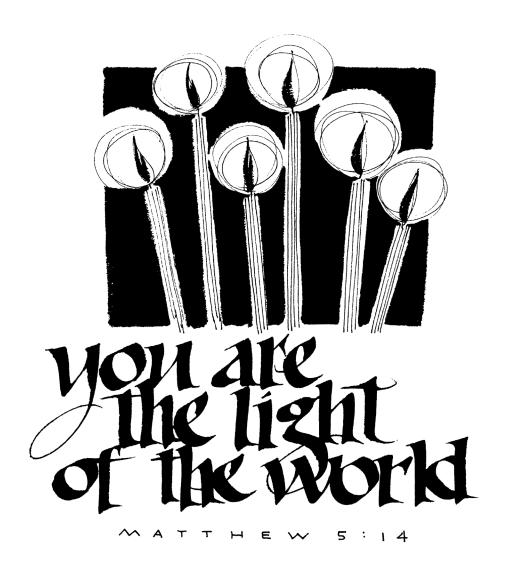
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



5th Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 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.

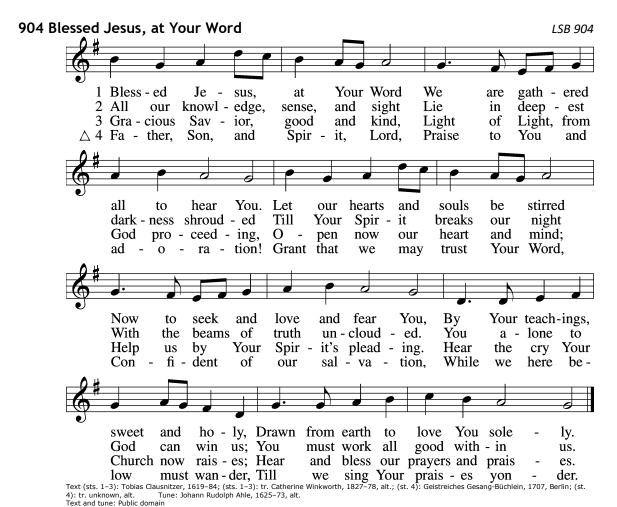
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran 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: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Frederick Frahm



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 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

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Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*

teach me your | statutes!

How can a young man keep his | way pure?*

By guarding it according | to your word.

With my whole heart | seek you;*

let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

I have stored up your word | in my heart,*

that | might not sin a- | gainst you.

Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*

teach me your | statutes!

With my lips | I declare*

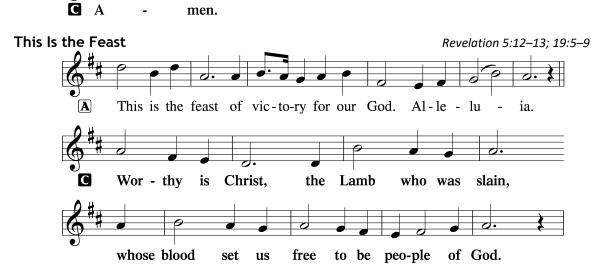
all the just decrees | of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies | I delight*
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as much as in all | riches. I will meditate on your | precepts* and fix my eyes | on your ways. I will delight in your | statutes;* I will not for- | get your word. 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. Blessèd are you, O LORD;* teach me your | statutes! **Kyrie** Mark 10:47 In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. O For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

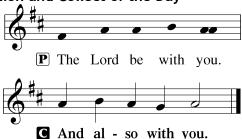
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.







Salutation and Collect of the Day



- P Let us pray.
- C O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 58:3-9a

3""Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?"
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day

will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,

a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,

and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,

and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶"Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

7Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
 8Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
 9Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

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

Anthem: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

Christopher Tye

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, Eternal source of love, Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heav'n above. As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son, So fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

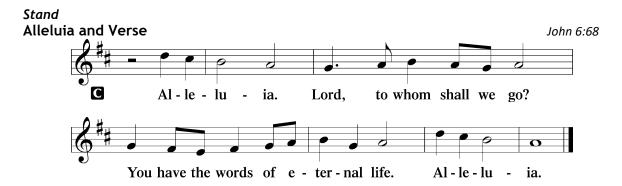
¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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



Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13–20

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



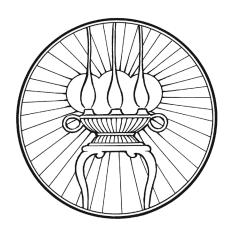
¹³[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.







Sermon

Stand Apostles' Creed

Text: Ronald A. Klug, 1939, alt.

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,

Tune: Dale Wood, 1934-2003

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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.

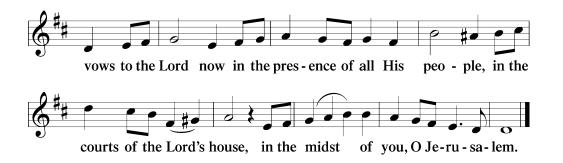
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

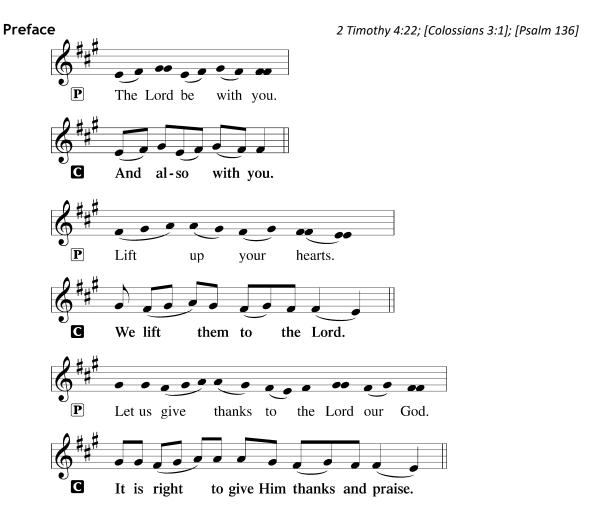
Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically through our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/donation. 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

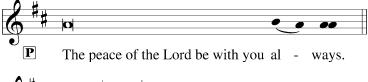
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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





Agnus Dei

John 1:29

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



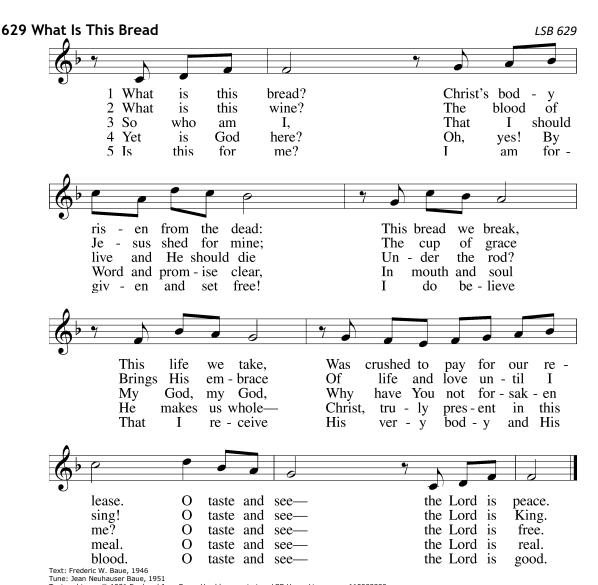
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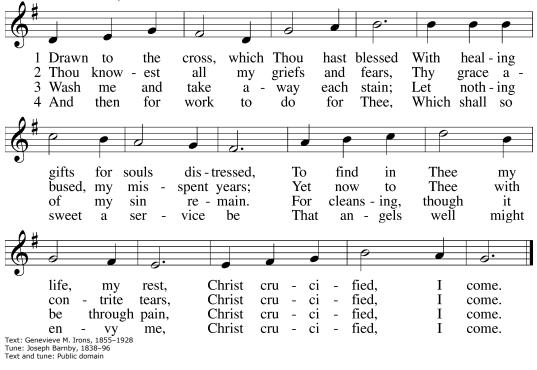




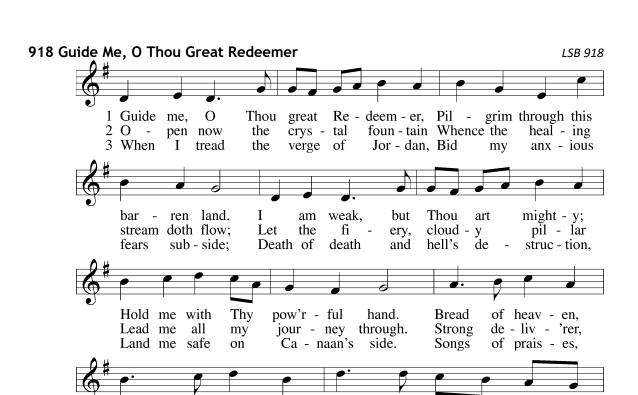
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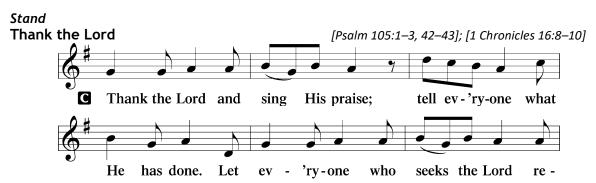
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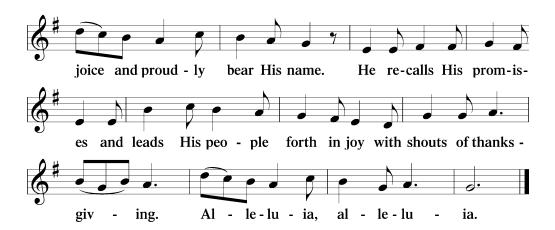
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Post-Communion Collect

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.





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!

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D 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!

Dismissal

Postlude: Siyahamba: We are Marching in the Light of God

South African Tune, Robert Buckley Farlee



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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today by Jeffrey Hemmeter in celebration of Michael's 13th birthday and by Debbie Frech in celebration of Dasha's birthday.



Sunday Morning Bible Classes

Join us every Sunday morning from 8:45-9:45. Everyone, both young and old, should meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45. Classes will be dismissed from there.

Study	Leader	Location
Gospel of Luke	Pastor Alms	Learning Center
The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus:	Kevin Dungey	Room 204 (4 th Grade)
A study of the harmony of the Gospels		
Great Women of the Bible	Michelle Johnson	Conference Room
High School	Cameron Jones	Room 301 (behind organ)
Middle School	Jeffrey Hemmeter	Room 203 (3 rd Grade)
Elementary School	Andia Orujov	Room 206 (1 st Grade)

Sign Up Reminder - Mission Brunch!

Welcome SED President Rev. Dr. Harmon when he joins us for a Mission Brunch *next Sunday*, February 12th, 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. Help is needed with set up/clean up and food donations. **Sign up** to attend on the bulletin board in the stairwell.

Brunch Food Drop-Off

Please deliver to the kitchen before 9:45 that morning. Someone will be available to assist you before and during the Sunday School hour. Please label your dish so the congregation will know what it is, and if it has any ingredients that might be allergy sensitive.

ShareBaby Diaper Collection

We will be supporting vulnerable families with babies and young children by collecting diapers. These will be given to the local branch of ShareBaby to distribute. The diapers may be in new packs or open packs. ShareBaby is a non-profit group that provides these diapers and other resources to partner agencies that distribute them.

Sight & Sound Theatre: Moses

We have 30 tickets now available on a first-come, first-serve basis for "Moses: Live On Stage" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The show is on Saturday, April 29th at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$84.55 each. We'll watch as Moses comes to life in this spectacular production on a panoramic stage featuring massive sets, special effects, and live animals. You may sign up online (link is in the newsletter) or at the table next to the water fountain. Deadline is March 18th.



Super Bowl Subs

TODAY is the last day to order your Super Bowl Sub from the St. Paul Youth! Find them in the narthex and place your order today. The cost is \$10 per sub. Subs will be ready for pick up after church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th.

Altar Care Committee

The Altar Care Committee is in desperate need of congregation members willing to set up and clear off the altar on Sundays. Will you help for one month of the year? Openings in the schedule available from **APRIL to DECEMBER!** There is still time to receive training!! More information available in the Church Newsletter. If you are willing, please contact Robbin Dungey at marthadungey@gmail.com or 410-698-2766.



Do you have a talent to share?

The St. Paul Early Childhood Center is planning their Summer Program and in search of fun, talented friends to showcase or share with the 2 – 4 year olds. Do you play an instrument or have a sport that you could share for an hour? Volunteer hours will be awarded for high school students. Please contact ama.owusu@splscatonsville.org with your ideas and availability.

Serving at St. Paul

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	This week	Next week
Cantor	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
Reader	Jay Barringer	Michelle Johnson
Usher	Bruce Staudinger	Jim Kyne
Usher	Paul Lubell	David Nguyen
Acolyte	Danny McKay	
Greeter	Robbin Dungey	Sari Nguyen

Daily Readings: *Feb* **5:** Job 2:1—3:10, John 1:19–34; *Feb* **6:** Job 3:11–26, John 1:35–51; *Feb* **7:** Job 4:1–21, John 2:1–12; *Feb* **8:** Job 5:1–27, John 2:13–25; *Feb* **9:** Job 6:1–13, John 3:1–21; *Feb* **10:** Job 6:14–30, John 3:22—4:6; *Feb* **11:** Job 7:1–21, John 4:7–26.

Prayer List

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CHURCH MEMBERS

Rik Johnsson (recovering from neck surgery)
Rich Foks (recovering from knee surgery)
Debbie Frech (cancer treatments)
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

Bertha Ann Martin, mother of Karen Puls (recovering from a fall and Covid) 2/5

Shannon, daughter of Pat Chinn (cancer returned, upcoming surgery) 1/29

Mike Dusek, brother-in-law of Sandy Hayes (recovering from hip replacement surgery) 1/29

Bill Simmons, friend of Bill and Debbie Oldhouser (cancer, undergoing surgery and chemo) 1/22

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

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.

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