

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



May 21, 2023

# Welcome

If you are a guest with us today, we extend a special welcome. Thank you for journeying to the park to worship with us today. If you have questions or prayer requests or want to get in touch with us, please use this QR code or email or call.



## Picnic!

Please join us immediately following the service for a Church and School Picnic. Food, friends, fun and games! Don't miss it.

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# Worship in the Park

May 21, 2023

## 605 Father Welcomes

LSB 605

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve

*Refrain*

Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.

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## Opening Versicles

*Psalm 118:24; Psalm 113:3; Psalm 84:10; Psalm 25:4; John 17:17*

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;  
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- L Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
 C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**  
 L He redeems your file from the pit  
 C **and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**  
 L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
 C **Teach me Your paths.**  
 L Sanctify us in Your truth.  
 C **Your Word is truth.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
 Live in the peace of God.

*Refrain*

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# Readings From Holy Scripture

## Sit Reading

*Deuteronomy 6:4–13*

L A reading from Deuteronomy, the sixth chapter.

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

<sup>10</sup>“And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, <sup>11</sup>and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup>then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>13</sup>It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 78, various*

L Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation

C **the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.**

L He established a testimony in Jacob  
and appointed a law in Israel,

C **which he commanded our fathers  
to teach to their children,**

- L that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and arise and tell them to their children,  
C **so that they should set their hope in God  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- L Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

## Reading

*Acts 2:37–41*

- L A reading from the Book of Acts, the second chapter.

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

## Stand Holy Gospel

- L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

*Luke 18:15–17*

<sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

## Responsory

*Psalm 119:89; Psalm 26:8; Luke 11:28*

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**  
L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**  
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## Sit

### 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

*LSB 477*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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## Sermon

## Offerings

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## Offering Hymn: For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB 894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our  
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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## 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.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

### **Prayers for the End of the School Year**

L Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart;

C **You have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.**

L At the end of this school year we thank you:

C **for the students, teachers, and staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School,**

L All have grown in faith, hope, and love

C **and in the knowledge of your son Jesus Christ.**

L Thank you for your Word and Holy Spirit.

C **For the knowledge of your Son Jesus and his salvation which has been shared in so many ways.**

L Be with and bless all schools in our community and all who work and learn there.

C **Bless them, Lord, and guide them with your goodness.**

- L Bless these summer months, O Lord,  
C **that we all may find rest and relaxation in your good creation.**  
L We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
C **Amen.**

### Responsive Prayer

- L I cry to You, O Lord;  
C **in the morning my prayer comes before You.**  
L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**  
L My mouth is filled with Your praise,  
C **and with Your glory all the day.**  
L Every day I will bless You  
C **and praise Your name forever and ever.**

*(Additional petitions may be offered here.)*

### Morning Prayer

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen**

### Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

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

### Benediction

- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.  
C **Amen.**

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## 241 In Christ Alone

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1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh, Full - ness of  
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ - teous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 day Up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - fort - er, my all in  
 God was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is  
 pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me



all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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# News & Notes

## **Altar Flowers**

Flowers on the altar today are given by Brian, Kelsey, and Shelby in memory of Carole Erwin.

## **Annual Congregational Voter's Assembly**

The Annual Congregational Voter's Assembly will on June 4<sup>th</sup> following the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**

Join us Thursday, June 1st, at 6:00 p.m. and help us congratulate our 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduates.

## **Closing Chapel**

Join us Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9 a.m. for St. Paul Lutheran End of the School Year Chapel. We celebrate the many blessings of the school year and that Jesus Is With Us Always (Matt 28:20).

## **Summer Adult Education, A Different Class Each Week!!**

This summer get ready for Sunday morning Bible class in the fellowship hall every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. beginning on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Each Sunday will feature a stand-alone topic led by a different teacher. On vacation one week? Come back the next for a new topic! The classes will comprise a variety of Bible Stories, Topical Studies, or Lectionary Studies. There will be a table set up with children's activities if you would like attend and yet supervise your child during the Sunday School hour.

## **Women's Guild**

**\*\*RESCHEDULED\*\*** All ladies, mark your calendars for May 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 *volunteers*. "Lord, please bring volunteers to serve at VBS. Fill their hearts with your love and patience to be poured out upon the kids. Give them strength, health, and an overwhelming joy to serve! We pray that our volunteers are given the opportunity to help children experience you and that they would grow closer to you!"

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Memorial Day Commemoration**

On Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Park in the center roadway. Use the right hand roadway if the center roadway is full.

## Upcoming Sunday Events

May 28 – Graduate Recognition

June 4 – Voter’s Assembly

June 11 – Junior Confirmation and New Member Sunday

## Mission Trip

Mission trip to Western Kentucky is set to happen sometime in the fall. Scheduling is still in process.

If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Alms.

## Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the June/July edition of the newsletter are due *tomorrow*.

## 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 [stpaulcatonsville.org](http://stpaulcatonsville.org) to register for VBS.

## Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week</b>	<b>Next week</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
<b>Reader</b>	JB Jaeger	Suzanne Giguere
<b>Usher</b>	Cameron Jones	Don Easton
<b>Usher</b>	Chris Meyer	Bill Oldhouser
<b>Acolyte</b>		Dasha Frech
<b>Greeter</b>	Pat Chinn	Melissa Sunstrom

**Daily Readings:** **May 21:** Num 14:1–25, Luke 18:18–34; **May 22:** Num 14:26–45, Luke 18:35–19:10; **May 23:** Num 16:1–22, Luke 19:11–28; **May 24:** Num 16:23–40, Luke 19:29–48; **May 25:** Num 16:41–17:13, Luke 20:1–18; **May 26:** Num 20:1–21, Luke 20:19–44; **May 27:** Num 20:22–21:9, Luke 20:45–21:19.

# Prayer List

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Suzanne Middleton (recovering from a fall)

David Nguyen (considering back treatments)

Anna Keener (broken arm)

Joyce Waibel (knee pain)

Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)

Carolyn Loudon (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**

Bertha Ann Martin, mom of Karen Puls (broken pelvis, pneumonia) 5/21

Bill Schrott, friend of the Kyne's (shoulder operation recovery) 5/21

Ryan Schrott, grandson of Bill, friend of the Kyne's (bone cancer) 5/21

Betty Sanford, neighbor of the Waibel's (physical therapy to address pain and stress) 5/7

Jacqueline Blausler, neighbor of the Waibel's (pneumonia) 5/7

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](mailto:pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org) or [dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org](mailto: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.

