St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



We have no mission but to serve In full obedience to our LORD. To care for all without reserve. And spread his liberating Word F. PRATT GREEN

6th Sunday after the Epiphany February 12, 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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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

1 John 1:8–9

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

Exhortation

- 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 98:7–9; antiphon: v. 2

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;*

the world and those who | dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together be- | fore the LORD,* for he comes to | judge the earth.

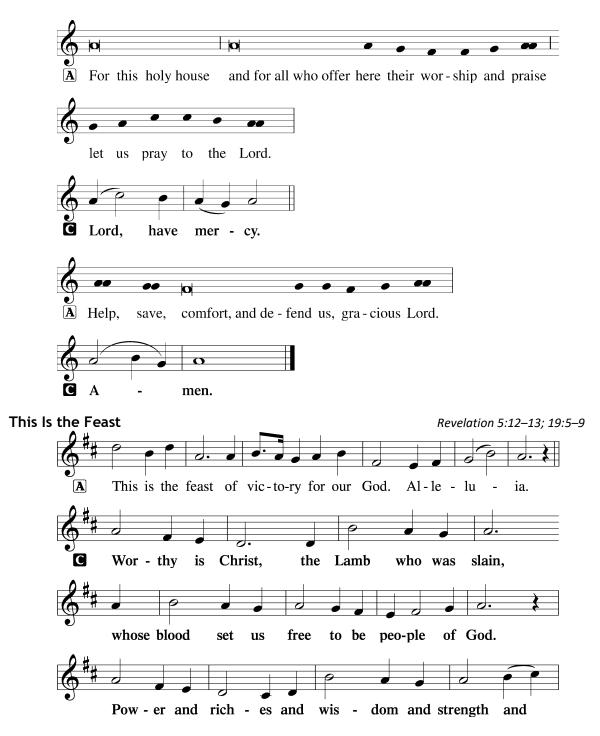
He will judge the world with | righteousness,* and the peoples with | equity.

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.

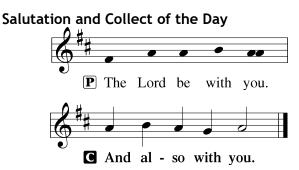
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- P Let us pray.
- C O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit Bell Choir Anthem: Epiphany Carol

Linda R. Lamb

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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

Anthem: If ye love me

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may bide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

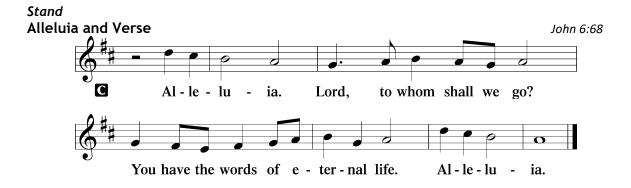
Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

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Holy Gospel

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



²¹[Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

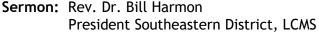
³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.







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.

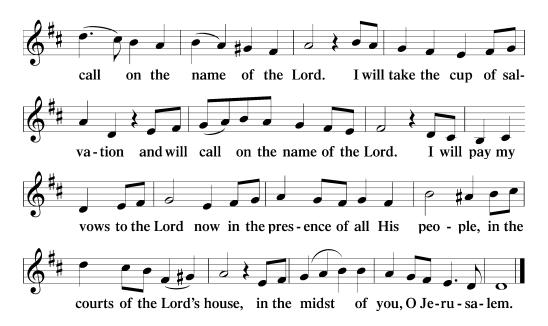
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

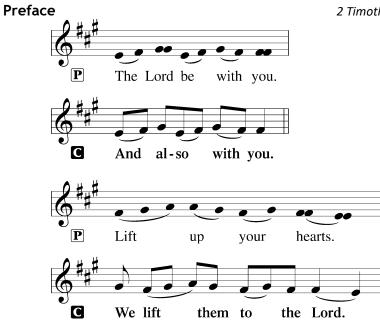
Offering

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

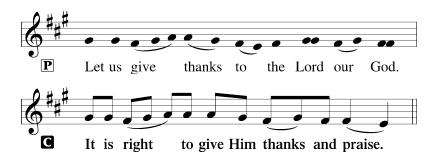




Service of the Sacrament

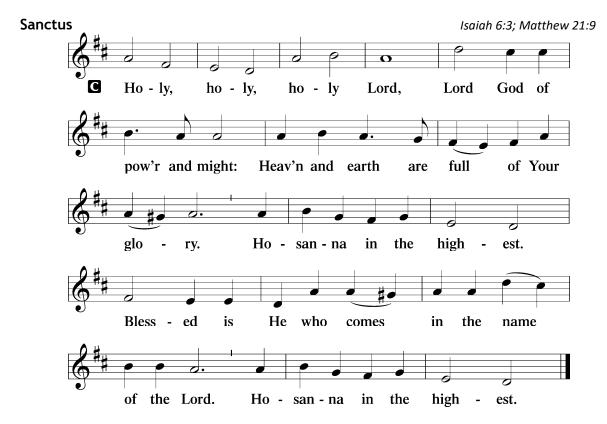


2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



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.

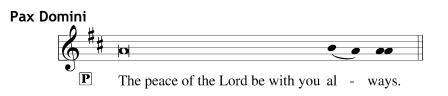
Lord's Prayer

 C 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

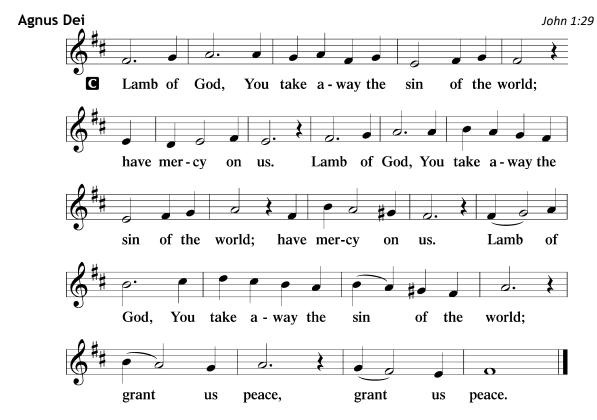
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."



John 20:19



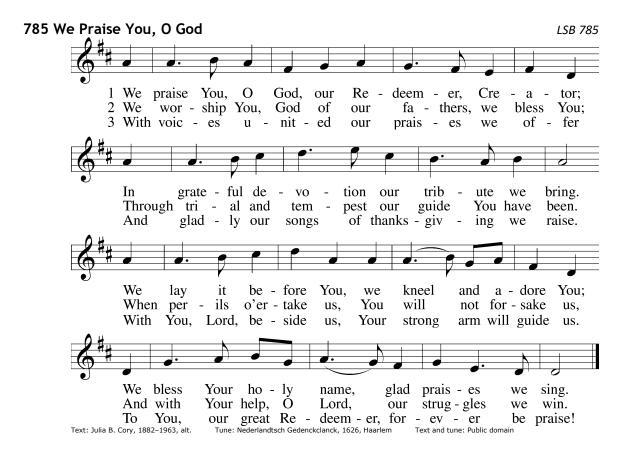


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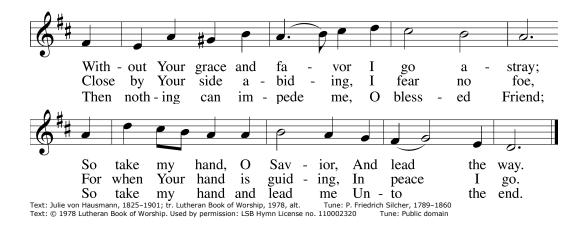


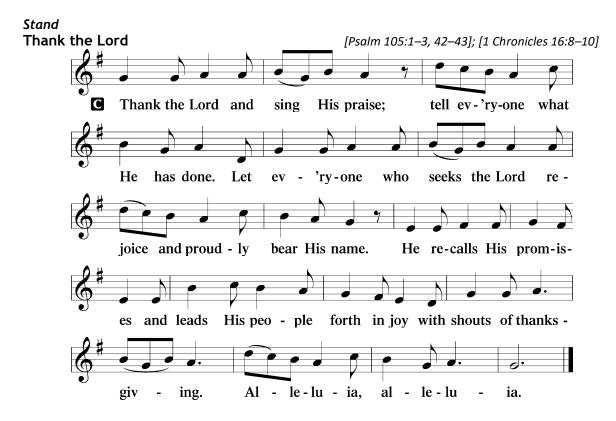


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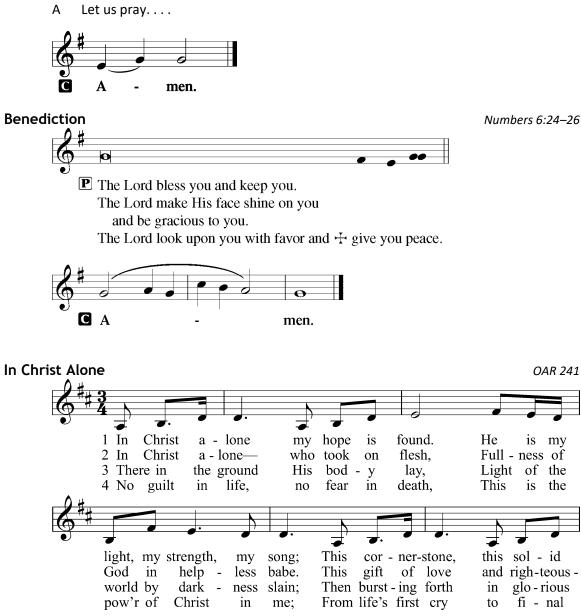








Post-Communion Collect





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Dismissal

Postlude: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Thomas Gieschen

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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar today by Linda Klingmeyer in memory of Richard Klingmeyer. Flowers are also placed on the altar by Kevin and Robbin Dungey in celebration of the 11th birthday of their grandson, Bryce.

Welcome

We welcome the president of the Southeastern District of the LCMS, Rev. Dr. Harmon as part of our service today and we look forward to interacting with him after worship at the Mission Brunch.

Mission Brunch

Even if you didn't sign up in advance, please join us TODAY in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for brunch and a discussion of Missions in the Southeastern District.



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: A study of the harmony of the Gospels	Kevin Dungey	Room 204 (4 th Grade)
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)

February 19th Voters' Meeting

We will have a very quick Voters meeting following worship on the 19th to (1) finalize nominations for LCMS President, 1st Vice President and Regional Vice President and (2) choose a lay person as our elector to cast votes for the election of the LCMS president in June.

Bulletin & Newsletter Deadlines

Articles for the March newsletter are due by the end of Monday, February 20th. News & Notes for next week's bulletin must be received by TOMORROW (earlier than usual.) Thanks for your help.

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.

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 <u>marthadungey@gmail.com</u> or 410-698-2766.

LWML Prayer Service and Breakfast

Saturday, March 4th, 8:30 am – noon at Our Savior, Laurel. Registration fee \$5. Donations will be for New Hope Church and School in Liberia. Stay tuned for carpool and registration information.

	This week	Next week
Cantor	JB Jaeger	JB Jeager
Reader	Michelle Johnson	JB Jaeger
Usher	Jim Kyne	Roy Krakat
Usher	David Nguyen	Ed Kester
Acolyte	Joshua Unglesbee	Luke Nelson
Greeter	Sari Nguyen	Bruce Staudinger

Serving at St. Paul

Daily Readings: *Feb* 12: Job 8:1–22, John 4:27–45; *Feb* 13: Job 9:1–35, John 4:46–54; *Feb* 14: Job 10:1–22, John 5:1–18; *Feb* 15: Job 11:1–20, John 5:19–29; *Feb* 16: Job 12:1–6, 12–25, John 5:30–47; *Feb* 17: Job 13:1–12, John 6:1–21; *Feb* 18: Job 13:13–28, John 6:22–40.

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)



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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Roger Borchin, friend of the Gigueres (thanksgiving for successful back surgery, prayers for continued healing)
- Fred Neebe, friend of the Gigueres (thanksgiving for return home from hospital, prayers for returning strength)

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.