St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



The 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 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 2001 Old Frederick Road Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Church: 410-747-1897 School: 410-747-1924 www.stpaulcatonsville.org email: secretary@stpaulcatonsville.org Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2023

Prelude:The Lord Is In His Holy Temple; Let All the Earth Keep Silence Before Him. Amen.
Arr. Heber Schünemann (b. 1971)
Vater unser im Himmelreich: Our Father, Thou in Heaven AboveDietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Children's Sermon

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It LSB 594 1 God's child. Ι glad - ly sav it: Ι bap-tized own am bap-tized 2 Sin. dis turb my soul no long - er: Ι am 3 Sa this Ι tan. hear proc - la - ma - tion: am bap-tized Ι 4 Death. end my glad-ness: bap-tized you can not am 5 There worth com-par - ing noth - ing To this life-long is to Christ! He. Ι could not in be cause pay it. to Christ! com - fort in _ I have e - ven strong-er: in to Christ! Drop your ly ac - cu sa - tion, ug in to Christ! When Ι die. Í leave all sad - ness _ com - fort sure! 0 pen eved my grave is star - ing: Gave full re demp - tion price. Do I need earth's mv Je sus' cleans - ing sac ri - fice. Should a guilt -_ y I en - ticed. Now that to the am not so soon То in her - it a - dise! Though T lie in par E there I'll sleep Though my flesh ven se - cure. a - $\mathbf{y}?$ trea _ sures man -L have one worth science seize Since tism con me my Bap _ might I've eled. All font trav vour has dust Faith's and ash es as sur ance waits its rais ing, Still soul _ my con

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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

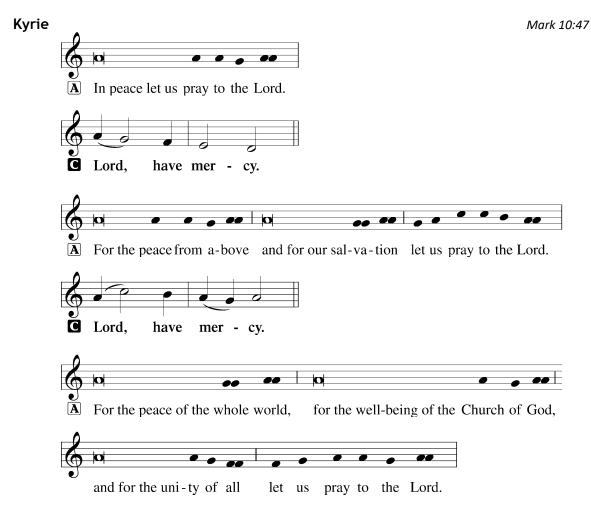
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our 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

- 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.

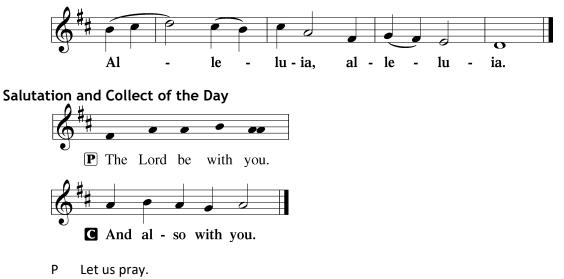
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Service of the Word









C O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Anthem: The Lord's Prayer

Sit

Heather Krakat, Soprano

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

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

Psalm (spoken responsively)

- ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

surely in the rush of great waters,

they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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.

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Anthem: Locus Iste: This Is God's House

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

This is God's house, a temple he has made, a temple God the Lord has made. O holy covenant beyond all telling, worthy of His glorious Name. *

versus: Deus, cui adstant Angelorum chori exaudi preces servorum tuorum.

God, to whom the choir of angels stands, hear the prayers of your servants. *†* Jim Baeder, Cantor

* Translation by John Rutter

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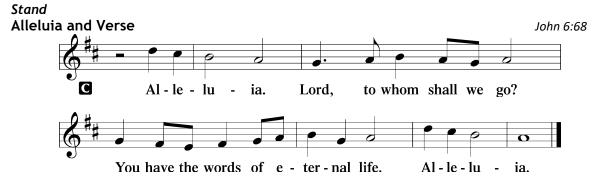
Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

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



¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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709 The King of Love My Shepherd IsLSB 709
1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran-somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my
I am His And He is mine for - ev - er. pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth. gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; 6 And so through all the length of days
Thine unction grace bestoweth; Thy goodness faileth never;
And, oh, what transport of delight Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
From Thy pure chalice floweth! Within Thy house forever!
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Sermon

Stand Nicene Creed

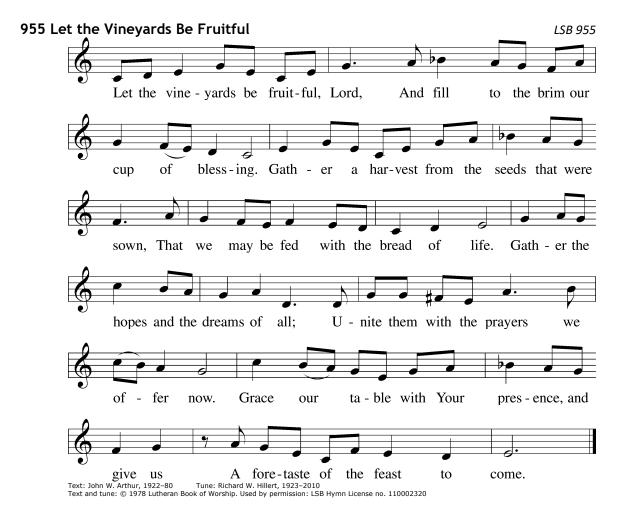
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance 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.

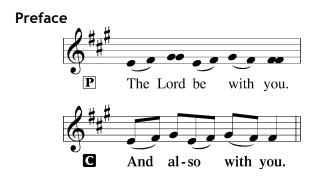
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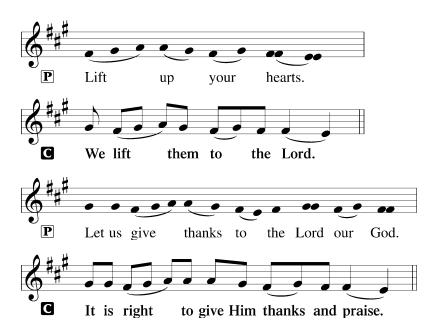
(Offering plates are available in the narthex. You may also give electronically through our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/donation. If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)



Service of the Sacrament

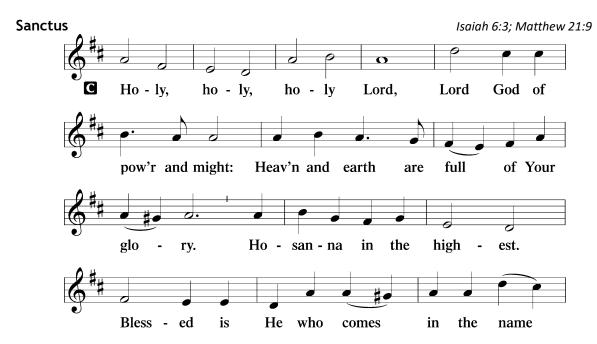


2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



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:
- 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."

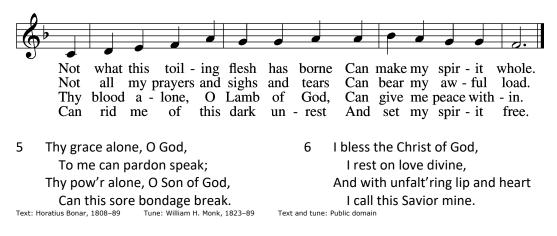
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



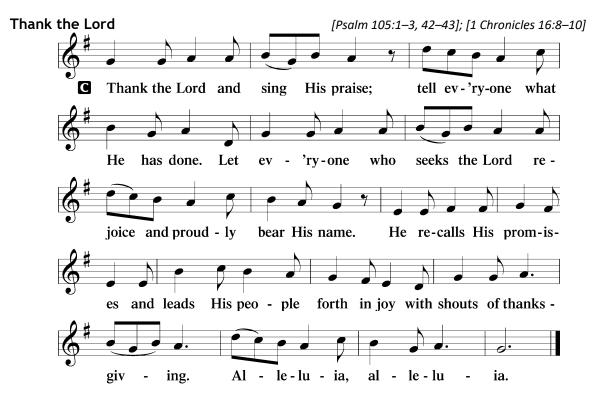
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527 O Savior, Precious Savior LSB 527 Sav - ior, pre-cious Sav - ior, Whom yet 10 un - seen we love; 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine; 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove 0 name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove, Thy-self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought, The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, 0 Son of God. is Thine. In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love: We То Thee, O Christ, we wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, sing: wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, We То Thee, O Christ, we sing; wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we We sing: Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring. We praise Thee and con-fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King. We praise Thee and con-fess Thee, Our gra-cious Lord and King. We praise Thee and con-fess Thee, Our glo-rious Lord and King. And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Šav - ior and our King! Tune: Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929 Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79 Text and tune: Public domain

567 Not What These Hands Have Done LSB 567 1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul: 2 Not what God: Ι feel or do Can give me peace with 3 Thy work Can ease this weight of sin: a - lone. 0 Christ. Not mine, O Lord, 4 Thy love 0 God, Thee, to me, to



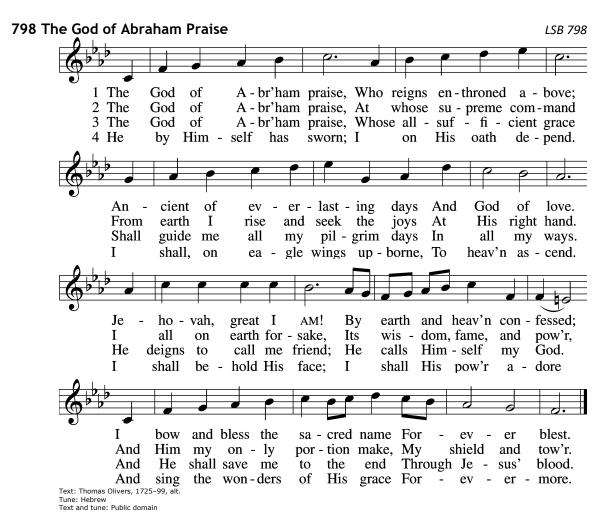
Stand Post Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. . . . А С Α men. Benediction Numbers 6:24-26 O **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 + give you peace. Θ **C** A men.





Dismissal

Postlude: Church Of God, Elect and Glorious

Tune: Abbot's Leigh Cyril Taylor (b. 1907)

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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Pat Wesselman in memory of Don on their anniversary.



Sunday School and New Adult Education Classes

A new year of growing and strengthening our faith and learning God's word began TODAY! Classes for Kindergarten through High School and two new adult education classes began today. Please join us next week.

Class		Teacher	Location
$K-4^{th}$ Grade	Old Testament – God Restores His People	Andia 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

St. Paul's Men's Club Planning Meeting

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, followed by a time of planning. 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.

Work Day

This Saturday, September 16th is work day, beginning at 9:00 am. Please email <u>steve.haar@splscatonsville.org</u> if you are able to help.



English as a Second Language (ESL)

Classes begin on Monday, September 18. It's not too late to volunteer! Join us on Monday or Thursday nights from 7:15 - 9:00 (or both). Share your culture, help with lessons and meet a great bunch of new people. See Irene Giguere to volunteer.

Lunch On the Lawn

NEXT WEEK! Sunday, September 17^{th} , 12 noon - 2:00 pm. A picnic event for church, school, and our Colonial Gardens community. You're invited to bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a picnic on our church grounds. This is a wonderful chance to fellowship together and to connect our St. Paul community with our neighborhood community. Burgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a side dish or dessert.



Upcoming Dates

Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar.

- 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 Tickets available now.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
Reader	Michelle Johnson	JB Jaeger
Usher	Kevin Dungey	Brian Erwin
Usher	Taylor Dungey	Jay Barringer
Greeter	Bruce Staudinger	Irene giguere
Acolyte	Paul Baeder	Ella Nelson

Daily Readings: Sep 10: 2 Kng 9:1–13; 10:18–29, Phil 2:12–30; Sep 11: 2 Chr 29:1–24, Phil 3:1–21; Sep 12: 2 Chr 31:1–21, Phil 4:1–23; Sep 13: 2 Chr 32:1–22, Col 1:1–23; Sep 14: 2 Chr 33:1–25, Col 1:24–2:7; Sep 15: 2 Chr 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33, Col 2:8–23; Sep 16: 2 Chr 35:1–7, 16–25, Col 3:1–25.

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CHURCH MEMBERS

John Gay (cancer, accepted into clinical trial of new treatment) Barbara Kester (gallbladder) Sandy Hayes (at home recovering from surgery) Merilyn Blomster (blood pressure issues) David Nguyen (back issues) Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments) 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.
Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (recovering from surgery, cancer treatments) 9/3
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
Don Whipps, husband of a volunteer ESL teacher (lung cancer) 7/23

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.