# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024



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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Pastor Gregory Alms
Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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Postlude: My Song Is Love Unknown: Rhosymedre R. Vaughan Williams



# Confession and Absolution

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Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Kneel/Sit

#### Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word

Kyrie Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.





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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



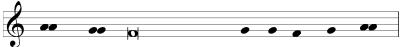
For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

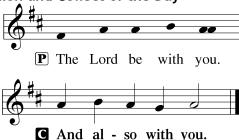


comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. Help, save,



# Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day



- P Let us pray.
- O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

**Anthem:** God So Loved the World

Libby Larsen (b. 1950)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;

But that the world through Him might be saved.

# **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

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

**Bell Choir:** Lenten Medley arr Jason W. Krug Combines *Got to Dark Gethsemane*; *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* and *Were You There?* 

# Psalm (chanted responsively)

Psalm 69:14,16; antiphon: v. 9

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For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,*
or the pit close its mouth | over me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;*
according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.

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.

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
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and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- en on me.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

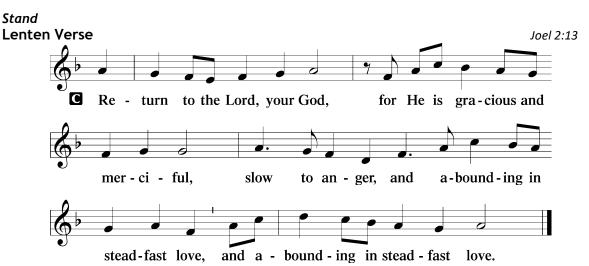
<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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



Holy Gospel John 2:13–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



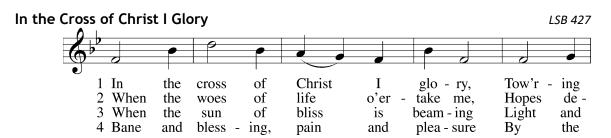
<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

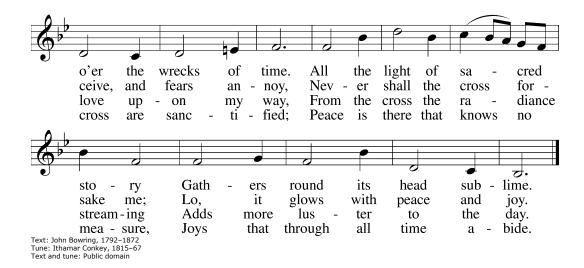
<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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.

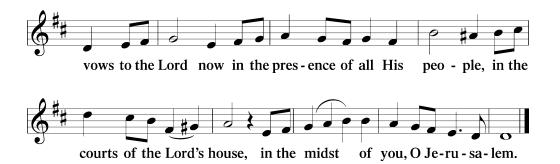
# Prayer of the Church

# Offering

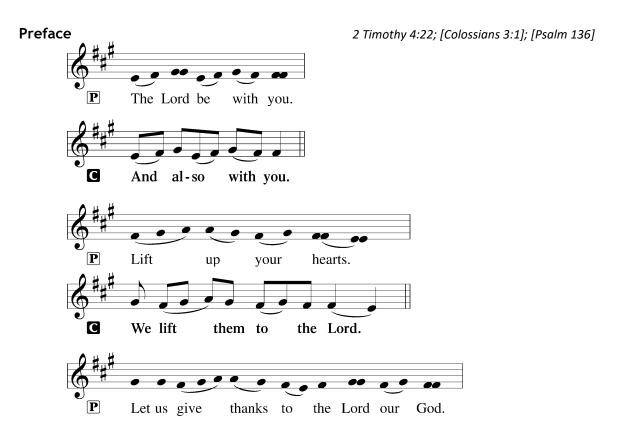
(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically via this QR code or through our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/donation. If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)

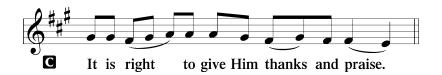






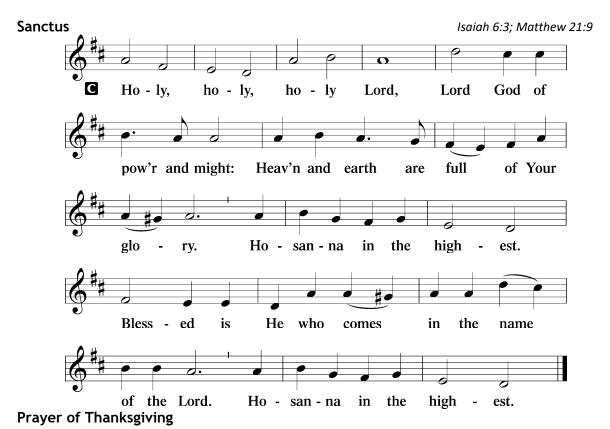
# Service of the Sacrament





# **Proper Preface**

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



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

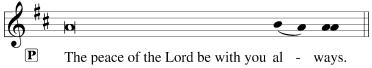
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

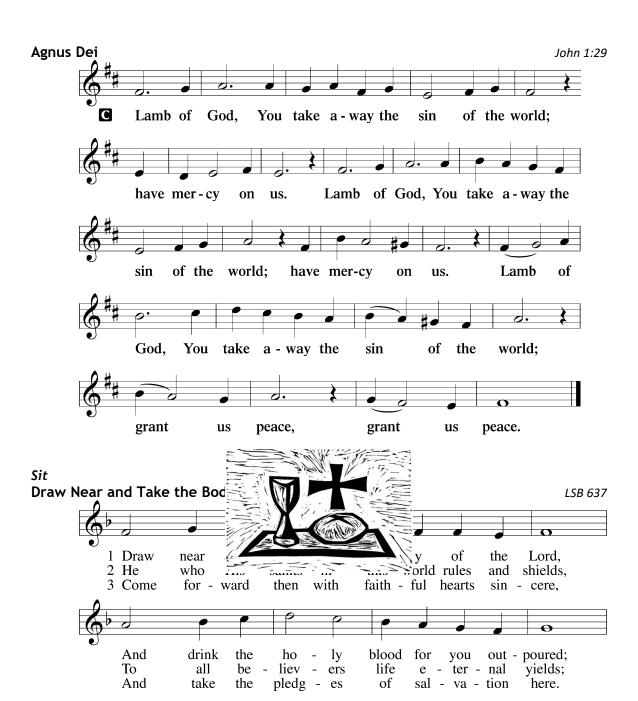
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

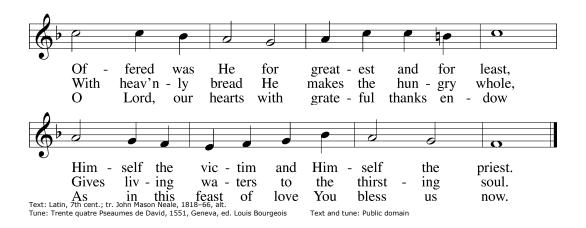
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

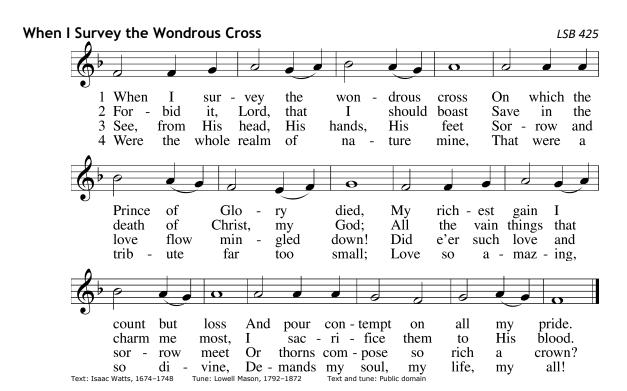
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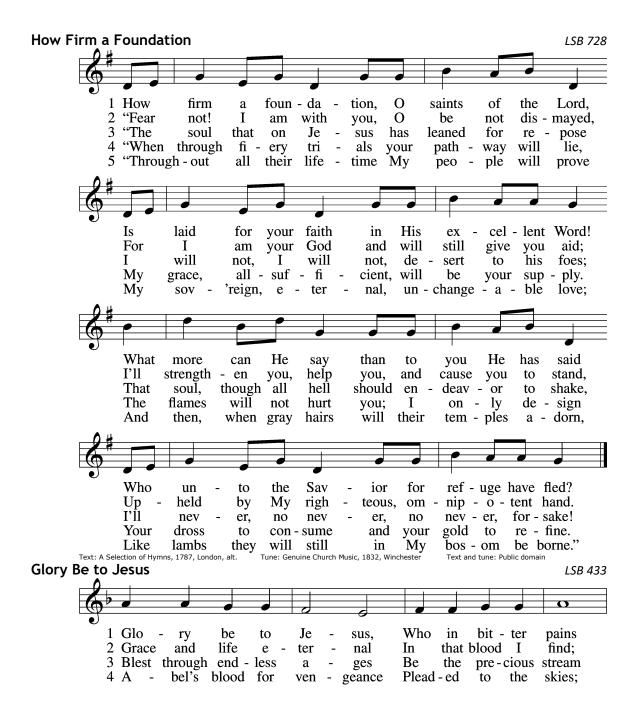


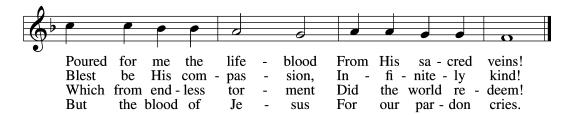








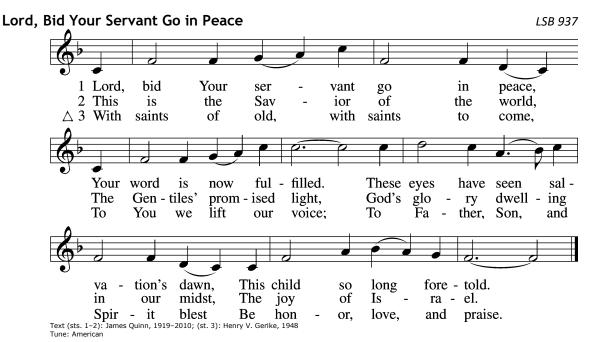




- Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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# **Stand Post-Communion Blessing**



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

A Let us pray ......



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



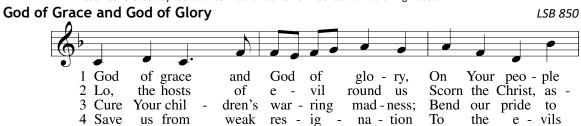
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

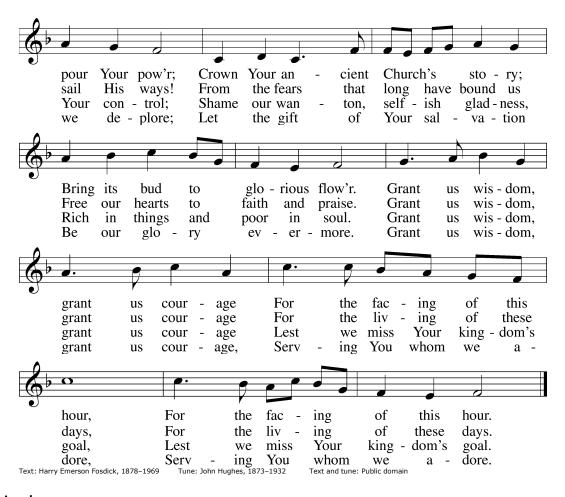
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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#### Dismissal

**Postlude:** Herzlich tut mich verlangen

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Anton Wilhelm Leupold (1868-1940)

# Prayer List

# **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Norm Giguere (recovering from heart attack)
Pat Chinn (cancer, awaiting treatment)
Doris Schascheck (thanksgiving and continued recovery)

Merilyn Blomster (recovering)
Laurie Dungey (concussion)
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**

Erica Payne, daughter-in-law of Ruth Payne (recovering from surgery) 3/3

Bille Schrott, friend of the Kynes (hospitalized) 3/3

Joe Byer, future father-in-law of Rachel Krakat (healing after car accident) 2/25

Donnie Andrus, stepson of Bruce Staudinger (terminal cancer) 2/11

Pam Andrus, daughter-in-law of Donnie (lupus) 2/11

Sara Johns, friend of Erin Fields (diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, rushed to treatment in TX)

Sandy Miller, friend of the Kynes (breast cancer) 2/11

Elsie Cox, friend of the Kynes (congestive heart failure) 2/11

Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (cancer, recovering from radiation therapy) 2/21

Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 2/21

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 <a href="mailto:linda.jones@splscatonville.org">linda.jones@splscatonville.org</a> 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**

Flowers today are given by The Women's Guild to the Glory of God.

# Food Drive For Catonsville Emergency Assistance

During March the St. Paul community (church and school) is collecting nonperishable food items for Catonsville Emergency Assistance. CEA is a local organization that serves greater Catonsville residents with emergency food and utility turn-off intervention.

# "A Ransom For Many"

is the theme for our Lenten services this year. We are meditating on the story of Christ's suffering and death as told in the Gospel of Mark, chapters 14-15. Join us Wednesday, at 11 am or 7 pm.

# Mission Trip 2024

We will begin discussions about a mission trip in 2024 on Tuesday, March 5th at 7 pm in the Learning Center. Our last two trips have been very successful and rewarding. We hope to continue that tradition this year. We will discuss where, when, who and what kind of trip we would like to take. All are welcome. Bring your opinions, suggestions, calendars and enthusiasm.

# Maundy Thursday Help

After church next Sunday (3/10) there will be a quick meeting for those interested in participating in the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday. Couples are welcome!

# **Candy Donations**

The Easter Egg Hunt collection bin is now in the foyer. We need to fill 2,000 eggs! Your donations are much appreciated. And remember to check the volunteer sign up sheet on the bulletin board to see how you help can that day!



#### Thank You

Thank you to our beloved St. Paul family for all the prayers, cards, well wishes, meals, and visits during Norm's hospital stay and ongoing recovery. We are grateful for all the care from Pastor and all of you. You are a blessing people!

In thanks and love, The Gigueres

# Men's Group

All men and confirmed young men are invited to come on Saturday, March 9th at 8 AM to the fellowship hall for food and fun. We will have a Bible study and short time of prayer as well as plan for future events! Please RSVP to Jim Baeder at.



**Easter Lilies** 

Please place your orders by NEXT SUNDAY!

Join the St. Paul VBS team as we get ready to scuba dive into friendship with God this summer, June 24th - 28th from 9am to 12pm. Your help and support are needed with this exciting experience to help kids praise God and learn about the fin-tastic things He does. If you are willing and able to serve this year please follow the QR code to fill out Volunteer Registration or contact Kirsten Hall.



#### Lutheran Books and Beer

Meeting for March is Thursday \_the 21st\_ at 7 p.m. at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. Our normal 4th Thursday is Maundy Thursday so we are meeting one week early. We will tackle Chapter 8 of our book *I Am Not Afraid,* dealing with exorcism and Satan and demons in the Gospels.

# Concordia University Nebraska Choir Concert

Join us for a captivating performance by Concordia University Nebraska's A Cappella Choir at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 7th. *Host families for the choir members for the night of March 7<sup>th</sup> still needed.* Please email averykesar@concordiaprepschool.org to help.

# Let's Take a Trip!

Plans are underway for a congregation trip to visit the Bible Museum in Washington, DC on Sat, April 20th. Save the date and stay tuned for more info to come!

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
Reader	Jay Barringer	Karen Eichelman
Usher	Roy Krakat	Ben Haberl
Usher	Ed Kester	Jim Baeder
Greeter	Melissa Sunstrom	Debbie Oldhouser
Acolyte	Paul Baeder	Charlotte McKay

Daily Readings: *Mar 3*: Gen 27:30–45; 28:10–22, Mark 9:1–13; *Mar 4*: Gen 29:1–30, Mark 9:14–32; *Mar 5*: Gen 35:1–29, Mark 9:33–50; *Mar 6*: Gen 37:1–36, Mark 10:1–12; *Mar 7*: Gen 39:1–23, Mark 10:13–31; *Mar 8*: Gen 40:1–23, Mark 10:32–52; *Mar 9*: Gen 41:1-27, Mark 11:1-19

VISUAL FAITH MINISTRY	Sermon Notes

