St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



The Holy Trinity
June 4, 2023

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

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www.stpaulcatonsville.org email: secretary@stpaulcatonsville.org Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

The Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023

Prelude: O Lux, Beata Trinitas: O Trinity of Blessed Light

Adesto, Sancta Trinitas: Be Present, Holy Trinity

Gerald Near Gerald Near (b. 1942)



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.

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

Kyrie Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

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- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- C Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Anthem: Hymn of the Cherubim

This hymn is perhaps one of the oldest liturgical hymns of the Christian tradition dating to the 5th century.

Church Slavonic

Иже Херувимы тайно образующе и животворящей Тройцѣ трисвятую пѣснь припѣвающе, Всякое нынѣ житейское отложимъ попеченіе.

We who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing to the Life-Giving Trinity the thrice-holy hymn, let us now lay aside all earthly cares.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens

to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

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<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord,
  how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*
You have set your glory above the | heavens.
  <sup>2</sup>Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,*
  to still the enemy and the a- | venger.
<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,*
  the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place.
4what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*
  and the son of man that you | care for him?
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
  and crowned him with glory and | honor.
     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.
<sup>9</sup>O | LORD, our Lord.*
  how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
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Second Reading Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

28You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

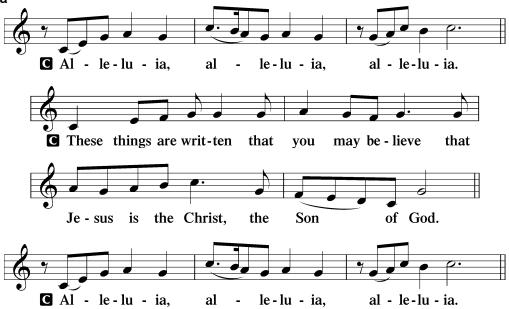
"'The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,

35until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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

Stand Alleluia

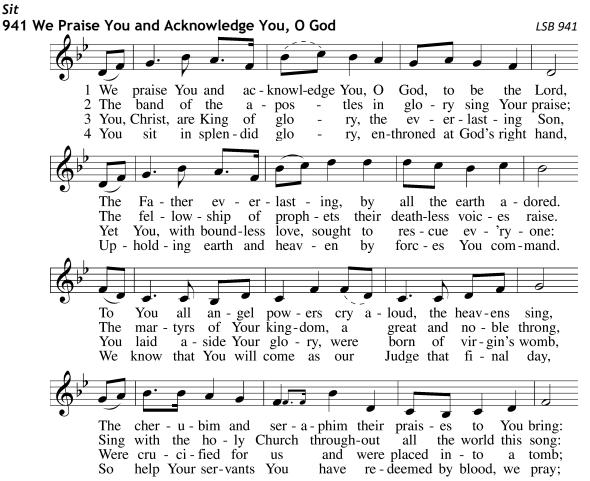


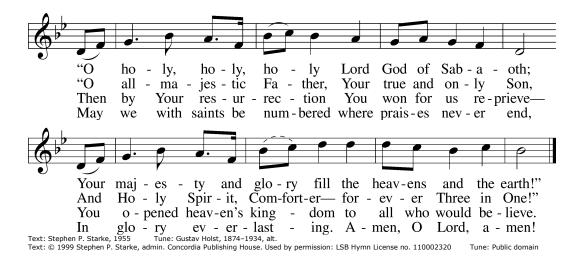
Holy Gospel Matthew 28:16–20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.





Sermon

Stand Athanasian Creed

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Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.

Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the catholic faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation. By tradition, we profess the Athanasian Creed on Trinity Sunday, which was last Sunday.

- C Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic* faith.

- L And the catholic faith is this,
- C that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

- L For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- L And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord.
- C so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- L The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- Men: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- Women: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- Men: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- Women: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- All: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- L But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- Men: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;

Women: and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

All: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

L equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Men: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

Women one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

All: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

L For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C This is the catholic* faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

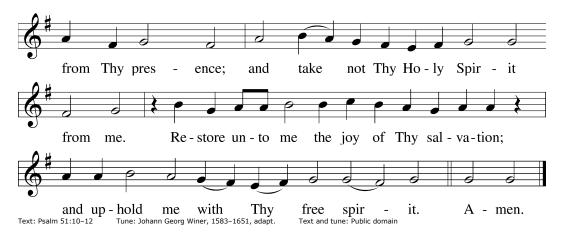
*universal, Christian

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.)





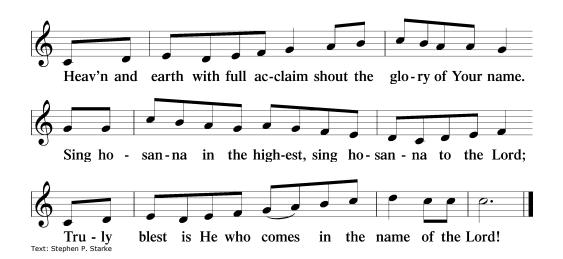
Service of the Sacrament

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.

You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the mystery of Your holy name in the Trinity of persons and the Unity of being.

Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit.

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.

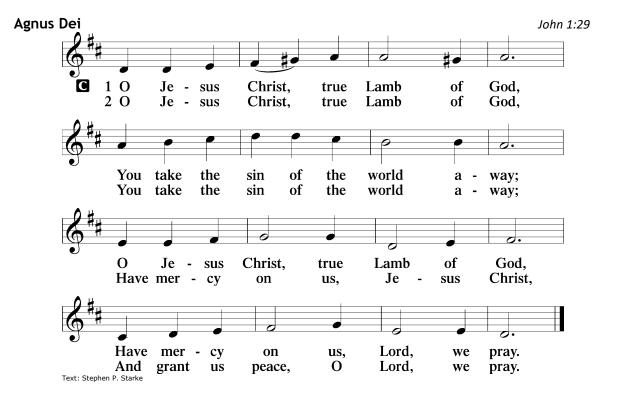
The Words of Our Lord

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.





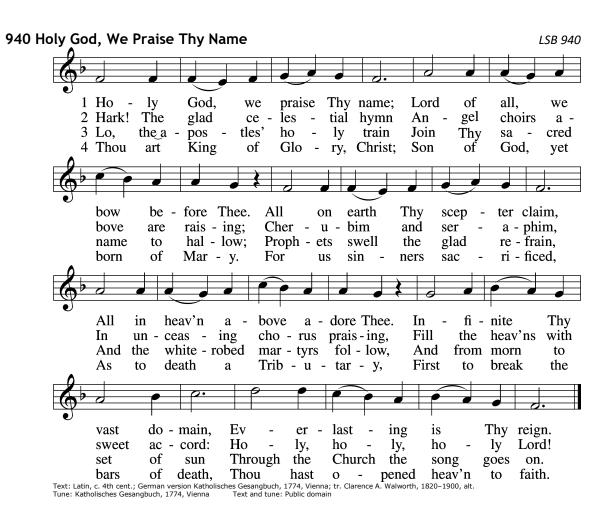


Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou ort: Swedish; arr. Stuart W. K. Hine, 1899–1989

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Stand Post Communion Blessing

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray....

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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

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.

Psalm 103:1

C Amen.



Postlude: Fantasy On the Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy

Piet Post (1919-1979)

News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Barb Haar in celebration of Steve's birthday and by Faith and David Carnes in celebration of Faith's birthday.

Annual Congregational Voter's Assembly

The Annual Congregational Voter's Assembly is TODAY following the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall.



Support the translation and production of meaningful Lutheran resources in languages other than English through the LCMS National Offering.

Nous prêchons Christ crucifié pour tous les gens. ما مسيح مصلوب شده را برای تمام انسان ها اعلام میکنیم Tunamhubiri Kristo aliyesulubiwa kwa ajili ya watu wote. Nosotros predicamos a Cristo crucificado para todas las personas. 我們宣講為萬人釘十字架的基督 We preach Christ crucified for all people.

Every three years, alongside the Synod convention, LCMS congregations and their members join to share special gifts through the LCMS National Offering. The purpose and goal of the 2023–2026 LCMS National Offering is to produce meaningful Lutheran resources in other languages so that all may read, hear and speak the Good News of Christ crucified. The need for this translation work is both acute and urgent. An offering envelope has been included in this week's bulletin. We will be collecting LCMS National Offerings through July 23rd and they will be delivered to the convention by Paul Lubell. Please use the designated envelopes for this special offering.

Summer Sunday Morning Bible Studies

Sunday morning Bible class meets in the fellowship hall every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Each week will feature one stand-alone class. There will be a table set up with children's activities if you would like to attend and yet supervise your child during the Sunday School hour.

June topics and teachers:

June 11thHezekiahSteve HaarJune 18thElijahCameron JonesJune 25thMormonismPastor Alms

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 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."

Junior Confirmation and New Member Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, June 11th.

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.

VBS Registration

Registration for children ages 3-5 is almost full! Registration for children entering 1^{st} through 5^{th} grade in the fall is more than half full. Join us on June 26^{th} – June 30^{th} from 9 a.m. to 12 noon by registering at <u>stpaulcatonsville.org</u>.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
Reader	Jay Barringer	Michelle Johnson
Usher	Greg McDonald	Bruce Staudinger
Usher	Jeffrey Hemmeter	Paul Lubell
Acolyte	Ella Nelson	Gretchen Nelson
Greeter	Pat Chinn	Doris Schascheck

Daily Readings: *Holy Trinity Sunday Jun 4*: Num 35:9–30, Luke 24:28–53; *Jun 5*: Prov 1:8–33, John 11:17–37; *Jun 6*: Prov 3:5–24, John 11:38–57; *Jun 7*: Prov 4:1–27, John 12:1–19; *Jun 8*: Prov 5:1–23, John 12:20–36a; *Jun 9*: Prov 8:1–21, John 12:36b–50; *Jun 10*: Prov 8:22–36, John 13:1–20.

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 Louden (recovering from neck surgery)

John Gay (cancer)

Lindsey Gay (pain management)

Paula Staudinger (hospitalized with a broken pelvis)

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

Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)

Ken Waibel, Interim 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

Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (awaiting test results) 6/4

Mathew Reynolds, grandson of the Joyce and Ken Waibel (hernia surgery on June 7) 6/4

Mike Massie, friend of JB Jaeger (experimental lung cancer surgery) 5/28

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

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.

