on the 25<sup>th</sup> to help assemble the lunches and (2) donate the lunch meat and cheese for the sandwiches. We need 30 lbs. of turkey and 30 lbs. of ham and 35 lbs. of cheese. You may bring any amount you can to the church beginning this week and ending on Sunday morning the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please help us meet our goal and please come out on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

## 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 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.

## New Adult Bible Classes Begin February 5th

Three classes will be offered on Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:45. They begin February  $5^{th}$  and run through May.

- Gospel of Luke, led by Pastor Alms.
- The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus: A study of the harmony of the Gospels, led by Kevin Dungey
- Women's study of Great Women of the Bible, led by Michelle Johnson



#### Nominations for LCMS National Offices

If any member has suggestions for nominations for the office of LCMS President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President or Regional Vice President, please give those names to Aaron Nelson or Pastor Alms. Elections for these offices will occur in connection with the LCM National convention which happens in July of 2023. More information about the nomination process may be found at:

https://www.lcms.org/convention/governance/nominations/president-vice-presidents

## **Super Bowl Subs**

Youth will be taking orders on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> and Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Pick up after church on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Luther Books and Beer:** Thursday, Jan 26th at 7 pm at The Rathskellar. Discussing *Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today*.

#### Life Week 2023 is here!

"Blessed For Life!" is the theme gathering Lutherans from across the country this week. Next Sunday we observe Life Sunday. Join Lutherans For Life online! Learn about life issues from the comfort of your home, at 8:00 p.m. ET. Log in to Zoom (Zoom Meeting ID: 845 7061 0394 Passcode: 501680) each evening for a Gospel-motivated presentation from the following speakers:

- January 15 Rev. Michael Salemink Blessed as a Gift
- January 16 Rev. Steven and Stephanie Cholak Blessed in Longing
- January 17 Delores Desemone Blessed Together
- January 18 Deaconess Chrissie Gillet Blessed with Healing

For the special presentation on January 20 use Zoom Meeting ID: 848 3529 5744 and Passcode: 864870

• January 20 | Special Presentation – Rev. Dr. Greg Schulz, Professor of Philosophy at Concordia University Wisconsin.

#### Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
Reader	JB Jaeger	Suzanne Giguere
Usher	Cameron Jones	Don Easton
Usher	Chris Meyer	Bill Oldhouser
Acolyte	Ella Nelson	Grace McDonald
Greeter	Doris Schaschek	Debbie Oldhouser

**Daily Readings:** *Jan 15*: Ezek 37:15–28, Rom 6:1–23; *Jan 16*: Ezek 38:1–23, Rom 7:1–20; *Jan 17*: Ezek 39:1–10, 17–29, Rom 7:21—8:17; *Jan 18*: Ezek 40:1–4; 43:1–12, Rom 8:18–39; *Jan 19*: Ezek 44:1–16, 23–29, Rom 9:1–18; *Jan 20*: Ezek 47:1–14, 21–23, Rom 9:19–33; *Jan 21*: Joel 1:1–20, Rom 10:1–21.

# Prayer List

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Rich Foks (upcoming knee surgery)

Debbie Frech (cancer treatments)

Mildred Klein (recovering from a stroke)

John Gay (cancer)

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**

Carolyn and the Louden friends and family as they mourn Ron's passing with the certainty of our eternal life together with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in heaven.

The family and friends of Bob Carpenter, friend of Paula Staudinger, prayers of comfort as they mourn his passing.

Pastor Jeancarlos Ramirez, husband of Deaconess Caitlin (needs treatment for AVM) 1/15

Fred Neebe, cousin of Irene Giguere (hospitalized) 1/15

Roger Borchin, friend of the Gigueres (upcoming back surgery) 1/15

Eine Haasmaa, mother of Sari Nguyen (recovering from a stroke)

Gayle Hirst, former member of St. Paul (cancer treatments, hospitalized) 1/15

Faith Welty, aunt of Carol Taylor (elderly and seriously ill) 1/8

Stan Wilen, father of Sari's friend (hospitalized with complications from a fall) 1/8

Giovani Morgan, 3-year old grandson of friends of the Borths (Chiari Malformation) 12/18

Rosalind Lubell, wife of Paul (praying for recovery) 12/18

Bill Emmerich, twin brother of Betsy Mitchell (cancer) 1/8

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list, please email pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org or 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.