

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



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The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023



If you are a guest with us today, we extend a special welcome in the name of Jesus! 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 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 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: *Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith. Amen.*

Guest Organist: Welcome and **thank you** to Nelda Clelland for playing for today's service.

Thank You: Thanks to Kevin Dungey for leading worship this morning.

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Prelude: Holy, Holy, Holy

Come, Christians Join to Sing

arr. M. Hayes

Nelda Clelland, Guest Organist

651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

LSB 651



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.
Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817, alt.

Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76

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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 Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

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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4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm (*sung responsively*)

Psalm 125:1-2, 4-5; antiphon: v. 2

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

Do good, O LORD, to those | who are good,*
and to those who are upright | in their hearts!

But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evil- | doers!*

Peace be upon | Israel!

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.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Stand
Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied; And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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Sermon

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

**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.**

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.)

Offertory

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho-ly One, Give thanks because He's giv-en Je-sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks because He's giv-en
Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Prayer

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.

C **Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

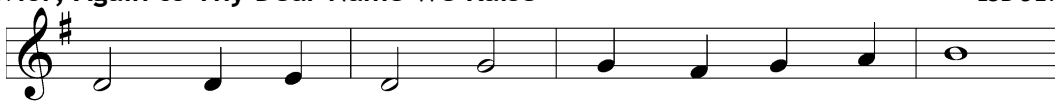
Benediction

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

C **Amen.**

917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day,
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in G Major

Nelda Clelland, Guest Organist

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

David Nguyen (back issues)

Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)

John Gay (cancer)

Lindsey Gay (pain management)

Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Chic Perry, father-in-law of Ann Eliese Jordan's son.

Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Jean Wendt, aunt of Dana Stigdon.

As these families mourn the loss of their loved ones, may they look ahead to the resurrection that is ours through our risen Savior Jesus Christ.

Paul Borth, brother of John (stroke) 7/30

Dale Neubert, sister-in-law of Carolyn Loudon (hospitalized, undergoing testing) 7/23

Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (cancer treatment) 7/23

Don Whipps, husband of a volunteer ESL teacher (lung cancer) 7/23

Nancy Reider, mother of Pam Peigols (prayers for quick recovery following recent bowel surgery)

Tyler Stevenson, Erwin family member (pray for Tyler's bone marrow functions to improve and increase in numbers and for recovery from mononucleosis) 6/25



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@spiscatonsville.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

Altar Flowers

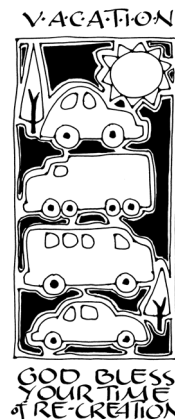
Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Women's Guild.

Pastor Out of the Office

Pastor Alms is on vacation this week. He will return next Sunday, August 6th. Thank you Kevin Dungey for leading worship. Please contact Kevin Dungey or your Elder or Aaron Nelson for any pastoral emergencies. The Elders are:

Jim Baeder
Kevin Dungey (Chairman)
Norm Giguere
Roy Krakat
Bill Oldhouser
Jeff Piegols
Bruce Staudinger

Please contact the church office if you in need of your elder's phone number.



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. Upcoming topics and teachers:

August 6 th	Digital Missionaries	Stan Stigdon with Simon Seow
August 13 th	Lectionary Study	Steve Haar
August 20 th	Five Great Psalms	Pastor Alms

August Newsletter

The August newsletter was emailed on Friday. Paper copies are available in the narthex. If you wished to receive it via email and did not receive it that way, please email dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org and let Dana know.

St Paul Lutheran School

Do you know any kindergarteners? Spread the word! School is accepting applications for enrollment for grades, K, 1, 2, and 4 for the next school year. Additional information at stpaulcatonsville.org.

Synod in Convention, Meeting Now - Aug 3:

Please continue to keep our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in prayers this week as they are currently meeting in Milwaukee, WI. Pray also for Paul Lubell's safe travel home from the convention.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, pour out the blessing of Your Holy Spirit on all delegates and church leaders who will assemble this summer in Your name. Give wisdom to those who propose, deliberate, and decide for the work and welfare of our Synod. Guard all who speak and all who listen. Give us courage to do with integrity what we promise. Bless our plans and actions and grant success.

Only let our manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ. Lead us to stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, not frightened in anything by our opponents.

Grant that, for the sake of Christ, we may be counted worthy not only to believe in Him and His cross, but also bear our crosses and suffer for His sake. For He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	Jim Baeder	JB Jaeger
Reader		Jay Barringer
Usher	Don Easton	Greg McDonald
Usher	Bill Oldhouser	Jeffrey Hemmeter
Greeter	Debbie Oldhouser	Dave Carnes

Daily Readings: *Jul 30:* 1 Sam 15:10–35, Acts 24:24–25:12; *Jul 31:* 1 Sam 16:1–23, Acts 25:13–27; *Aug 1:* 1 Sam 17:1–19, Acts 26:1–23; *Aug 2:* 1 Sam 17:20–47, Acts 26:24–27:8; *Aug 3:* 1 Sam 17:48–18:9, Acts 27:9–26; *Aug 4:* 1 Sam 18:10–30, Acts 27:27–44; *Aug 5:* 1 Sam 19:1–24, Acts 28:1–15.



Sermon Notes

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