St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Second Sunday in Lent March 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.

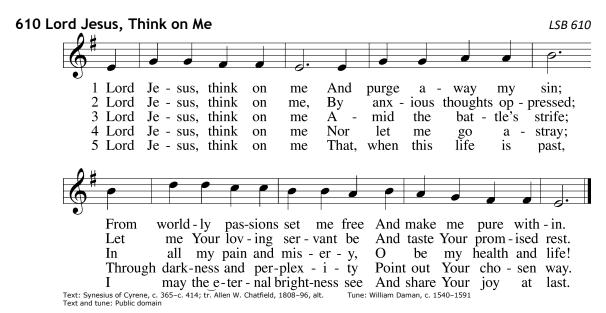
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran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

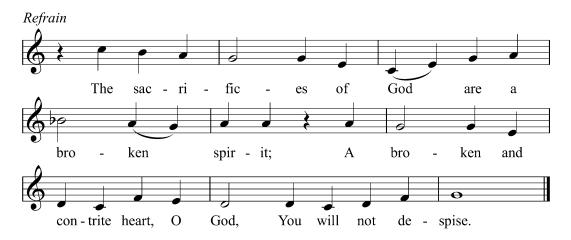
Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- 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

Psalm 51 (selected verses)



Refrain

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your | steadfast love;* according to Your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,* and cleanse me | from my sin!

For I know my trans- | gressions,* and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

Refrain

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,* and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;* wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

Let me hear joy and | gladness;*

let the bones that You have bro- | ken rejoice.

Hide Your face | from my sins,* and blot out all my in- | iquities.

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God,* and renew a right spirit with in me.

Cast me not away from Your | presence,* and take not Your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your sal- | vation,* and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

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.

Refrain

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Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Mark 10:47





Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



- P Let us pray.
- C O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 12:1-9

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the

LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

Anthem: O Lord my God: King Solomon's Prayer Samuel Sebastian Wesley

O Lord my God, hear thou the prayer Thy servant prayeth. Have Thou respect unto his prayer.

Hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

Epistle Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

7"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

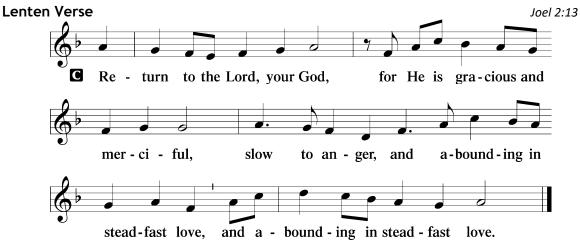
⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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- C Thanks be to God.





Holy Gospel John 3:1–17

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



¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ¹Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' §The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

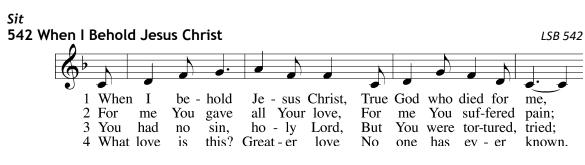
⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent

in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

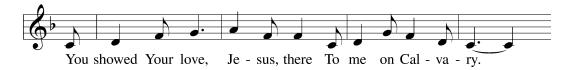
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.















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Sermon

Stand Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

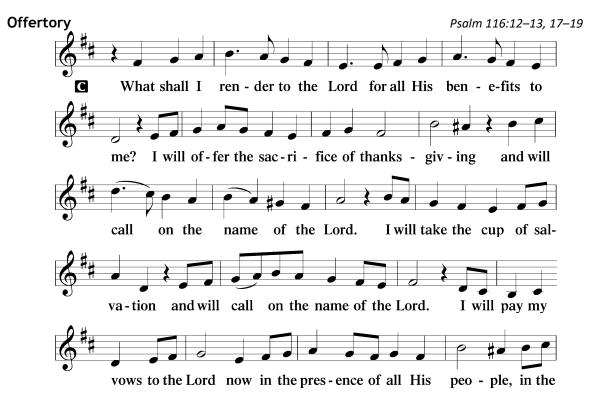
> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

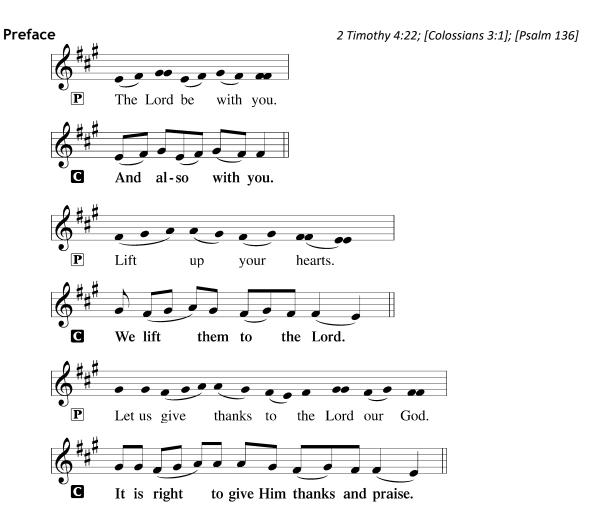
Offering

(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 Our Father who art in heaven,

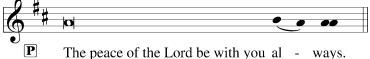
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the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



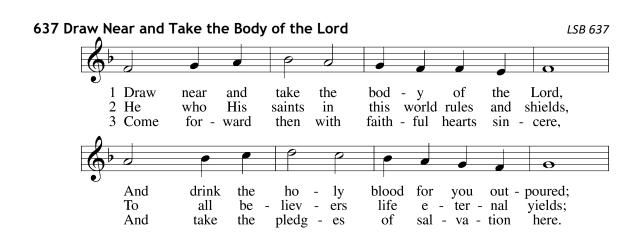


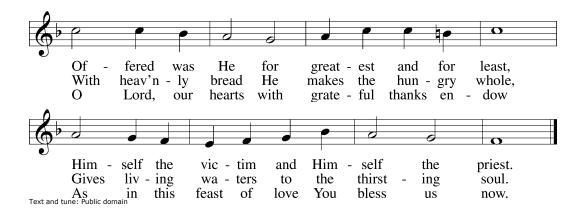




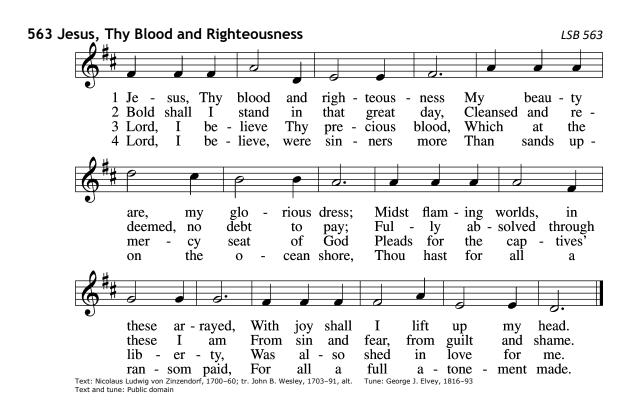


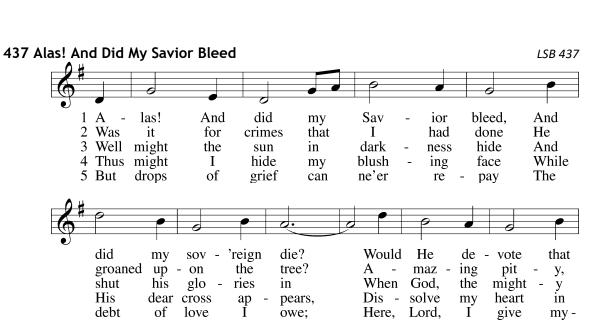
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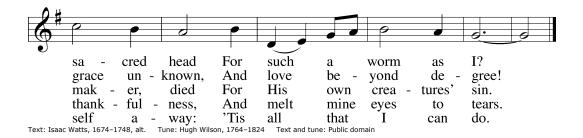




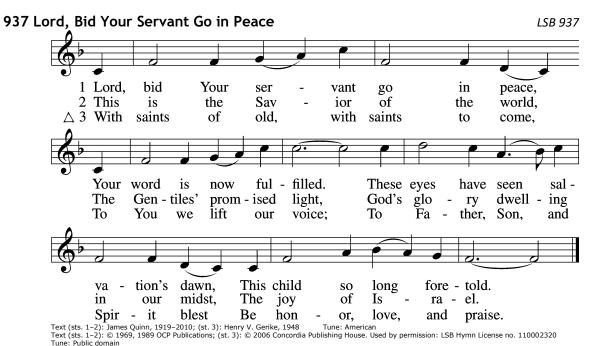








Stand Post-Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray....



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

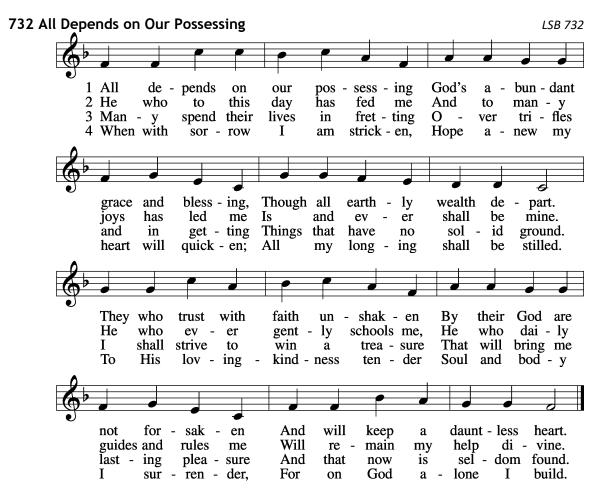


P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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





5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever;

I commit to Him my way.

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6 If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen; All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

Dismissal

Postlude: Deal Thou with Me in Mercy. Lord

Johann Gottfired Walther



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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Women's 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.

Sight & Sound Theatre: Moses

<u>Don't miss Moses</u> - We only have 8 tickets left! Please reserve your space right away if you want to go. Sign-up sheet is near the water fountain. The show is on Saturday, April 29th, 3:00 pm at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Tickets are \$84.55 each. SIGN UP DEADLINE IS MARCH 18th.



Eggs on the Lawn!

Our community Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 8, from 10 am - 12 noon. Last year we hosted 148 children and their families at this event. We were able to share the Gospel with our Resurrection Egg Trunks before we invited them to gather eggs around our property. Lots of volunteers and donations are needed. There is a collection bin for candy and plastic eggs in the entry way, and a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

Altar Care Committee

The Altar Care Committee is in need of volunteers to cover the months of April, June, July, August, and October. Please contact Robbin Dungey at marthadungey@gmail.com or 410-698-2766 if you are interested and want more information and/or training.

Fellowship Hour Sponsors

Openings available for providing snacks for Fellowship Hour! Sign up on the bulletin board in the stairwell. Need a pen to sign up? The lovely flowers hanging out on the bulletin board are actually pens.

St. Paul Lutheran School Musical Performances

We are excited to welcome school performers to our daytime midweek Lenten Services. This Wednesday at 11 am the Beginner Handbells will be performing.

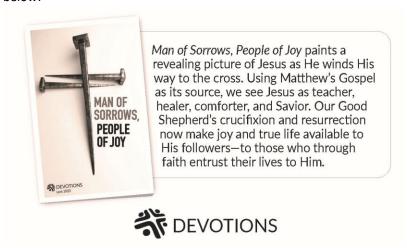
St. Paul Lutheran Piano Recital

All are invited to attend a piano recital presented by Ms. Turmel's piano students this Wednesday, March 8th, at noon in the sanctuary.



Lenten Devotions

Several Lenten Devotionals are available. Check out the Family Calendar for Lent or the Visual Faith Lenten Journey available in the narthex as well as the Lutheran Hour Ministries devotion described below:



Lenten Devotions From LHM

Looking for a Lenten Devotional? Devotions form Lutheran Hour Ministries can help you keep your faith conversations going within your family, or invite a friend to read with you. Read, listen, e-mail, or print the devotions at lhm.org/lent. Some copies are available in the narthex.

Serving at St. Paul

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	This week	Next week
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
Reader	Jay Barringer	Michelle Johnson
Usher	Kevin Dungey	Brian Erwin
Usher	Taylor Dungey	Jay Barringer
Acolyte	Rachel Johnson	Charlotte McKay
Greeter	Doris Schacheck	Pat Chinn

Daily Readings: *Mar* **5:** Gen 16:1–9, 15—17:22, Mark 6:1–13; *Mar* **6:** Gen 18:1–15, Mark 6:14–34; *Mar* **7:** Gen 21:1–21, Mark 6:35–56; *Mar* **8:** Gen 22:1–19, Mark 7:1–23; *Mar* **9:** Gen 24:1–31, Mark 7:24–37; *Mar* **10:** Gen 24:32–52, 61–67, Mark 8:1–21; *Mar* **11:** Gen 27:1–29, Mark 8:22–38.

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Jeff Piegols (hospitalized for testing and surgery)

Rik Johnsson (recovering from shoulder surgery)

Rich Foks (recovering from knee surgery)

Debbie Frech (cancer treatments)

John Gay (cancer)

Peggy Brannan (recovering)

Lindsey Gay

Paula Staudinger (hospitalized this past week)

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

Prayers for comfort and peace for the family of Jeff Grams, brother of Dana Stigdon, who passed away unexpectantly.

Joseph Reynolds, father-in-law of Gloria Waibel Reynolds (in ICU for testing) 3/1

Ian Grams, nephew of Dana Stigdon (that he may quickly find a job) 3/1

Carol Karwacki, uncle of Melissa Giguere (prayers for recovery of body and spirit after amputation) 3/1

Bryan Records, nephew of Don Easton (cancer treatments) 2/26

Anita Cohen (cancer has returned) 2/26

Ed Cohen, husband of Anita (strength and peace) 2/26

Gayle Hirst, former member of St. Paul (cancer) 2/26

Pastor Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer treatments) 2/19

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

Shannon Harryman, daughter of Pat Chinn (cancer) 1/29

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

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.

