St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



The 14th Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 2023

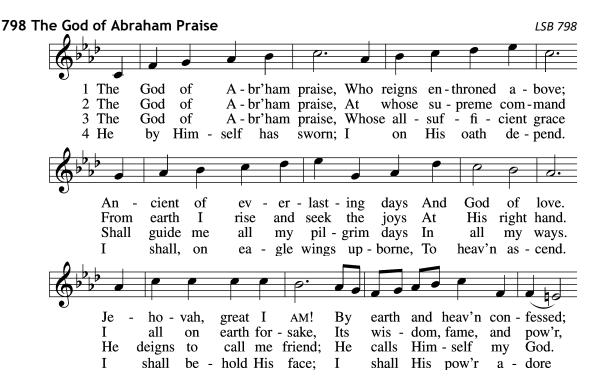
Prelude: A Hymn for Labor Day

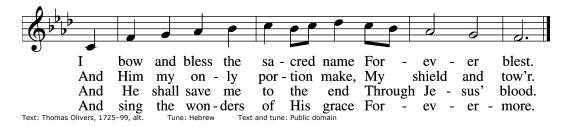
Beach Spring: setting, Janet Linker Steve Haar, Baritone (b.1938)

All our work and all our being come from You, Most Gracious Lord. Every task which lies before us is Creator's will outpoured. Help us as we build your kingdom know we labor not in vain; give us sure and deep conviction for the tasks that you ordain.

Some may nurture those who hunger tend and heal the broken heart; set our flagging spirits dancing, spark our vision through their art. Others teach and offer counsel, bear life's burdens, ease it's care; strive for justice, peace, and freedom for all people everywhere.

Congregation sing: Let us labor in the knowledge that no task can be too small; that the God who stretched the heavens no less shaped the least of all. Give us strength, Lord, to accomplish what you set our hands to do, That by serving those around us, we return the gift to you.





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 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.
- 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



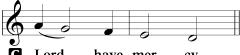
A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.





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

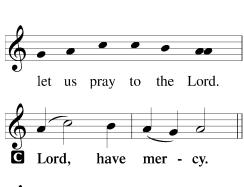




C Lord, have mer - cy.



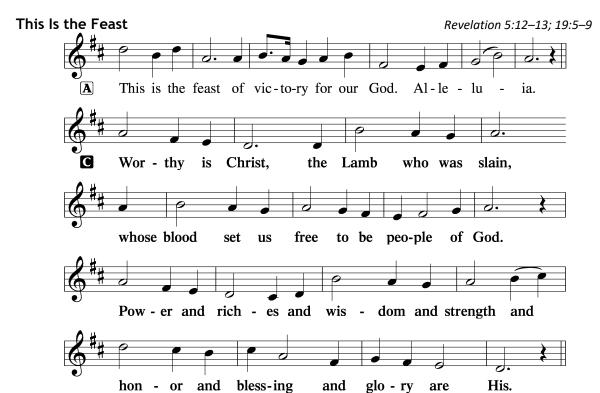
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise





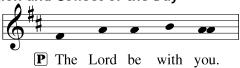
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.







Salutation and Collect of the Day



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- P Let us pray.
- C Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me. and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

20 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.

21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

Psalm (spoken responsively)

Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4

⁴Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

⁶He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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.

⁴Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Epistle Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in

zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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



Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21–28

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

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

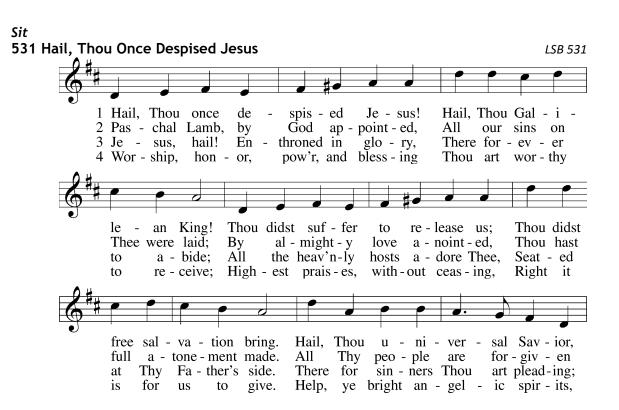


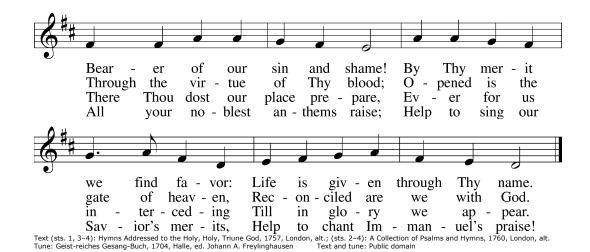
²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God. but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.







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.

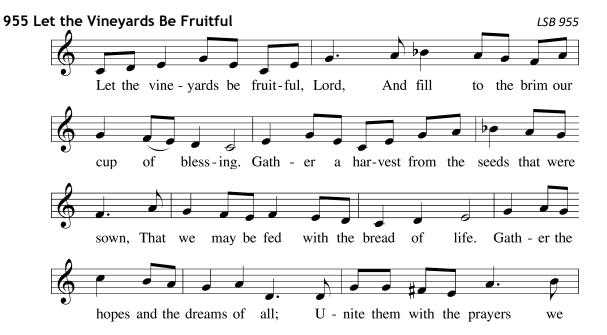
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

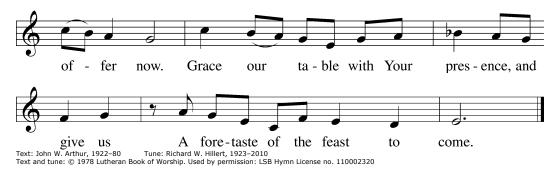
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

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.)

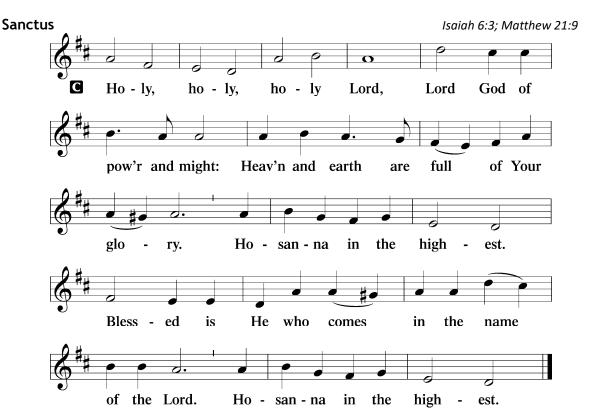






Proper Preface

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.

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.

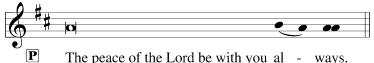
The Words of Our Lord

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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 John 20:19





Agnus Dei John 1:29

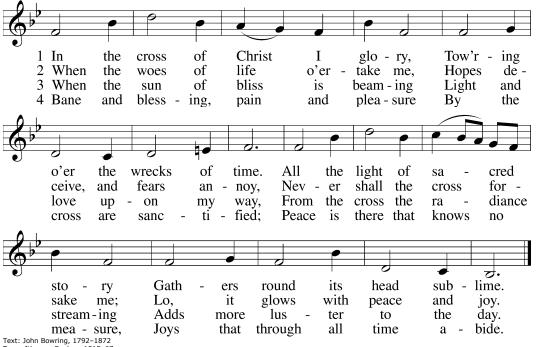


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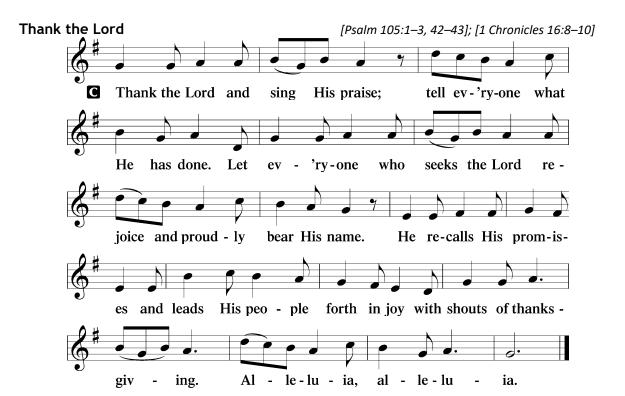
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Stand Post Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect

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.



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Dismissal

Postlude: Come, Labor On Ora Labora, Thomas Tertius Noble

(1867-1953)

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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

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



Sunday School and New Adult Education Classes

A new year of growing and strengthening our faith and learning God's word begins on September 10th at 8:45 am. Classes for Kindergarten through High School and three new adult education classes will all kick off. Plan to be part of it!

Class		Teacher	Location
K – 4 th Grade	Old Testament – God Restores His People	Andi Orujov	Room 204
5 th – 7 th Grade	Apologetics	Jeffrey Hemmeter	The Learning Center
8 th – 12 th Grade	Apologetics	Cameron and Vanessa Jones	Room 203
Women's	Meant for Good – A Study of Joseph	Michelle Johnson	Room 206
Adult	End Times	Pastor Alms	Fellowship Hall

Choir Begins THIS Week!



St. Paul's Men's Club Planning Meeting 8am on Saturday, Sept 16th

All confirmed men at St. Paul are invited to attend a planning meeting of the Men's Club on Saturday, September 16th. We will meet at 8 am in the fellowship hall for a short bible study and prayer time. Then, we will plan out our topics for Bible Study as well as fellowship and service activities for the fall and spring. In addition, we will choose our monthly meeting date and time. An egg dish and other light refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact Jim Baeder. Consider staying for the work day beginning at 9 am! A signup sheet is posted so that we can have an approximate head count.

Upcoming Dates

Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar.

- September 6th Choir Rehearsal Resumes
- September 10th Fall Quarter Sunday School/Bible Study classes begin
- September 17th Lunch on the Lawn
- September 23rd LWML Fall Rally
- September 26th First fall meeting of Women's Guild
- September 28th Lutheran Books and Beer begins
- October 7th Community Craft Day
- October 28th St Paul Oktoberfest from 6 9 PM

Newsletter

The September newsletter was emailed on Friday. If you did not receive it via email and wish to, please email dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org. Hard copies are available in the narthex.

Community Craft Day

There will be NO Craft Day on Saturday September 2. We will happily resume in October for anyone hoping to work on craft projects before the holidays. Any questions can be directed to Kate Baeder@hotmail.com.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week	
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder	
Reader	Jay Barringer	Michelle Johnson	
Usher	Ben Haberl	Kevin Dungey	
Usher	Jim Baeder	Taylor Dungey	
Greeter	Sari Nguyen	Bruce Staudinger	
Acolyte	Michael Hemmeter	Paul Baeder	

Daily Readings: Sep 3: 1 Kng 19:1–21, Eph 3:1–21; Sep 4: 2 Kng 2:1–18, Eph 4:1–24; Sep 5: 2 Kng 2:19–25; 4:1–7, Eph 4:25–5:14; Sep 6: 2 Kng 4:8–22, 32–37, Eph 5:15–33; Sep 7: 2 Kng 4:38–5:8, Eph 6:1–24; Sep 8: 2 Kng 5:9–27, Phil 1:1–20; Sep 9: 2 Kng 6:1–23, Phil 1:21–2:11.

If at all possible Sermon Notes

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Please pray for the St. Paul Mission Team in Mayfield, Kentucky this week.

Barbara Kester (gallbladder)

Sandy Hayes (at home recovering from surgery)

Merilyn Blomster (blood pressure issues)

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

Fred Neebe, cousin of the Gigueres, went to be with his Lord. Thanksgiving that this man of God is now in the Savior's arms, and prayers for family members as they grieve.

Tyler Stevenson, Erwin family member (blood disorder) 9/3

Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 9/3

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) 9/3

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.