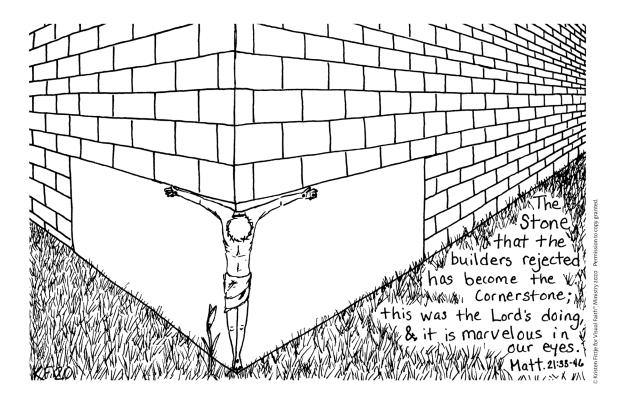
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



The 19th Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 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: O Lord, creator, redeemer, and comforter, I come to worship You in spirit and in truth. Open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus name. 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.)

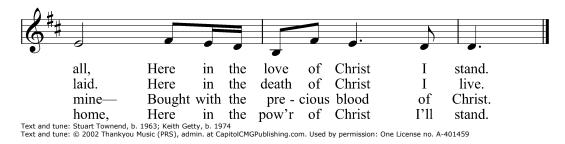
St. Paul Lutheran Church and School 2001 Old Frederick Road Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Church: 410-747-1897 School: 410-747-1924 www.stpaulcatonsville.org email: secretary@stpaulcatonsville.org Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2023

Prelude: Sing to the Lord

Lani Smith (b. 1934)





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

[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

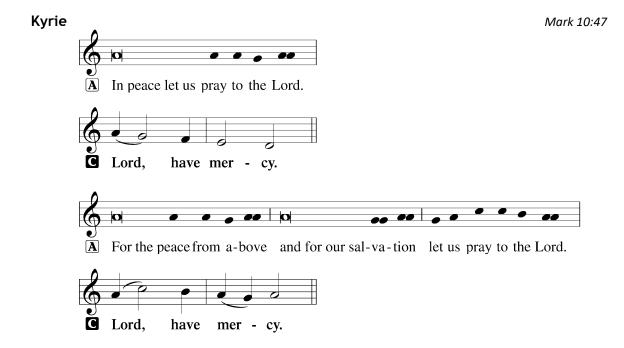
Service of the Word

Introit (sung responsively)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever! The stone that the builders re- | jected* has become the | cornerstone. This is the LORD's | doing;* it is marvelous | in our eyes. This is the day that the | LORD has made;* let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

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.

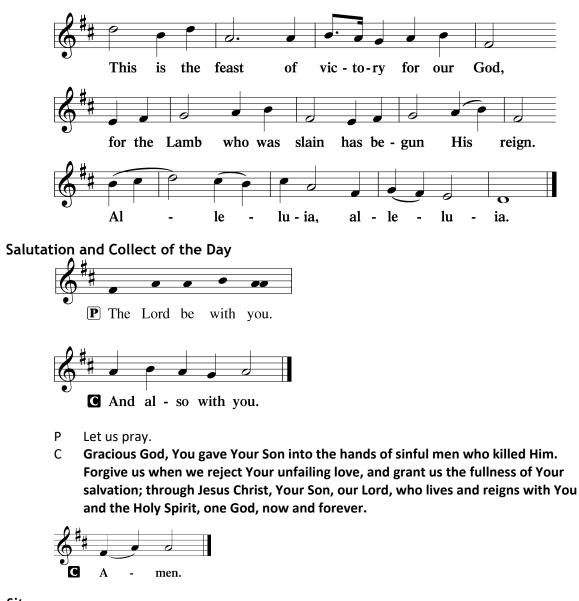
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!



Psalm 118:22-24; antiphon: v. 1







Sit

Anthem: O come, let us sing unto the Lord: Venite, exultemus Domino

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods. In His hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is the Lord our God: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines: he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it vielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah. judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall. and it shall be trampled down.

Isaiah 5:1–7

⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

Gradual (spoken responsively)

He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I

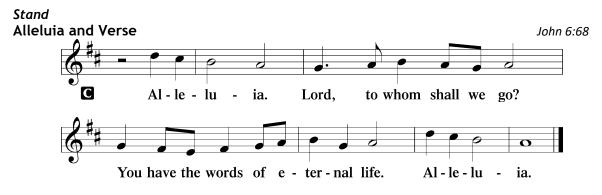
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Psalm 91:11; 103:1

Philippians 3:4b–14

have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



³³[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

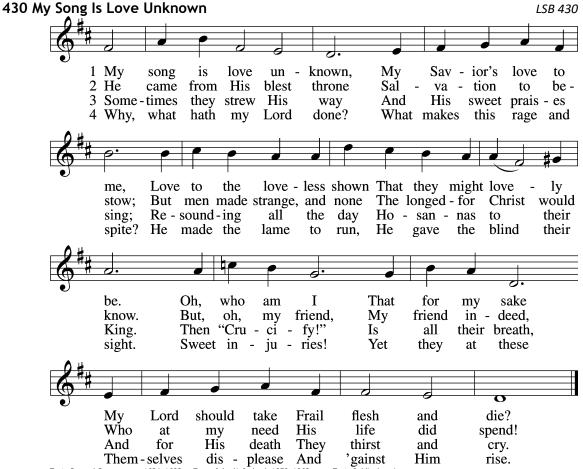
"'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





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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.

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

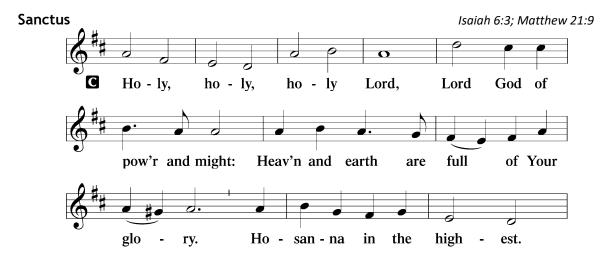


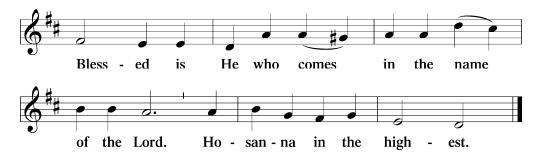
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



Proper Preface

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





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ρ 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.

С Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- Ρ 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.

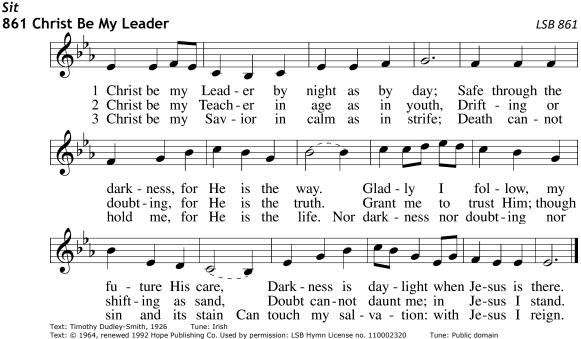
The Words of Our Lord

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."

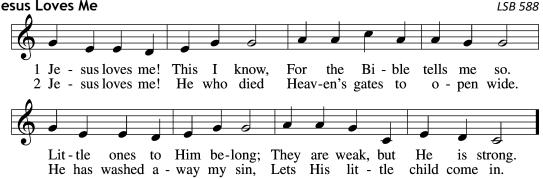
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



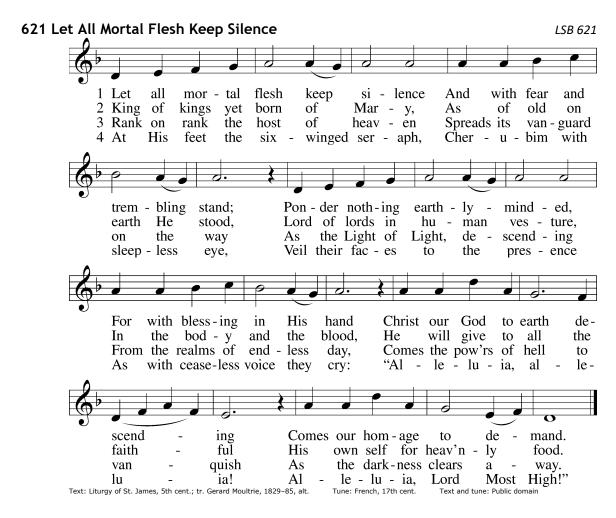




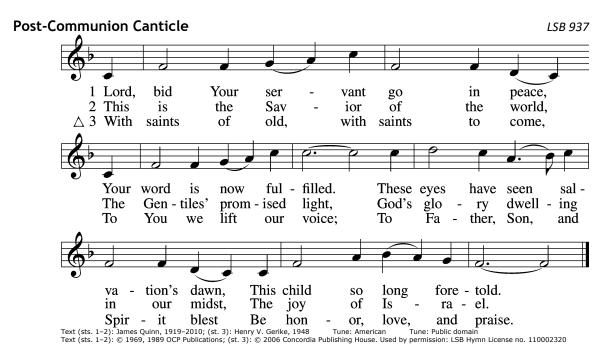
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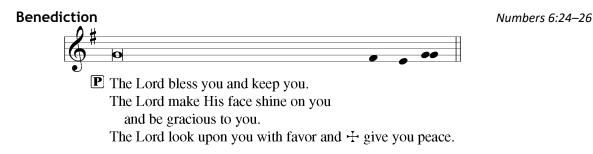
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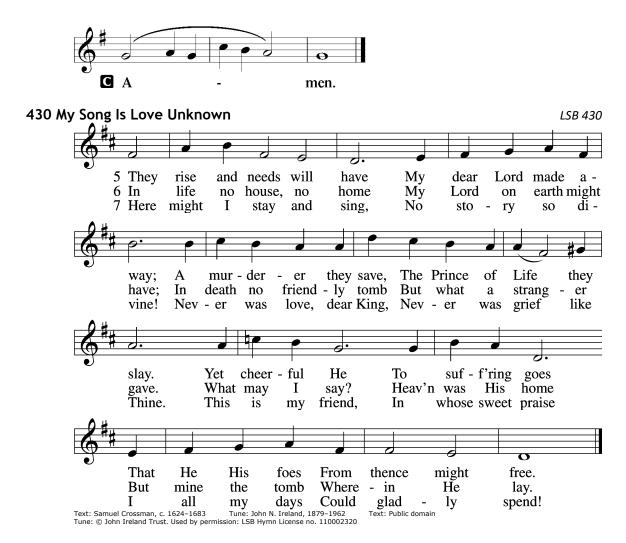


Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray....







Dismissal

Postlude: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

setting, Kenneth T. Kosche (b. 1947)

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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Lister...

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text **988** or chat **988lifeline.org**.

Men's Group

All men of St. Paul, male friends, neighbors, and teens are invited to the monthly Men's Group breakfast and Bible study meeting, which will be held this Saturday, October 14th, at 8 AM (meetings last an hour) in the Fellowship Hall.

CPS Sunday on October 15th!

Join us on Sunday, October 15th in worship as we welcome guests from Concordia Preparatory School. Headmaster Brent Johnson will bring greetings and thanks, celebrating our membership in the Baltimore Lutheran School Association and our relationship over the years through students, staff and alumni of Concordia Preparatory School. There will be a time of fellowship following the worship service offering an opportunity to catch up on the exciting things that are happening on campus at CPS!

Lutherans For Life

There will be a meeting of those interested in beginning a Lutherans for Life chapter at St. Paul on October 22nd after church.

St. Paul Øktoberfest

October 28th from 6-9 PM. Tickets on sale now. Buy tickets online or in the narthex. *Deadline for purchasing tickets is October 17*. The menu is listed in the newsletter. Any questions about the event, ask Pastor Alms, Chris Parsons or J.B. Jaeger.



Sunday Morning Bible Class

The final class for the *End Times* study led by Pastor Alms will be next week. Beginning on October 22, Pastor will be leading a study on *The Relentless Grace of God: Jonah*.



Trunks and Candy

Trunk or Treat is just around the corner! Come out and join us on Saturday, Oct 28th, 3-4:30 for lots of family fun and fellowship. Candy donations are now welcome! There will be a collection bin in the Narthex. And please consider hosting a trunk! For more information call Karyn Borth.

A Bible for Every Student & Family Project

Donations are requested to equip every school family with a Bible and to provide new classroom Bibles for 2nd through 5th grades. If you would like to support this project, there are envelopes in the narthex or you may use this QR Code to donate.

All Saints Sunday

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed is November 5th. If you have any Christian family or friends who have passed away since All Saints Sunday 2022 you can submit them to the church office. We will mark each name with a toll of the bell and a Scripture verse. Please email dana.stigdon@splscatonsville with the name and relation of the departed, or call the church office at 410-747-1897.

Used Cell Phones Needed

A pastor connected with Orphan Grain Train is returning to his home in Malawi in 2 weeks. He is requesting used cell phones that he can take back with him. A bin is in the narthex through next Sunday if you have any to donate.

Help Wanted

Denise and Debbie need some help with a few things at Dottie's house. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Denise if you can help with any of this.

- Forsythia bush needs to be trimmed.
- The deck railing could be painted.
- The ceiling tiles in the small bathroom need to either be replaced or cleaned really well.

	This week	Next week
Cantor	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
Reader	Michelle Johnson	JB Jaeger
Usher	Greg McDonald	Bruce Staudinger
Usher	Jeffrey Hemmeter	Paul Lubell
Greeter	Debbie Oldhouser	Pat Chinn
Acolyte	Danny McKay	Rachel Johnson

Serving at St. Paul

Daily Readings: Oct 8: Deut 7:1–19, Matt 10:1–23; Oct 9: Deut 8:1–20, Matt 10:24–42; Oct 10: Deut 9:1–22, Matt 11:1–19; Oct 11: Deut 9:23–10:22, Matt 11:20–30; Oct 12: Deut 11:1–25, Matt 12:1–21; Oct 13: Deut 11:26–12:12, Matt 12:22–37; Oct 14: Deut 12:13–32, Matt 12:38–50.



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Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Ann-Eliese Jordan (recovering from a leg procedure) Barbara Kester (recovering from gallbladder surgery) David Nguyen (back issues, surgery scheduled for Oct 18) Lindsey Gay (recovering from recent hospitalization) John Gay (cancer, accepted into clinical trial of new treatment) Janice Gay (caretaker) Sandy Hayes (recovering from surgery) Merilyn Blomster (blood pressure issues) Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments) Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Kay Nelson, mother of Aaron Nelson (recovering from open heart surgery) 10/8 Elsie Cox, friend of the Kyne's (congestive heart failure) 10/8 Harold Reider, father of Pam Piegols (discernment for best way to treat blocked arteries) 9/24 Mike Martin, friend of the Fields family (heart issues) 9/24 Rich Strauss, friend of the Fields family (hospitalized, recovering) 9/24 Debbie, Doug, and Gwen Warner, friend of the Fields family (recovering from a multicar accident) John Hahn, former member (issues due to melanoma surgery) 9/17 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

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.