St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023

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Welcome in the name of Jesus!



If you are a guest with us today, we extend a special welcome. If you have questions or prayer requests or want to get in touch with us, please sign the guest book in the lobby (or use this QR code) or email or call.



Children's Bulletins are available in the lobby.

Service Live-streamed In The Learning Center Turn right when you leave the sanctuary and follow the hall around to The Learning Center if you need a break during the service.

Prelude: Please use the prelude as a time for quiet prayer and meditation before worship.

Prayer before Worship: O Lord, my creator and redeemer, as I come to worship, I pray that You would open my heart to hear your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, rejoice and praise You and grow in grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

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

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Prelude: Toccatina on Hyfrydol; Alleluya, Sing to Jesus

Announcements

| Children's Sermon | | |
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Lyle K. Neff (b. 1959)

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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

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Sit

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

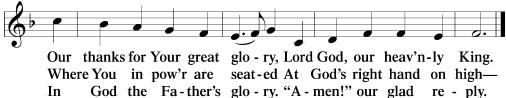
Prayer for Forgiveness

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word





Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- C O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem: Above All Praise

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Above all praise and all majesty. Lord Thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah.

First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one

man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

"'In him we live and move and have our being';

as even some of your own poets have said,

"'For we are indeed his offspring.'

²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

- 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 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus

Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel

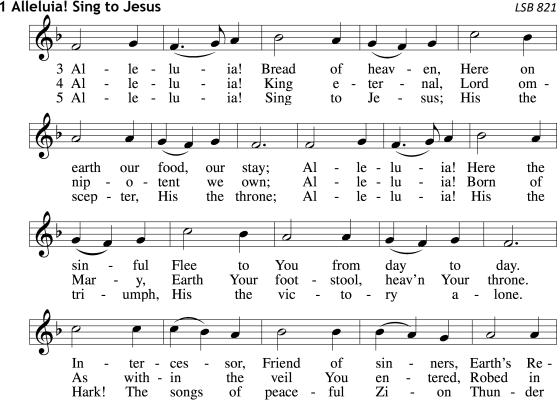
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

С Glory to You, O Lord.

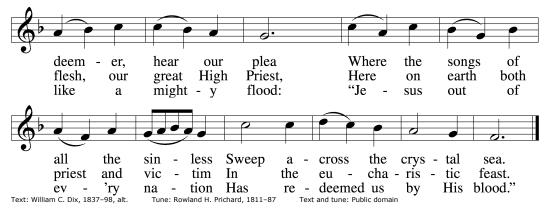
¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day vou will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

- Ρ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- С Praise to You, O Christ.



821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Sit Sermon

Acts 1:6–11

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Stand Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

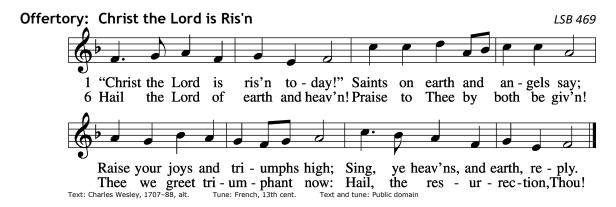
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

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.)

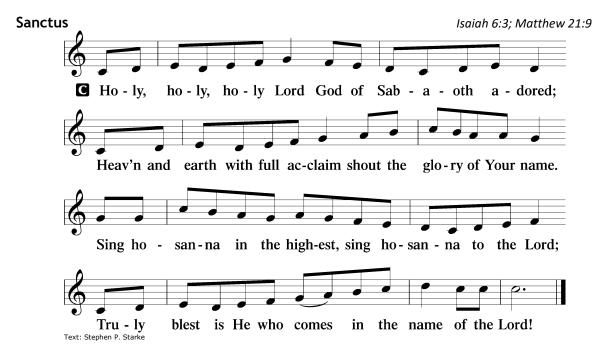


Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

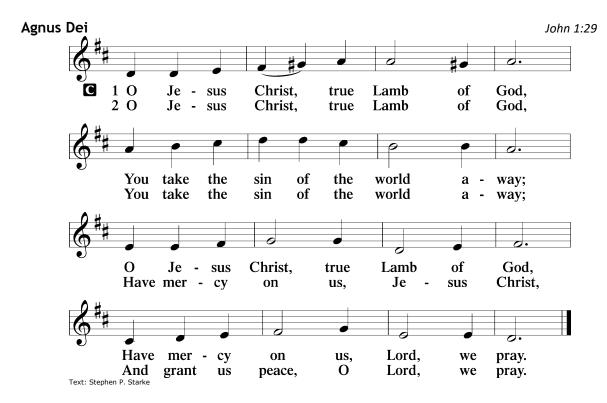
The Words of Our Lord

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." Pax Domini

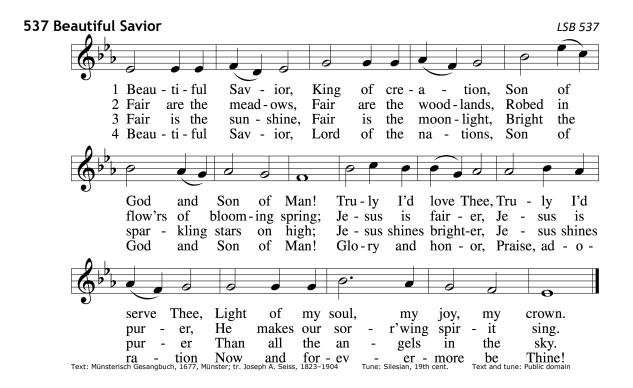
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Sit





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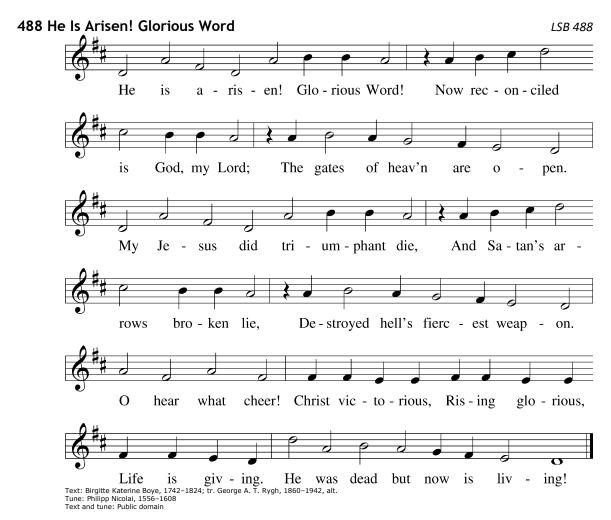
LSB 617 1 O Thee. Thee, and Lord, we praise bless a - dore Thee, 2 Thy ho - ly bod in to death was giv - en, У 3 May God His grace and be - stow us fa vor on thanks - giv - ing Thee. with Thy In bow be fore Thou _ Life win for No great - er to in heav us en. fol - low Christ our That we Sav ior And live to -Thy blood didst nour - ish bod - y and Our weak souls that love than this to Thee could bind us: Mav this feast there de - spise this geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor 16





Sur - n - cient is finine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure. From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same. Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun. Be Thou our guard while trou-bles last And our e - ter - nal home! Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727 Text and tune: Public domain

Stand Post Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect

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- C Amen.

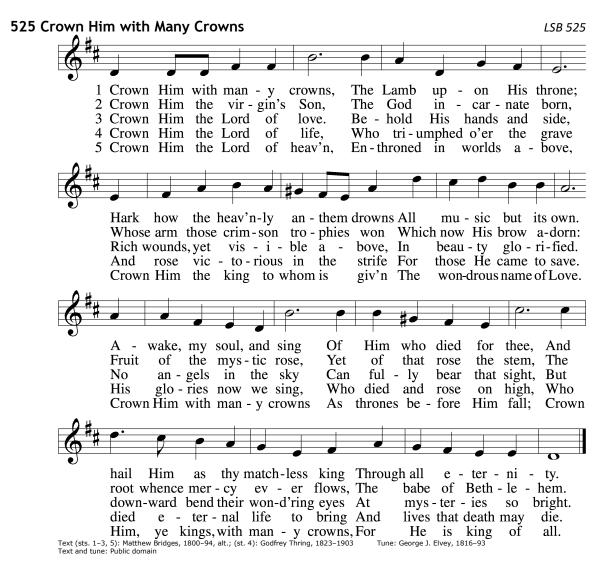
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- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

Benediction

- 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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.



Postlude: Look, the Sight Is Glorious

William Haller (b. 1940)

News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Carolyn Louden in memory of her mother, Audrey Neubert. Flowers are also given by Ron Saxton in memory of Ruth Saxton on this Mother's Day.

NEXT WEEK: Don't Go to Church, Go to the Park!!

Sunday May 21 is our Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic. There will be no Sunday School or Bible class on that day. We will gather at Shelter 706 at the Pickall Area of Patapsco Valley State Park. Dress casual and stay for picnic fun after the service.

Fun and food will follow after the worship service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side to share. If you can bring a dessert, please sign up on the bulletin board. A playground and a basketball court are on site. All sorts of games! Don't miss this time of fellowship with our church and school community!

The Pickall Area is about a ten minute drive from St. Paul. Directions from church:



- Turn right onto Old Frederick Road towards Rolling Rd.
- Turn left onto North Rolling Rd. toward Security Square Mall.
- Go 2.5 miles, turn left onto Fairbrook Rd.
- Go 1 mile, turn left on Johnnycake Rd.
- Go 1.5 miles to Park Entrance on the left.

Or follow your GPS to:

8125 Johnnycake Road, Woodlawn MD 21244

Important Reminder

There will be no Sunday School or Bible Classes next Sunday, May 21st. May 28th will be the last day of youth Sunday School until mid-August.

3rd Annual Memorial Day Commemoration

On Monday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, we will have a special commemoration for all the war veterans that are buried there. The cemetery is located at 1022 Joh Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229. Maps are available in the narthex. Park in the center roadway. Use the right hand roadway if the center roadway is full.

Women's Guild

All ladies, mark your calendars for May 23rd. A Salad Supper will be held at the home of Irene Giguere. Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the stairwell.

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 our church. "God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us."

Stellar VBS in SPACE!

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

| | This week | Next week |
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| Cantor | JB Jaeger | JB Jaeger |
| Reader | Jay Barringer | JB Jaeger |
| Usher | Brian Erwin | Cameron Jones |
| Usher | Jay Barringer | Chris Meyer |
| Acolyte | Charlotte McKay | |
| Greeter | Karyn Borth | Pat Chinn |

Serving at St. Paul

Daily Readings: *May* **14:** Num 3:1–16, 39–48, Luke 14:25–15:10; *May* **15:** Num 8:5–26, Luke 15:11–32; *May* **16:** Num 9:1–23, Luke 16:1–18; *May* **17:** Num 10:11–36, Luke 16:19–31; *May* **18,** *Ascension Day:* Num 11:1–23, 31–35, Luke 17:1–19; *May* **19:** Num 11:24–29; 12:1–16, Luke 17:20–37; *May* **20:** Num 13:1–3, 17–33, Luke 18:1–17.

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Joyce Waibel (knee pain) Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments) 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) 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) Ken Waibel, taking a short term (2 month) interim position as Director of Hope Academy in Virginia Beach, VA. Pray for Ken, for the Congregation of Hope Lutheran, and for their ECC and Kindergarten programs.



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The family and friends of Albert Loesch, brother of Paula Staudinger, as they mourn his passing. Betty Sanford, neighbor of the Waibel's (physical therapy to address pain and stress) 5/7 Jacquel Blauser, neighbor of the Waibel's (pneumonia) 5/7 Those in our community that came to the shredding event in need of prayer. 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

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.

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