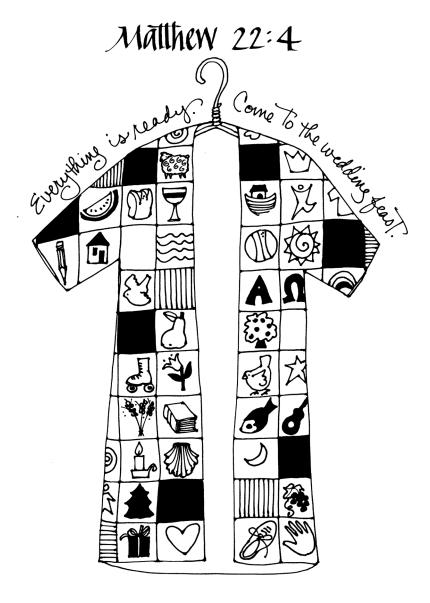
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



The 20th Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 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.

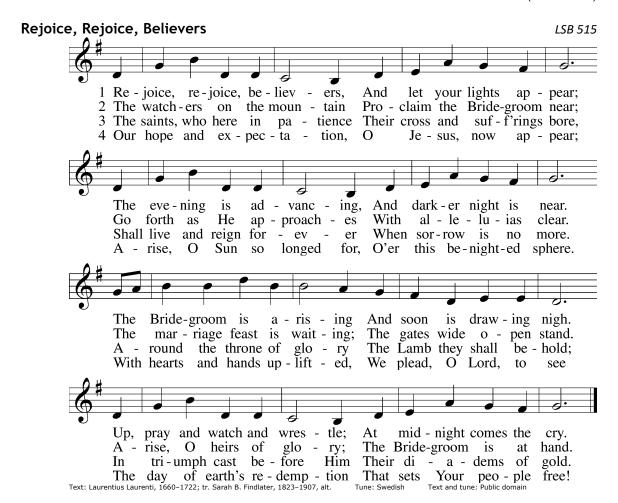
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran 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

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2023

Prelude: My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker: *Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren*Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)



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

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Introit (sung responsively)
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Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2
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I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;*

my soul shall exult | in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;*

he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | headdress,*

and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.

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.

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.
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Kyrie Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



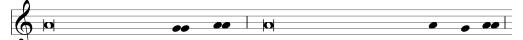
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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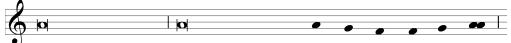
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



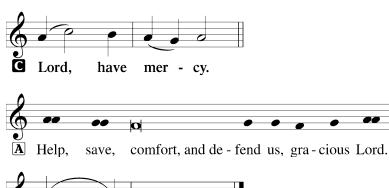
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.

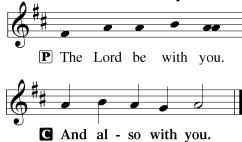








Salutation and Collect of the Day



- P Let us pray.
- C Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Anthem: Bless the Lord; Psalm 103

Michail Ippolitoff Ivanoff (b. 1959)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits.

He is gracious and plenteous in mercy.

As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that love Him, and remember His commandments to do them.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right$

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

Gradual (spoken responsively)

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

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 Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

Alleluia and Verse John 6:68 Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:1–14

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



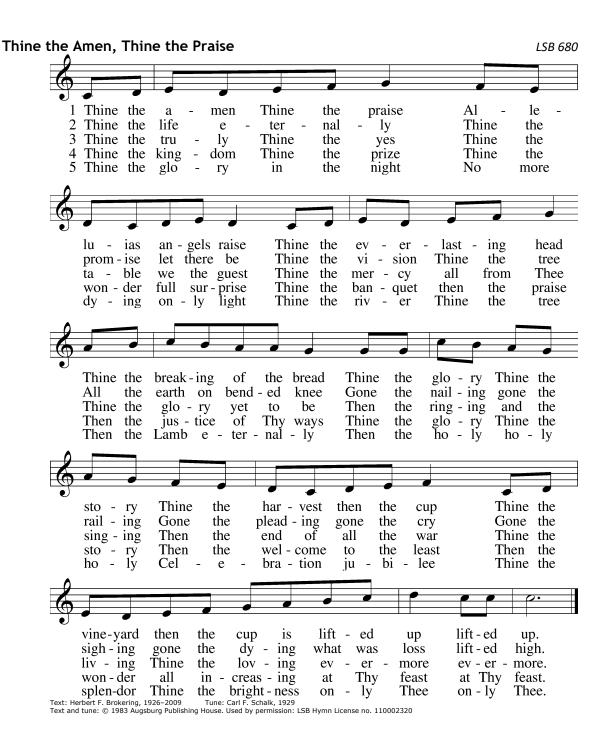
¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁵while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ¹The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ®Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ¹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹OAnd those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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.

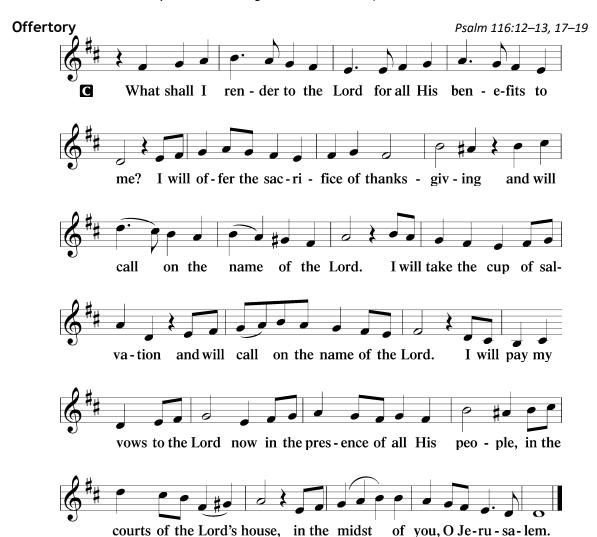
> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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

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

Preface

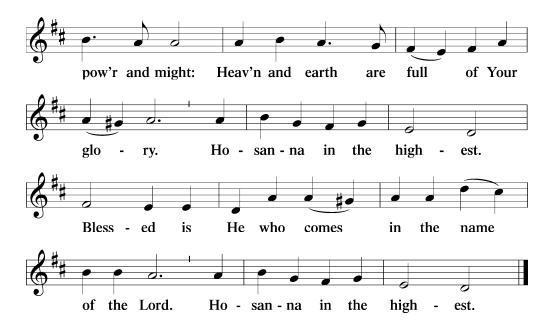
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



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;

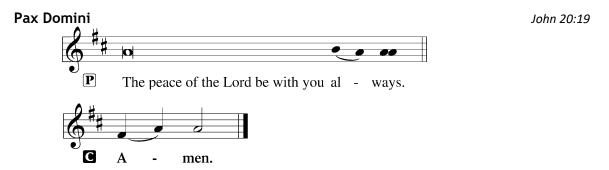
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

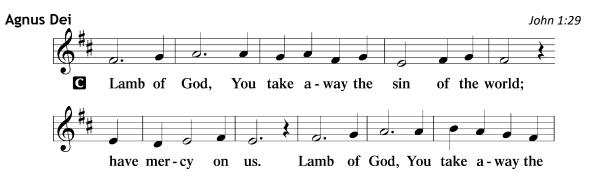
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

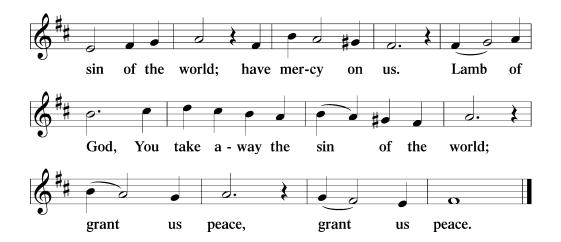
The Words of Our Lord

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."

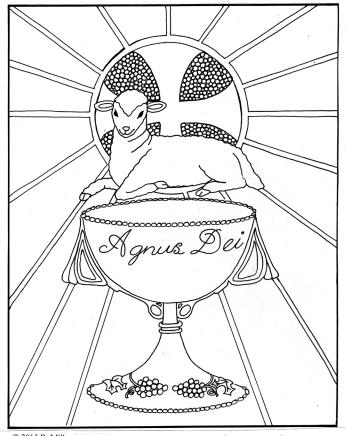
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."







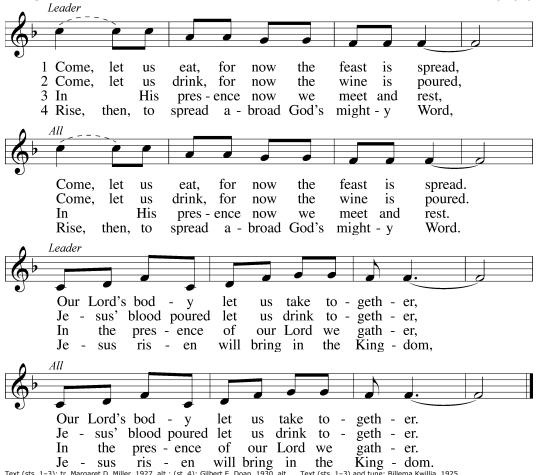
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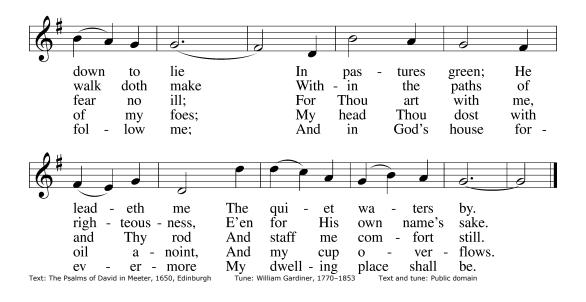
Come, Let Us Eat LSB 626

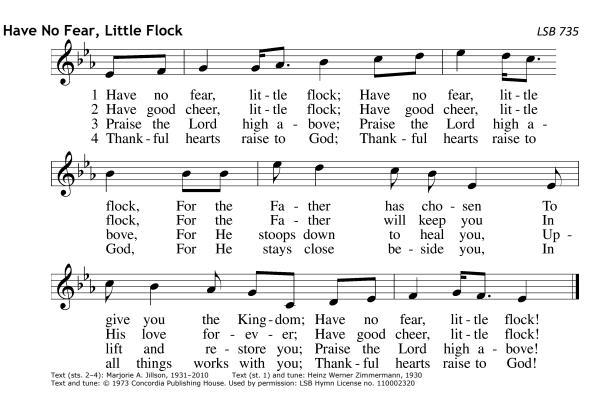


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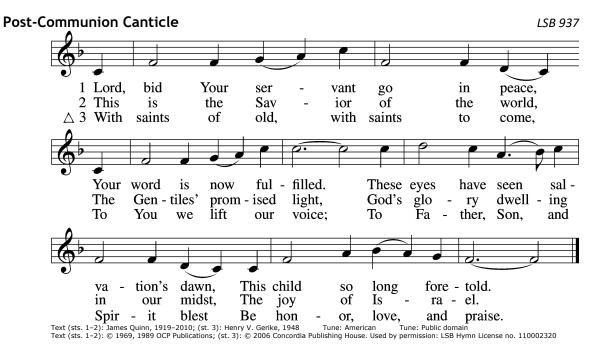
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Stand Post Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray....



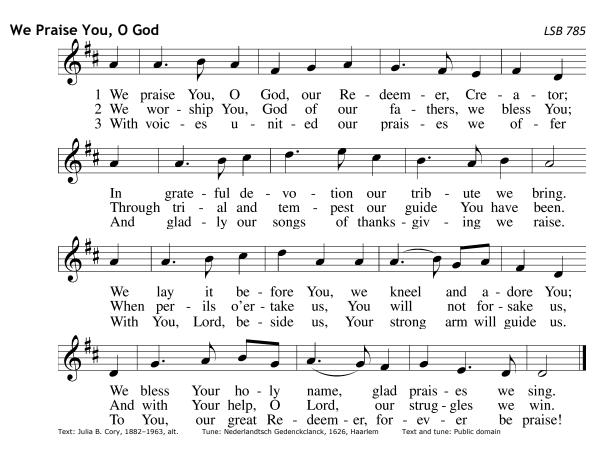
Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.





Dismissal

Postlude: O Lord, We Praise Thee, Bless Thee, and Adore Thee: Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet

Heinrich Scheidemann (ca. 1595-1663)

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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Norm & Irene Giguere in celebration of Suzanne's birthday.

Concordia Preparatory School Sunday

This morning we welcome Concordia Prep's Headmaster, Brent Johnson, who brings greetings and thanks from the school as he shares the exciting things that are happening at Concordia. Concordia Prep is a Christian school that offers a great secondary education experience for students in grades 6 through 12. Families can learn more by stopping by at the Concordia table in the lobby this morning.

Sunday Morning Bible Class: Jonah

Beginning next Sunday, Pastor will begin a new study on *The Relentless Grace of God: Jonah*. Sunday School and Bible Classes begin in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 am.

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.

St. Paul @ktoherfest

October 28th from 6-9 PM. *Deadline for purchasing tickets is THIS TUESDAY, October 17*. Buy tickets online or in the narthex. Any questions about the event, ask Pastor Alms, Chris Parsons or J.B. Jaeger.

Lutherans For Life

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



Wanted: Trunk-sters and Candy!

Trunk or Treat is just two weeks away and we still need 5 more trunks for our line-up. Please consider this easy and fun way to participate on Saturday, Oct 28th, 3-4:30pm. Candy donations can be left in the Narthex. Contact Karyn Borth for more info.

The Lutheran Witness

Would you like to subscribe to *The Lutheran Witness*? The *Lutheran Witness* is one of the oldest denominational magazines in the world. The fee for 2024 subscriptions is \$20.50. Please email dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org or call the office at 410-747-1897 to sign up for the magazine subscription. Please place \$20.50 in the offering plate, marked for Lutheran Witness, to cover the amount of your subscription. There are order envelopes available in the narthex. The magazine will be delivered directly to your home. DEADLINE TO SUBSCRIBE: October 22.

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 (make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran) or you may use this QR Code to donate.



Serving at St. Paul

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	This week	Next week
Cantor	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
Reader	JB Jaeger	Suzanne Giguere
Usher	Bruce Staudinger	Jim Kyne
Usher	Paul Lubell	David Nguyen
Greeter	Pat Chinn	Dave Carnes
Acolyte	Rachel Johnson	Michael Hemmeter

Daily Readings: *Oct 15*: Deut 13:1–18, Matt 13:1–23; *Oct 16*: Deut 14:1–2, 22–23, 14:28–15:15, Matt 13:24–43; *Oct 17*: Deut 15:19—16:22, Matt 13:44–58; *Oct 18*: Deut 17:1–20, Matt 14:1–21; *Oct 19*: Deut 18:1–22, Matt 14:22–36; *Oct 20*: Deut 19:1–20, Matt 15:1–20; *Oct 21*: Deut 20:1–20, Matt 15:21–39.

Prayer List

We pray for peace and an end to terrorism and bloodshed in the Middle East.

CHURCH MEMBERS

Barb Haar (recovering from a car accident)

David Nguyen (back issues, surgery scheduled for Oct 18)

Ann-Eliese Jordan (recovering from a leg procedure)

Barbara Kester (recovering from gall bladder surgery)

Lindsey Gay (recovering from recent hospitalization)

John Gay (cancer, accepted into clinical trial of new treatment)

Janice Gay (caretaker)

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

Sandy Miller, friend of the Kyne's (breast cancer) 10/15

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.