## St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2024

## YOU ARE INVITED!

Meet our distinguished visitors, Dr. Alexey Streltsov and his wife Elena, of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Dr. Streltsov is Rector of the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia.

Sunday Morning Service 10 am and Brunch following Sunday, January 28

Despite today's negative news about Russia, it's good to learn that fellow Lutherans in Russia who remain faithful to the historic confession are crying for more pastors. The cry comes not only from Russia, but also from Ukraine and other former Soviet Union countries.

Regardless of news reports, not all relations between Ukraine and Russia are hostile. Instead, the Church ignores the political lines and simply sees brothers and sisters crying out for the sustenance of God's Word and Sacrament.

The Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, is working to supply pastors for Siberian Church, but it needs help to keep answering that call.

Russia and neighboring countries, including Ukraine, need pastors now and they will need pastors when the current conflict ends. The seminary is committed to preparing pastors to carry God's Word and Sacrament to people in Siberia, other parts of Russia, and surrounding countries.









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RESTORING THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN RUSSIA

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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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www.stpaulcatonsville.org email: secretary@stpaulcatonsville.org Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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**Prelude:** In the Bleak Mid-winter Harold Darke (1888-1976)Great Is Thy Faithfulness LSB 809 1 Great is Thy faith ful - ness, O Fa - ther: God mv 2 Sum - mer and and win ter and spring - time har - vest, 3 Par - don for sin and peace that en dur - eth. a There is shad of ing with Thee. no ow turn -Sun, moon, and stars in their bove cours - es a Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not; with Join all na ture in man - i - fold wit - ness Strength for and bright hope for to - day to - mor - row, Thou Thou for - ev wilt As hast been, be. To Thy faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and great love. Bless - ings all mine. with ten thou - sand be - side! Refrain Thy faith-ful-ness! Great Great is is Thy faith-ful-ness!

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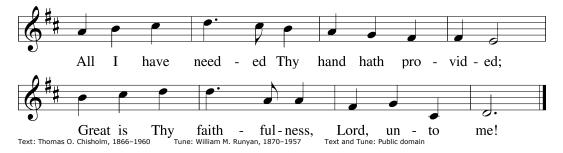
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## Confession and Absolution

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**

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### Kneel/Sit

#### **Confession of Sins**

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

## Service of the Word

**Kyrie** 

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

#### Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

- P Let us pray.
- C Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Anthem: In the Bleak Mid-winter
Paul Baeder, Bass

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel Which adore.

Angels and archangels May have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim Thronged the air; But only His mother In her maiden bliss Worshipped the Beloved With a kiss.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb, If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

### **Old Testament Reading**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

Psalm Psalm 112, various



#### Refrain

Blessèd are those who fear the LORD, who find great delights in his commands.. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

#### Refrain

Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

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.

### Refrain

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## **Epistle** 1 Corinthians 7:29–35

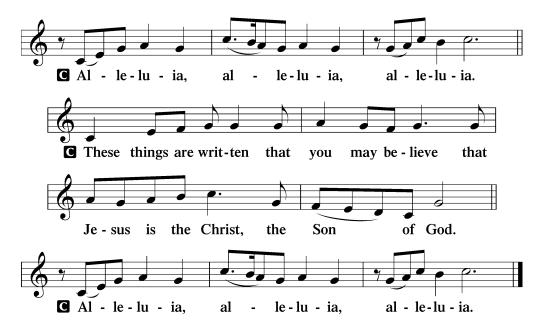
<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

<sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

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

#### Stand Alleluia and Verse

John 20:31



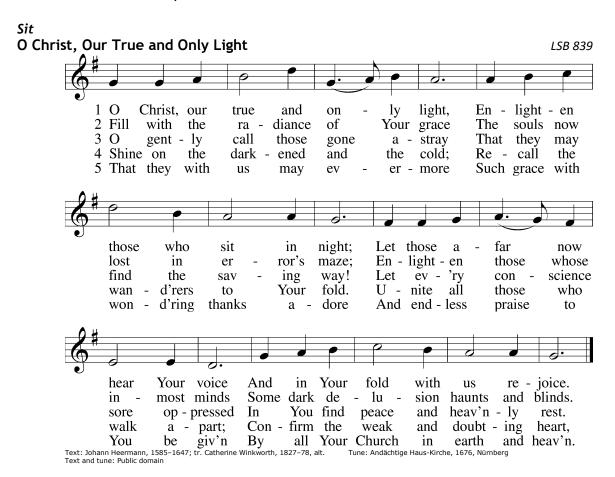
Holy Gospel Mark 1:14–20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



#### 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.

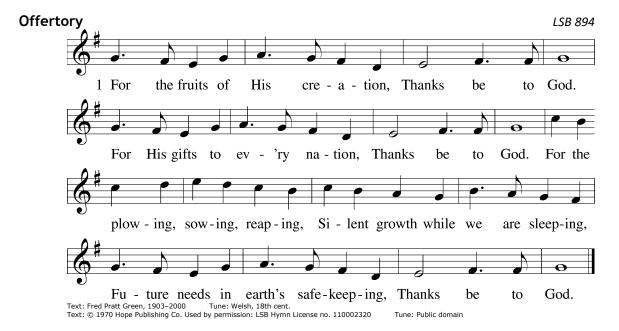
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically via this QR code or 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.)





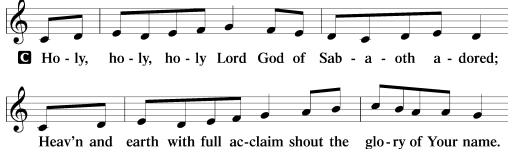
## Service of the Sacrament

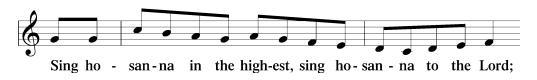
#### **Preface**

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

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9







## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

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.

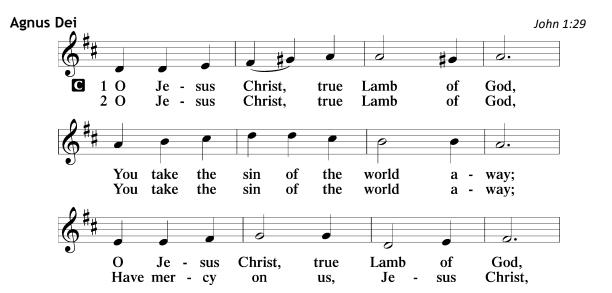
#### The Words of Our Lord

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."

#### Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.







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I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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I am trusting Thee for power;
 Thine can never fail.
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me

Must prevail.

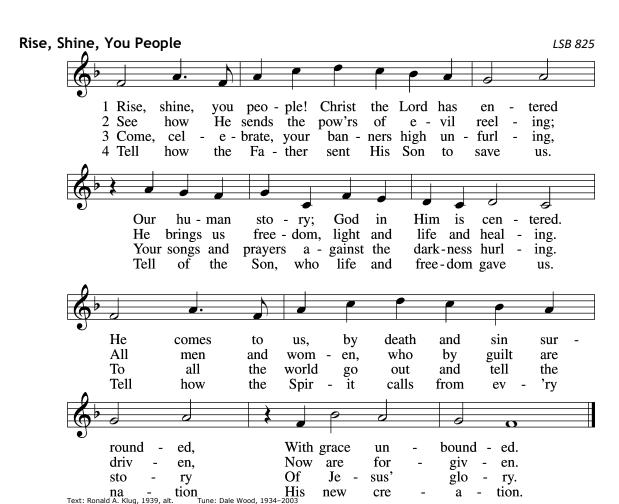
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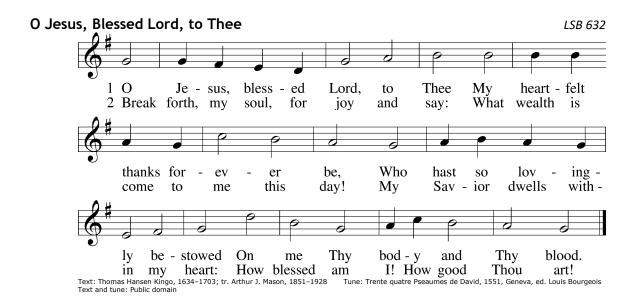
Tune: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall.
 I am trusting Thee forever
 And for all.

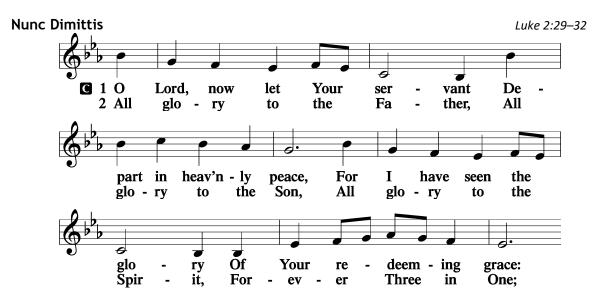
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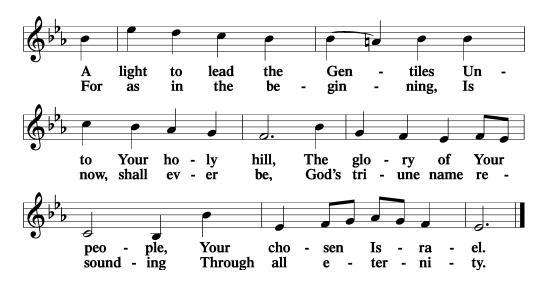






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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

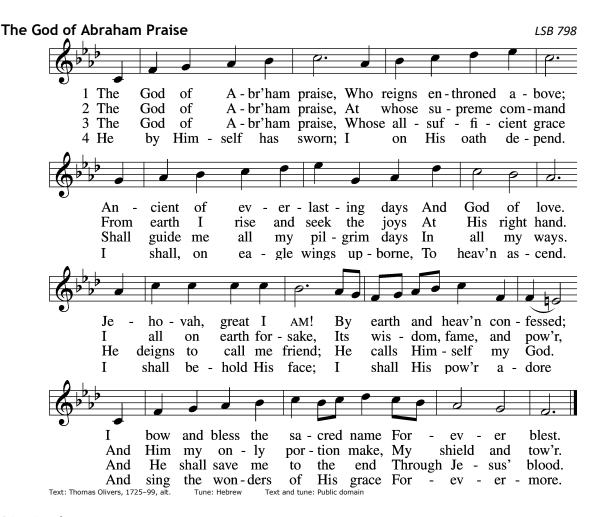
- A Let us pray....
- C Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.



#### Dismissal

**Postlude:** The Snow Lay On the Ground

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

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## Prayer List

#### **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Merilyn Blomster (recovering)

Laurie Dungey (concussion)

Rik Johnsson (recovering from neck/back surgery)

David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery)

Lindsey Gay

John Gay (cancer)

Janice Gay (caretaker)

Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)

Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



#### **SHUT-INS**

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

#### **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Christian McNeil, a faithful SPLC visitor (blessings as he leaves the Air Force and returns to Texas) 1/21

Michael Murphy, friend of the Borths (bone cancer) 1/21

Nick Mantzourin, friend of Carolyn Louden (recovering from heart valve replacement surgery)

Chaplain Eric Malmstrom, friend of the Jaegers 1/21

Billie-Jean, friend of Sally Foks (recovering from surgery) 1/7

Vicky Weyrich, Sister-in-law of LaVerne Kyne (recovering from knee replacemet) 1/7

Sandy Miller, friend of the Kynes (breast cancer) 1/7

Elsie Cox, friend of the Kynes (congestive heart failure) 1/7

Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (cancer, recovering from radiation therapy) 1/21

Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 1/21

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.

## News & Notes

#### **Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers today are given by the Kyne's in celebration of LaVerne & Jim's 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Flowers are also given by Debbie Frech in celebration of Max's birthday.

**Thank You** to Allison Braatz for sharing her trumpet playing with us today.

#### MONDAY - Grace: An Introduction to Lutheranism

The start of this class was postponed to this Monday, January 22. Pastor Alms will teach this class on Mondays at 7 pm. All are welcome.

#### TUESDAY - Women's Guild

Reminder – women are supplying soup the Jan 24<sup>th</sup> event. Next meeting is this Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am at the home of Pat Wesselman. Bring snacks for packing boxes for college students and a bag lunch to stay after the meeting for some fellowship.

TUESDAY - Newsletter Articles: Articles for the February Newsletter are due on January 23.

#### **WEDNESDAY - Baptism Invitation**

St. Paul Lutheran Church is invited to the baptism of Elizabeth Miller on Wednesday, January 24th at our school chapel service at 8:30 am. Elizabeth is a second grader at St. Paul Lutheran School. She and her parents have prepared for this day and we rejoice at the gracious gifts God gives through Holy Baptism.

## WEDNESDAY - Together We Can/Health Care Kits/Soup & Sandwich

On January 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a church and school mission project event. Have you signed up to help yet? We will gather to share a meal and then put together health care kits. If you forgot your toothbrush, toothpaste, or liquid soap today, please drop them off at the office tomorrow.

#### THURSDAY - Lutheran Books & Beer

The next meeting will be this Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. Beginning a new book: *I Am Not Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare* by Robert H. Bennett. A fascinating first-hand account of the spiritual warfare in Africa and closer to home.

## SUNDAY - Mission Brunch/Congregational Potluck 2024

On Jan 28<sup>th</sup> we will have a congregational get together! Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov, a friend of Pastor Alms, from the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church will be our featured speaker. This will be a potluck brunch. Sign-up in the Narthex for what you will bring to share.

#### **LWML Quarterly**

The Winter edition of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is available in the narthex.

## Life Sunday

This past week was the March for Life and many churches observe Life Sunday today. St. Paul will observe Life Sunday on February 4th. During February we will gather \$25 WalMart gift cards for Women's Center West, a crisis pregnancy center in Catonsville. Be on the lookout for more info.

#### Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour sponsors are needed. If you can provide treats on a Sunday morning, please sign up on the bulletin board.

#### **Folders Wanted**

If you are able to volunteer on an occasional, weekly or monthly basis to collate and fold bulletins, please contact Dana at <a href="mailto:dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org">dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org</a> or call the office. Approximately 2 hours/week commitment.

### **Epiphany Choral Vespers**

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 3301 The Alameda, Baltimore, MD 21218 (410-235-9553). Please join us as we celebrate the dedication of our Viscount organ console with a special Epiphany Choral Vespers, today, January 21 at 4:00 p.m. Cameron Kuzepski, the Principal Organist at The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen will be guest organist, and a quartet of singers will provide choral accents.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
Reader	Dasha Frech	Kate Baeder
Usher	Brian Erwin	Cameron Jones
Usher	Jay Barringer	Chris Meyer
Greeter	Sari Nguyen	Karyn Borth
Acolyte	Joshua Unglesbee	Gretchen Nelson

**Daily Readings:** *Jan 21*: Joel 1:1–20, Rom 10:1–21; *Jan 22*: Joel 2:1–17, Rom 11:1–24; *Jan 23*: Joel 2:18–32, Rom 11:25—12:13; *Jan 24*: Joel 3:1–21, Rom 12:14—13:14; *Jan 25*: Zech 1:1–21, Rom 14:1–23; *Jan 26*: Zech 2:1—3:10, Rom 15:1–13; *Jan 27*: Zech 4:1—5:11, Rom 15:14–33.

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