St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



The 12th Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 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 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.

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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Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2023

Matthias Weckmann

Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt

(1621-1674)609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive LSB 609 1 Je sin doth re - ceive; Oh, all this sus ners may 2. We de serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich 3 Sheep fold did No shep - herd that from the strav true pen - i -4 I. sin come Thee With a ner. to a Who sin's der de lu - sions live say - ing pon in re - veal ing, Par don, peace, and life pro-claim: grace e'er for - sak eth; Wea - rv souls that lost their way tent con - fes sion. Say - ior. mer - cy show me; And from God and heav - en wan der! Here hope for is Here our ills have per - fect heal ing. Firm - ly in these Christ, the Shep-herd, gent - ly tak eth In His arms that Grant for all sins re - mis Let these words my my sion. all who grieve: doth sus sin - ners re - ceive. words be - lieve: Je sus sin - ners doth re - ceive. Je they may live: sus sin - ners doth re - ceive. re - lieve: re - ceive. Je sus sin - ners doth

Confession and Absolution

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Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671-1756

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.

Prelude: Toccata

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Sit

Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.





A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



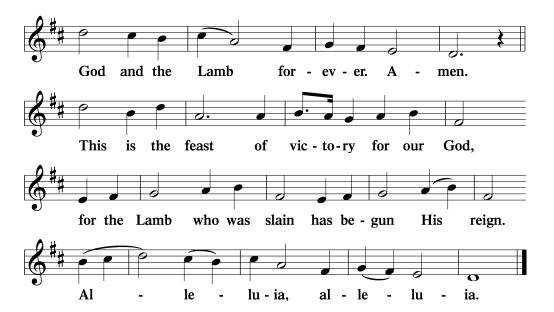
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.







Salutation and Collect of the Day





C And al - so with you.

- P Let us pray.
- C Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed....

6"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—

7these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

8The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

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

Psalm (spoken responsively)

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

 ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
 ²that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 5

⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel Matthew 15:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

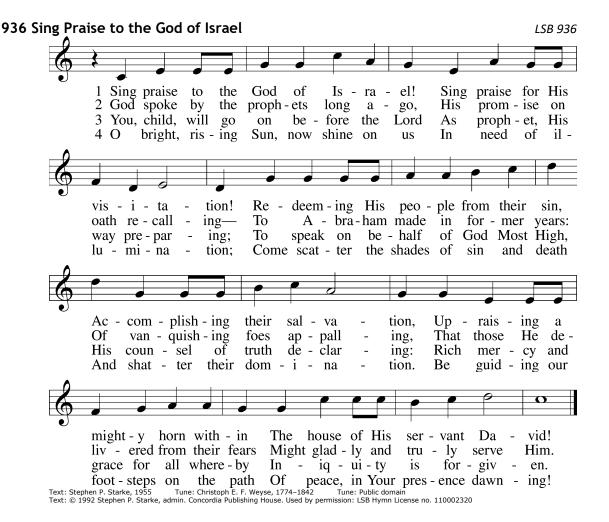


²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

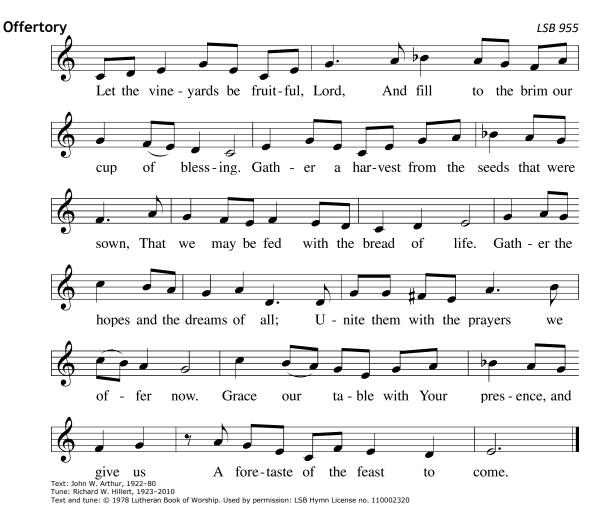
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission 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

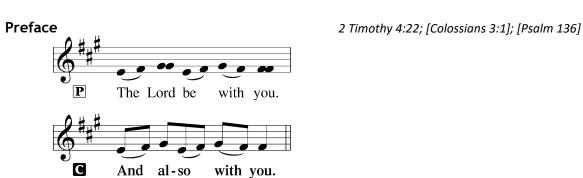
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Blessing of St. Paul School Staff 2023-2024

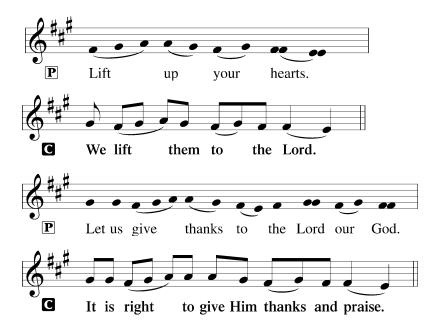
Stand Offering

(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.)



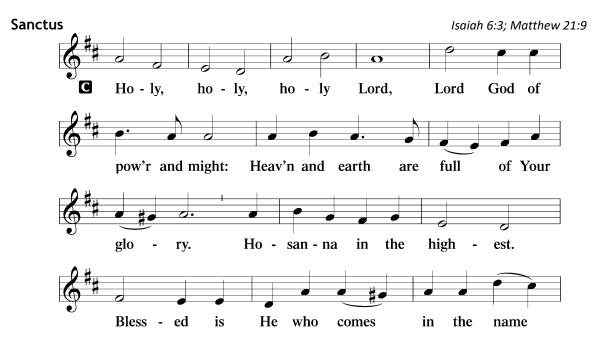
Service of the Sacrament





Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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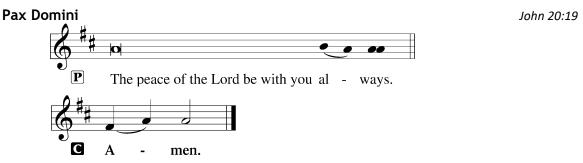
Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

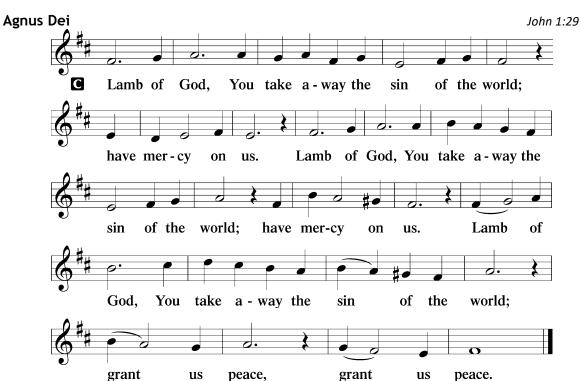
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
 - Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and 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."

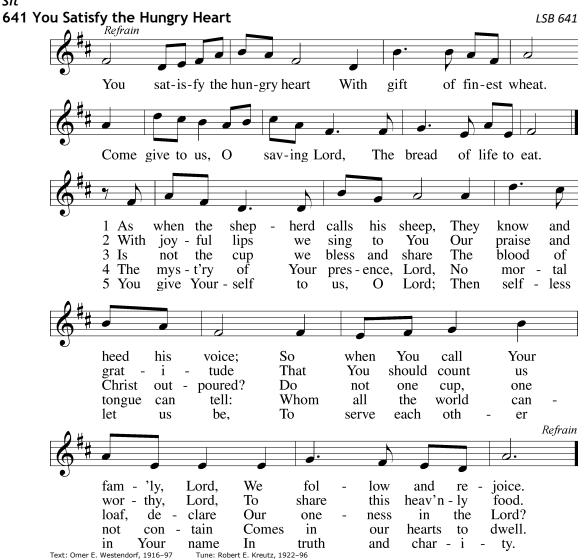
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."







Sit





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ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to 1 Come, my soul, with an - swer prayer;

- Thou art com ing a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring; to 3 With my bur - den be - gin: Lord, re - move this load Ι of sin:
- 4 Lord, Thy rest im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of to me mv heart:



He Him - self has For His grace Let Thy blood. for sin - ners spilt, Set There Thy blood-bought right main-tain And with-out

bid thee pray, There-fore will not turn and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much. my con-science free from guilt. ri - val reign. a

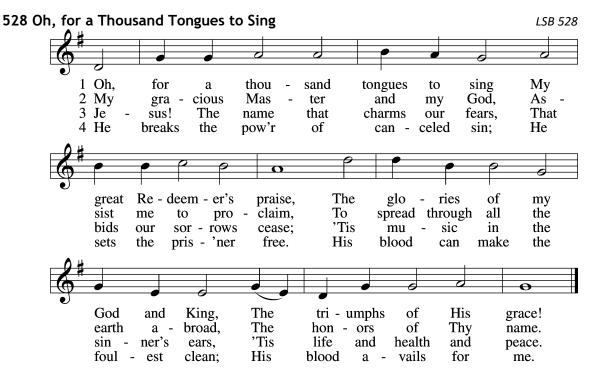
5 While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer; As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Tune: Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817

6 Show me what is mine to do: Ev'ry hour my strength renew. Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.

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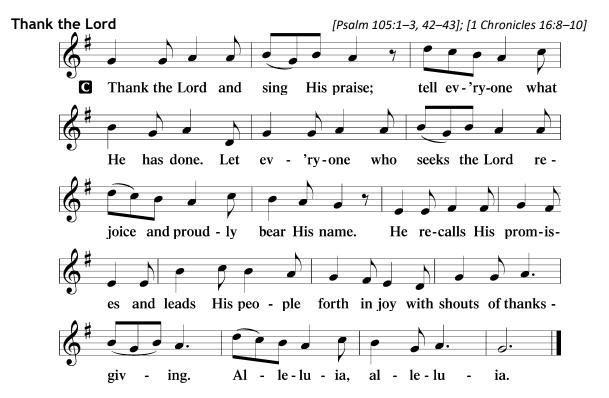
See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.

- Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
- To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Stand Post Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray....



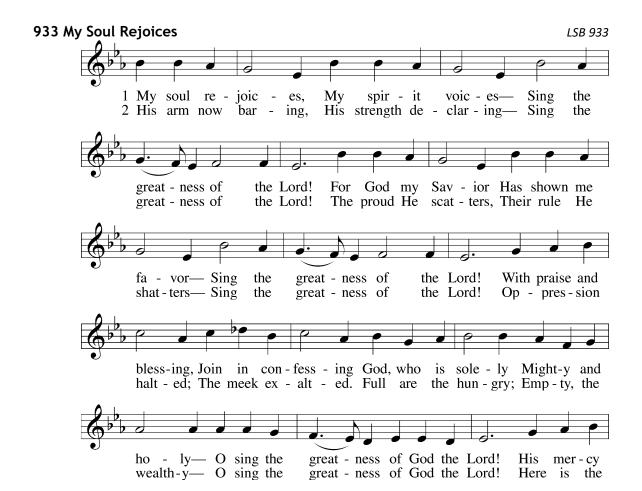
Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

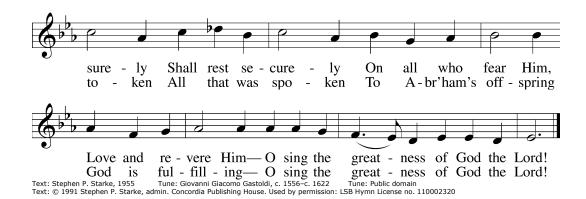
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.







Postlude: Voluntary

John Beckwith
(1750-1809)



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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Dana Stigdon in thanksgiving for the Staff of St. Paul School.

Paula Staudinger Memorial Service

A service to celebrate the life of Paula (Andrus) Staudinger will be held tomorrow at 3:00.

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. Summer studies end on September 3rd. Upcoming topics and teachers:

August 27th Lectio Divina – Sacred Reading Dana Stigdon September 3rd Islam Jay Barringer

Upcoming Dates

Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar.

- August 26th Youth and Parent meeting at church at 9 AM
- August 30th First school chapel, join us at 8:30 AM
- September 6th Choir Rehearsal Resumes
- September 10th Fall Quarter Sunday School/Bible Study classes begin
- September 17th Lunch on the Lawn
- September 28th Lutheran Books and Beer begins
- October 28th St Paul Oktoberfest from 6 9 PM

St. Paul Youth

Calling all confirmed and high school youth! Please bring your parents to church THIS SATURDAY, August 26th, at 9:00 AM for a brief (under an hour) meeting to discuss plans for the fall.

Lunch On the Lawn

Mark your calendars: Sunday, September 17^{th} , 12 noon - 2:00 pm. A picnic event for church, school, and our Colonial Gardens community. This is a wonderful chance to fellowship together and to connect our St. Paul community with our neighborhood community.

Lutheran Books and Beer Is Reading The Screwtape Letters

Join us as we consider this classic by C.S. Lewis. We will read it from a Lutheran vantage point as we enjoy good beer, food and fellowship at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. The book is available for under \$10 at Amazon. First meeting is September 28th at 7 p.m.

Women's Guild

First fall meeting will be on September 26th at 10:00 AM at Pat Wesselman's home.

LWML Fall Rally

The schedule for the September Fall Rally on September 23rd has been updated:

8:30 - Registration, \$5.00

9:00 - Breakfast

9:30 – Martha McGlyn

9:45 – Speakers from Faith Works Ministry, LeChelle Redd and Tina Jasion

11:00 - Close with prayer.

Gifts of the heart: travel size toiletries, feminine hygiene products, diapers.



St. Paul Oktoberfest

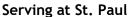
OCTOBER 28th from 6-9 PM. We will have good German food, good German beverages and lots of fun. Location is Pastor Alms and Suzanne's house. The event will benefit the Wyneken Project, an organization that supports urban LCMS churches in Baltimore to survive and thrive. More information on the Wyneken project can be found at https://wynekenproject.org/. Tickets will be on sale soon. Any questions about the event, ask Pastor Alms, Chris Parsons or J.B. Jaeger.

Music Opportunities



If you enjoy singing . . . please, consider joining the Church Choir! Youth and Adults are welcome! Rehearsals are from 7:30 pm – 9 pm in the Choir Loft and resume on the Wednesday after Labor Day Weekend, September 6^{th} . We begin singing the following Sunday, and continue singing Anthems through Holy Trinity Sunday. Λ Λ If you are interested, please, contact

Organist/Choir Director, Renata O'Reilly. $\Lambda \Lambda \Lambda$ More information on the bell choir coming soon. If you are interested in joining the bell choir, please contact Carol Taylor.



	This week	Next week
Cantor	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
Reader	JB Jaeger	Suzanne Giguere
Usher	Jim Kyne	Roy Krakat
Usher	David Nguyen	Ed Kester
Greeter	Doris Schascheck	Robbin Dungey

Daily Readings: *Aug* **20:** 2 Sam 12:1–25, 1 Cor 12:1–13; *Aug* **21:** 1 Kng 1:1–4, 15–35, 1 Cor 12:14–31; *Aug* **22:** 1 Kng 2:1–27, 1 Cor 13:1–13; *Aug* **23:** 1 Kng 3:1–15, 2 Cor 1:1–22; *Aug* **24:** 1 Kng 5:1–18, 2 Cor 1:23—2:17; *Aug* **25:** 1 Kng 7:51—8:21, 2 Cor 3:1–18; *Aug* **26:** 1 Kng 8:22–30, 46–63, 2 Cor 4:1–18.

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Joyce Waibel (stitches after a fall)
David Nguyen (back issues)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)
John Gay (cancer)
Lindsey Gay (pain management)



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)

Prayers for all students and staff of St. Paul Lutheran School and all schools across our community. Sandy Miller, friend of the Kyne's (breast cancer) 8/6

Betty Sanford, neighbor of the Waibel's (in rehab after a fall) 8/6

Dawn Martin, family of the Fields (recovering from hernia surgery) 8/6

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

Dale Neubert, sister-in-law of Carolyn Louden (searching for the right treatment to stabilize her blood pressure) 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)



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.