St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Second Sunday of Easter April 7,2024



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 guiet 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

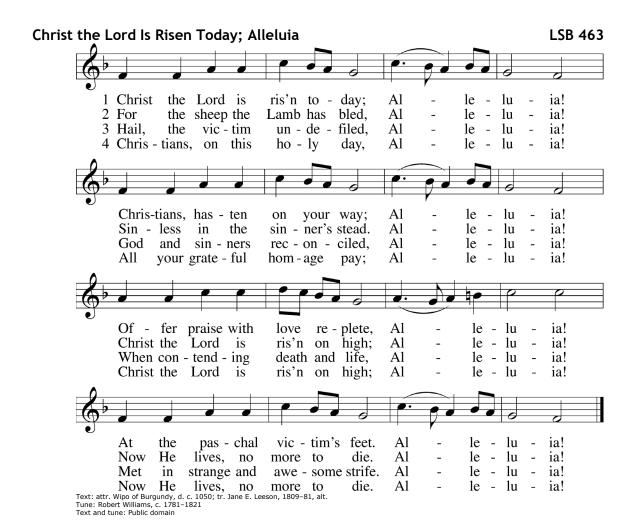
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Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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Prelude: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!

Anton Wilhelm Leupold (1867-1940)



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.

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.

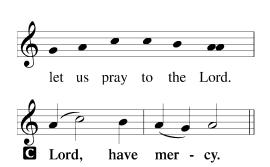
Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- 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.

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Service of the Word

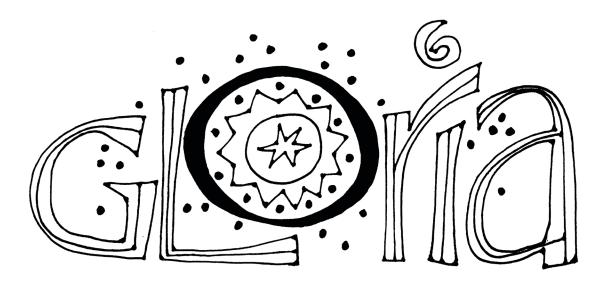
Kyrie Mark 10:47 In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. O For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. O O For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



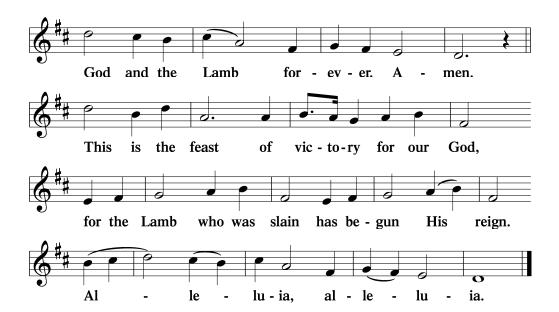


A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

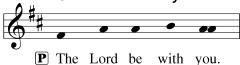








Salutation and Collect of the Day





C Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Epistle 1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Stand



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1 O and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly sons 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and

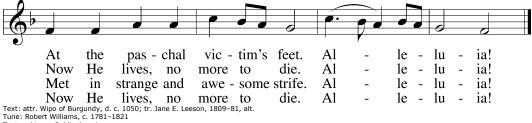


sing, To - day the grave glo - ry has lost its sting! hosts way To seek the tomb where Je - sus wom - en went their lay. three, "Your Lord will speaks un - to the to Gal - i lee. go



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Holy Gospel John 20:19–31

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



¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

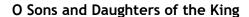
²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

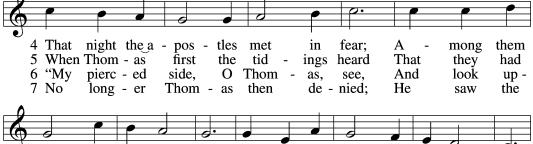
³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





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said, "My peace be with you here.' came their mas - ter dear And dis - ci-ples' the ris - en Lord, He doubt-ed the word. seen feet; Not be - liev-ing be." My hands, My faith-less but on side; "You and God!" he the hands, the are my Lord cried. feet,



- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

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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.

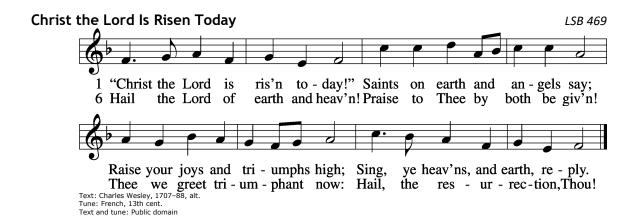
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

Lift

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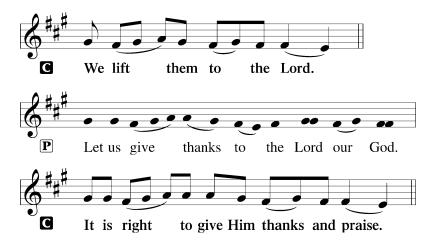
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



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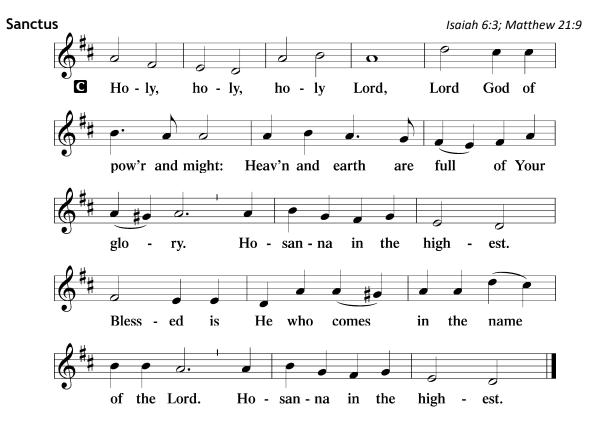
your

hearts.



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

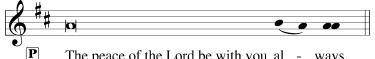
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

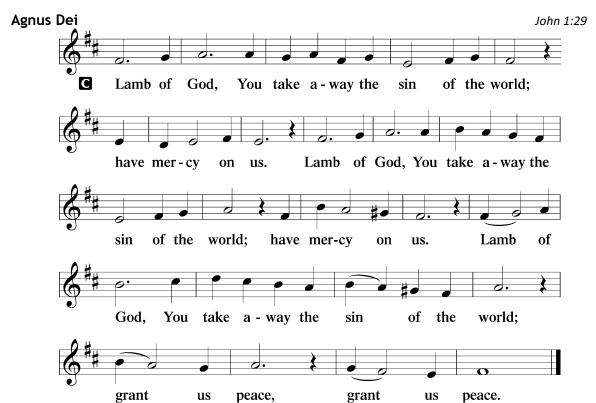
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

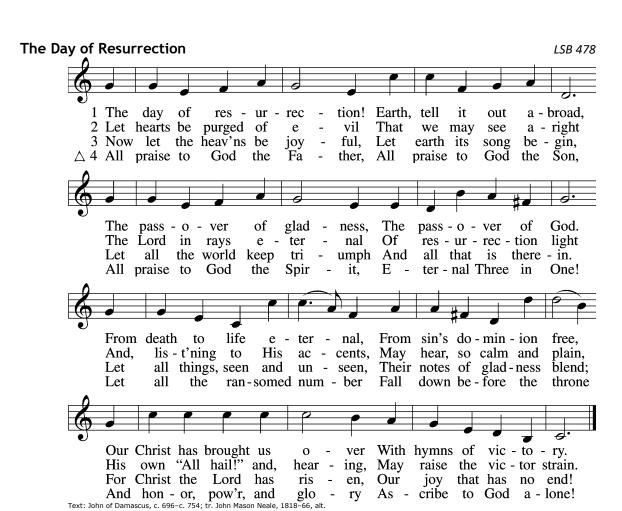


The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.





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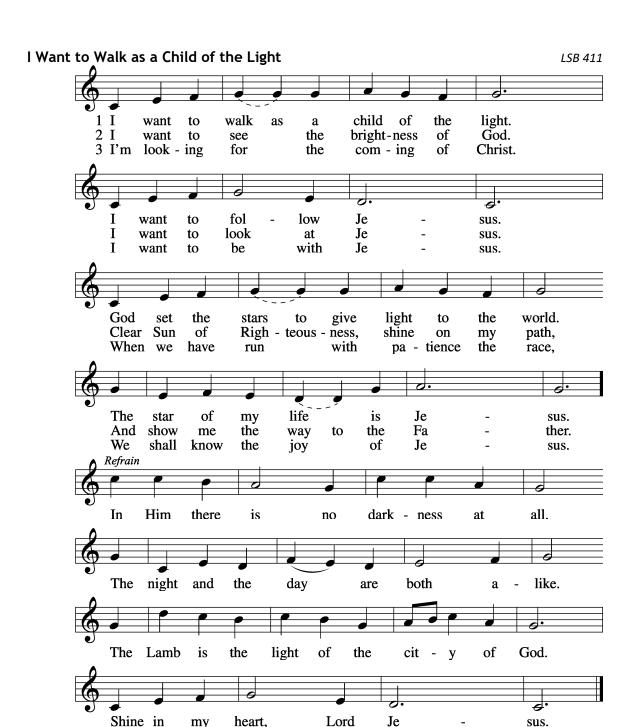
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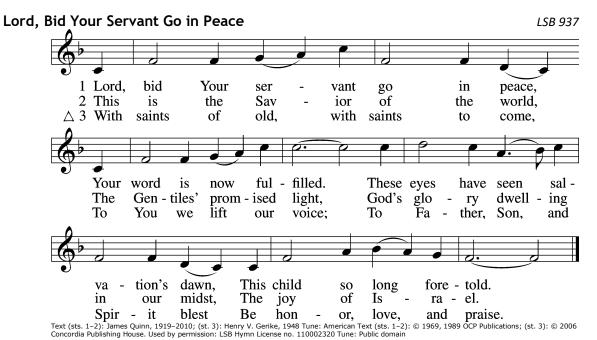
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Post-Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect





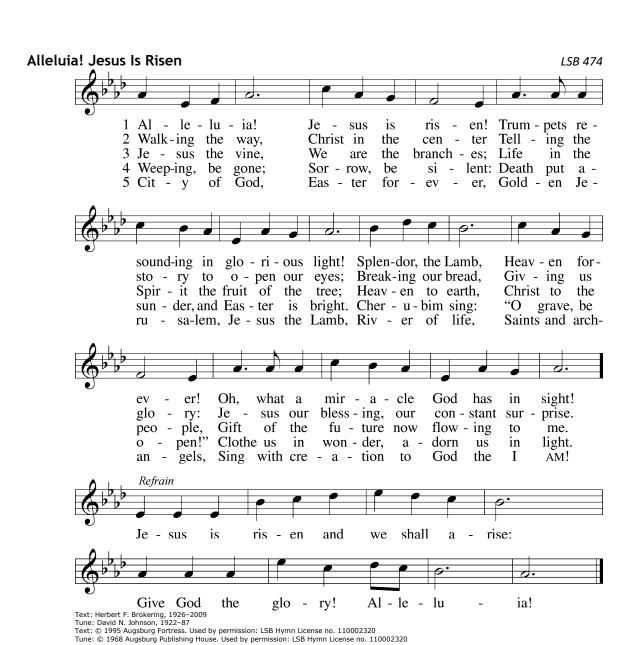


P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





Dismissal

Postlude: This Joyful Eastertide

Keith Kolander (b. 1955)

News & Notes

Adult Education in April

April 7 – "Ask the Pastor (Almost) Anything" – Pastor Alms

April 14 -- "Dana and Stan Missionary Presentation"

April 21 through May 26th -- "Christian Perspectives on War" -- Bill Oldhouser --

April 21 through May 26: "Meant for Good – A Study of Joseph" Women's Bible study resumes.

Special Mission Presentation April 14th at 8:45, missionaries Stan and Dana Stigdon will give an overview of LCMS Missions and specifically a presentation on the work of the Lord in Latin America and the Caribbean. They will share about being missionaries in the Dominican Republic.

VBS is 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 to serve this year, follow the QR code to fill out Volunteer Registration or call Kirsten Hall.



Museum of the Bible - Join us for a trip to this world-class museum located in Washington, DC on Saturday, April 20th. Our group will carpool (or drive individually) to the museum, arriving for the 10:00 opening. Once inside we'll enjoy a one hour private group tour of the "Jesus of Nazareth" exhibit, then you're free to explore the museum's many displays and artifacts at your own pace. We'll enjoy lunch together in the museum's "Manna Restaurant" to enjoy fellowship and discussion. Total cost is \$22 per person. Parking can be reserved online at the adjacent garage for \$15 (flat weekend rate). Please sign up right away! Payment info to be announced. Contact Karyn Borth for details.



Grace: An Introduction to Lutheranism is starting again! Due to popular demand this class focusing on the Small Catechism will begin another round Monday April 8th at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Alms for more details.

New Member Sunday is April 14th. We will welcome new members to our congregation. It will be a great day!

Altar Care is still in need of people to volunteer to cover the month of July and the month of October. Please consider serving St. Paul in this capacity. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Robbin Dungey.

Serving at St. Paul

| | This week | Next week |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Cantor | Jim Baeder | |
| Reader | Ken Waibel Michelle Johnson | |
| Usher | Don Easton Greg McDonald | |
| Usher | Bill Oldhouser Jeffrey Hemmeter | |
| Greeter | Sari Nguyen Karen Borth | |
| Acolyte | | |

Daily Readings:

| Easter 2 | April 07, 2024 | Ex 20:1–24, Luke 4:1–15 |
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| Monday | April 08, 2024 | Ex 22:20—23:13, Luke 4:16–30 |
| Tuesday | April 09, 2024 | Ex 23:14-33, Luke 4:31-44 |
| Wednesday | April 10, 2024 | Ex 24:1–18, Luke 5:1–16 |
| Thursday | April 11, 2024 | Ex 25:1–22, Luke 5:17–39 |
| Friday | April 12, 2024 | Ex 31:1–18, Luke 6:1–19 |
| Saturday | April 13, 2024 | Ex 32:1–14, Luke 6:20–38 |



Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Gary Sage, Grandfather of Kristin Hall (cancer) 3/29
Family of John Gay for their loss
Norm Giguere (recovering from heart attack)
Bill Beggs and family for the loss of Pat Chinn
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)
Laurie Dungey (concussion)
David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Eero Haasmaa, currently hospitalized and undergoing testing (Sari Nguyen's Dad)

Eine Haasmaa, for healing. (Sari Nguyen's Mom)

Lori Willis, heart and lung issues (sister-in-law of Ron Bennett)

Dwayne Hartge, (recovery from illness and surgery)

Barbara McKay aunt of Brian Erwin (recovering from a stroke) 4/1

Catherine James (recovering from cellulitis and staph Infection) 3/29

Karol Pearce, friend of the Kynes (recovering from a stroke) 3/31

Connie L., friend of Bill & Karen Eichelman, (health challenges and upcoming medical/surgical treatment). 3/24

Tom Adler, father of Doreen McDonald (hospitalized) 3/17

Billie Jean, friend of Rich and Sally Foks (recovering from surgery) 3/10

Bill Schrott, friend of the Kynes (rehab) 3/3

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 linda.jones@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.