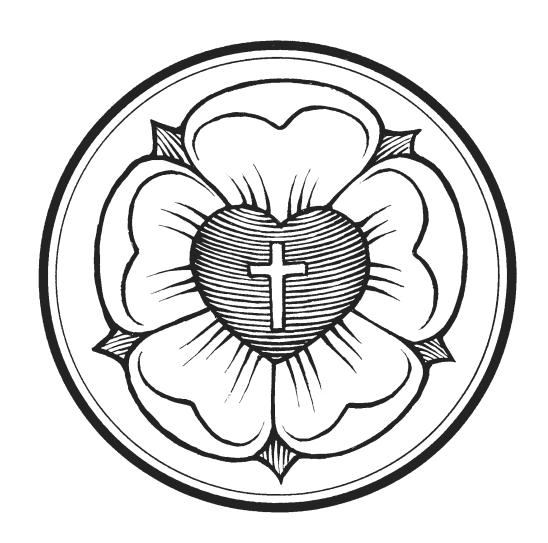
# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 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. 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!

Please enter your information using the QR code or sign our guest book before you depart today.

#### 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.)

**Children's Bulletins** change each week to correspond to the readings of the day. Each one includes 3 hand drawn illustrations, a word puzzle, and questions to draw children into the worship service. Suitable for all ages, try one yourself to stay more focused during worship!

**Parents:** We welcome children in the worship service. If your child needs a break during the worship service, the Learning Center is available to use. Turn right when you leave the sanctuary and follow the hall around. The service will be livestreamed there for you.

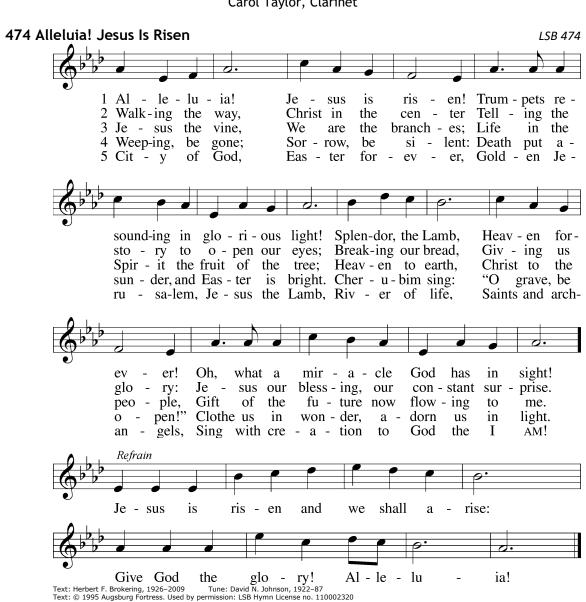
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Prelude: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sheep May Safely Graze

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Carol Taylor, Clarinet



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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.

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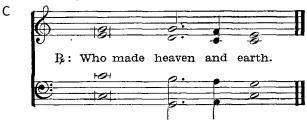
#### **Confession of Sins**

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

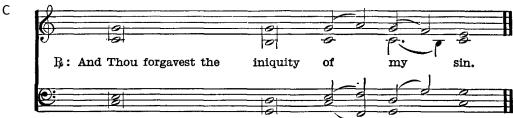
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

#### Kneel/Sit

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,



P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,



O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

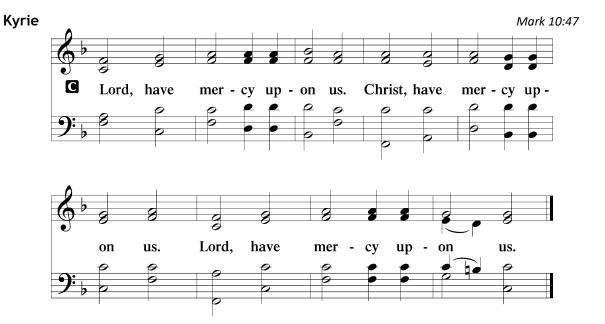
Absolution [John 20:19–23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Stand

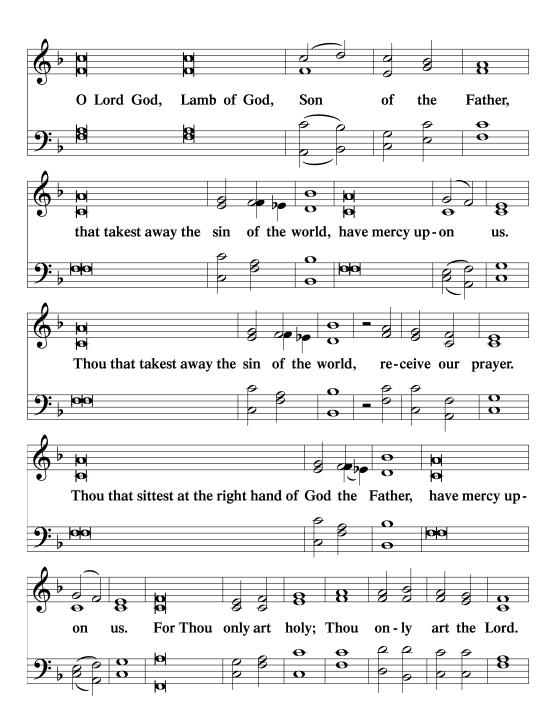
# Service of the Word

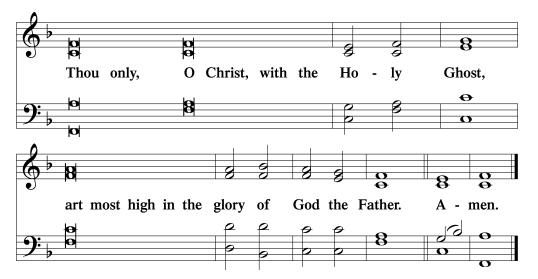




Luke 2:14; John 1:29







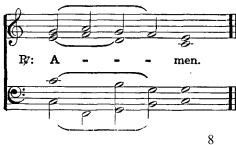
Salutation 2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you. Ρ



# The Collect of the Day

- Let us pray.
- Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our C frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

**Anthem:** My shepherd is Lord

Harrison Oxley (b. 1933)

My shepherd is Lord, I have all I need, giving me rest in green and pleasant fields, reviving my soul by finding fresh water, guiding my ways with a shepherd's care. Though I should walk in death's dark valley, I fear no evil with You by my side, Your shepherd's staff to comfort me.

You spread my table in sight of my foes, anoint my head, my cup runs over; You tend me with love always loyal. I dwell with the Lord as long as I live.

First Reading Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

#### **Gradual** (spoken responsively)

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

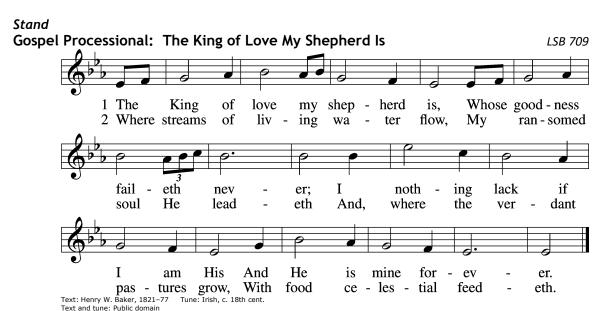
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle 1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to

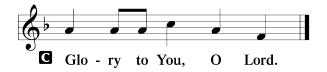
righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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



Holy Gospel John 10:1–10

P The Holy Gospel is written in the tenth chapter of St. John, beginning at the first verse.



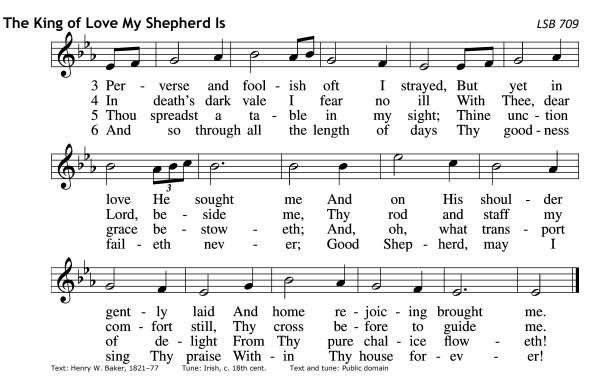
<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not

know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

## P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





### Sit 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

(Offering plates are 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.)

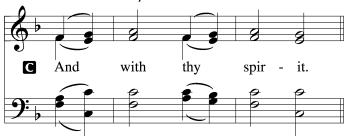


# Service of the Sacrament

## **Preface**

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

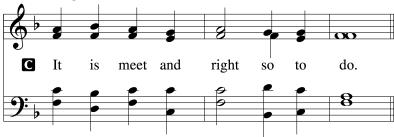
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



# **Proper Preface**

 ${\bf P}$   $\;\;$  It is truly meet, right, and salutary  $\ldots$  evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus





Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

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, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

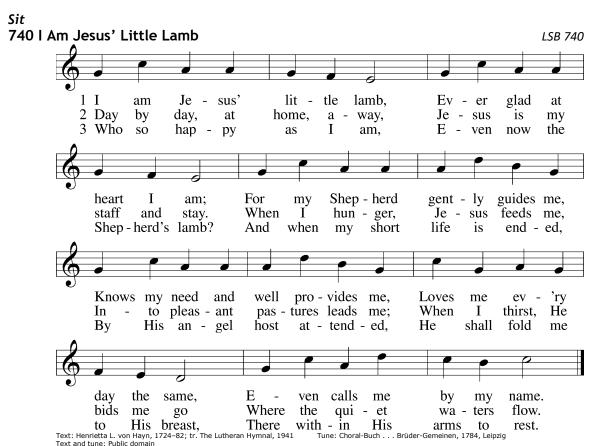
Pax Domini John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you alway!



**Agnus Dei** John 1:29 Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that world, tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. men.







- 1 What a friend we have in Je-sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an y-where? 3 Are we weak and heav y lad en, Cum bered with a load of care?



priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



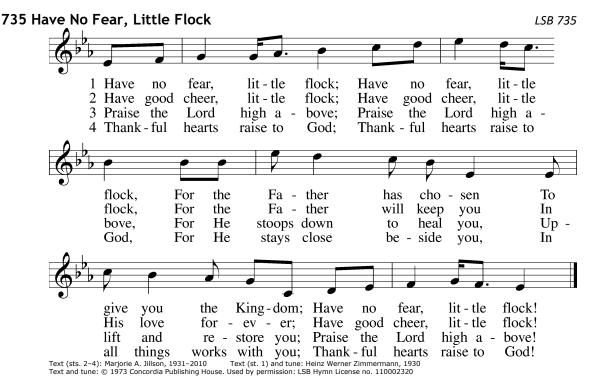
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear— Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share? Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! All be-cause we Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

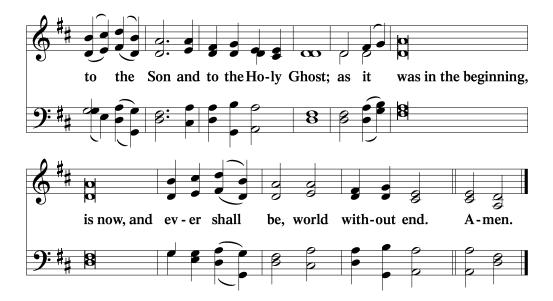
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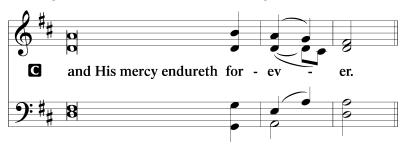




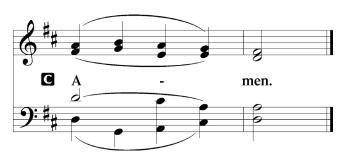


# **Thanksgiving**

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



P Let us pray....

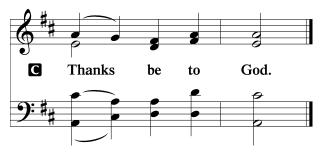


P The Lord be with you.



Psalm 103:1

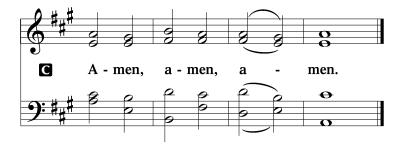
A Bless we the Lord.

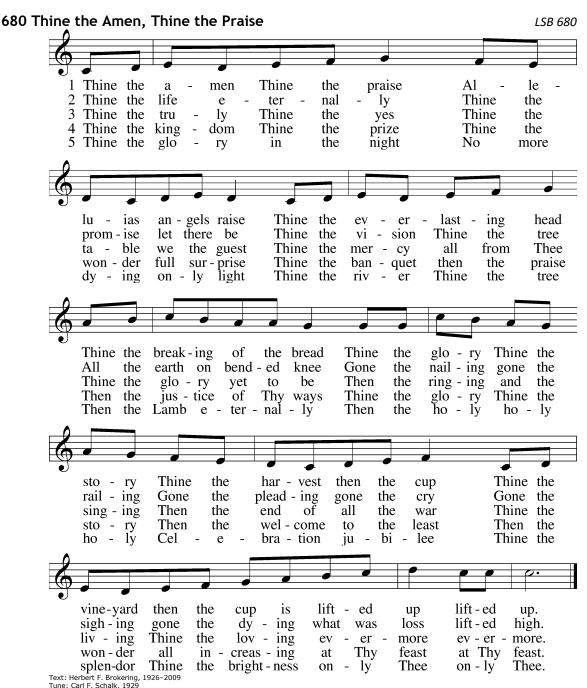


Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.





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# Prayer List

#### **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Carolyn Louden (recovering from neck surgery)

Jeff Piegols (recovering from heart valve replacement surgery)

Rik Johnsson (recovering from shoulder surgery)

Rich Foks (recovering from knee surgery)

Debbie Frech (cancer)

John Gay (cancer)

Lindsey Gay

Paula Staudinger (strength and recovery from a back procedure)

Bruce Staudinger (strength and grace as Paula's full time caregiver)

Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



#### **SHUT-INS**

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

#### **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Bill Schrott, friend of the Kyne's (in rehab after shoulder operation) 4/9

Corey Brown, father of 3 young boys, son of Doreen McDonald's coworker (kidney failure/dialysis) 4/9

Tammy Brown, friend of Doreen McDonald (possibly malignant cyst) 4/9

Cooper McGeath, new Marine son of Heather Kraket's friend (safety on his first deployment) 4/9

Martha McGlynn, LWML president of the Baltimore Zone (prayers for positive test results) 4/2

Bill Emmerich, twin brother of Betsy Mitchell (recovering from heart valve replacement) 3/19

Arianna and Ian Grams, niece and nephew of Dana Stigdon (peace and wisdom as they learn to navigate life without parents) 4/2

Anita Cohen (cancer) 4/2

Ed Cohen, husband of Anita (strength and peace as caregiver) 4/2

Pastor Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer treatments) 4/2

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org or dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org or call the church office at 410-747-1897. 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.

# News & Notes

#### Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Everyone is invited to celebrate the **125**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore, Maryland. Join them TODAY in giving thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for 125 years of His providence and grace. There will be a Divine Service at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Festive Meal.

#### Church and Community Shredding Event

On Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 - 12 noon, our congregation will host a church and community shredding. Clean out your desks, empty the file folders, purge those tax returns from 15 years ago! No plastic or cardboard, please. Volunteers are needed that morning to help. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the stairwell.

#### Mission Trip

Dates for the mission trip are up in the air and have been moved to sometime in August, September, or October. There will be a meeting to discuss these changes on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. Anyone interested please attend or contact Pastor Alms.

### **Community Craft Day**

May Craft Day is approaching! We will again be in the Fellowship Hall on May 6, from 9-4, so folks can work on whatever crafting project they would like. There will be shredding in the parking lot that day but we will still be crafting away inside. Check the newsletter for a watercolor class opportunity.

#### Newsletter

The May Newsletter was emailed this past Friday. Printed copies are available in the narthex. If you were expecting to receive it via email or would like to receive it via email and did NOT, please email <a href="mailto:dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org">dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org</a>.

## **Graduate Recognition**

Please send the name of your high school or college graduate to <u>dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org</u> so that he or she may be recognized in a service this summer. Please submit names by the end of April.

# **VBS Prayer**

Please pray during this time as we prepare and lead up to Vacation Bible School. A new prayer will be added each week, this week pray for VBS. "Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS."

#### Stellar VBS in SPACE!

Join us for an out-of-this-world event! June 26<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration is NOW OPEN for ages 3-5 and for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. Go to <u>stpaulcatonsville.org</u> to register for VBS.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	Steve Haar	JB Jaeger
Reader	Dasha Frech	Michelle Johnson
Usher	Ben Haberl	Kevin Dungey
Usher	Jim Baeder	Taylor Dungey
Acolyte	Paul Baeder	Rachel Johnson
Greeter	Pat Wesselman	Debbie Oldhouser

**Daily Readings:** *Apr 30*: Lev 8:1–13, 30–36, Luke 9:1–17; *May* 1: Lev 9:1–24, Luke 9:18–36; *May* 2: Lev 10:1–20, Luke 9:37–62; *May* 3: Lev 16:1–24, Luke 10:1–22; *May* 4: Lev 17:1–16, Luke 10:23–42; *May* 5: Lev 18:1–7, 20—19:8, Luke 11:1–13; *May* 6: Lev 19:9–18, 26–37, Luke 11:14–36.

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