St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21,2024



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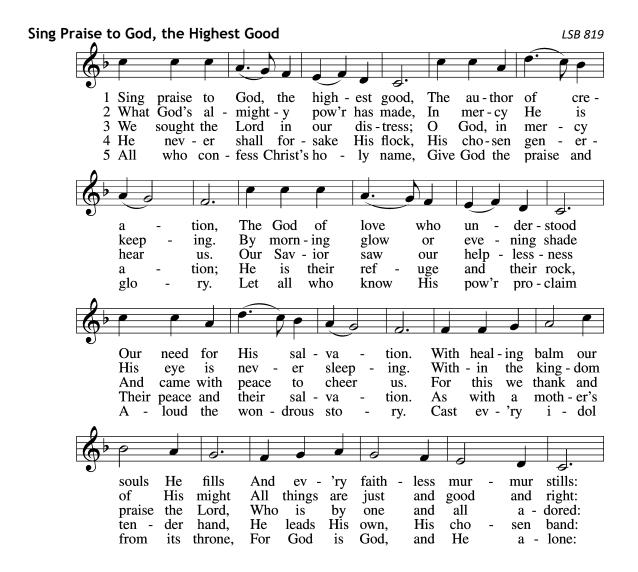
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Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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Prelude: Beautiful Savior: Schönster Herr Jesu

Fredrik Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)



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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 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

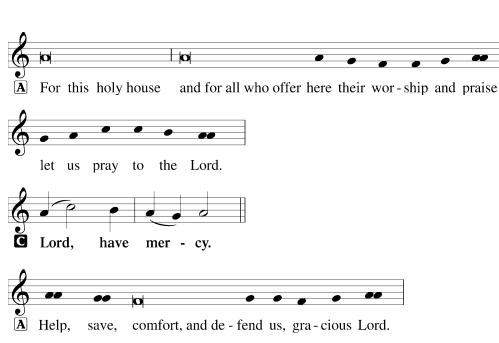
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our 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.

Service of the Word

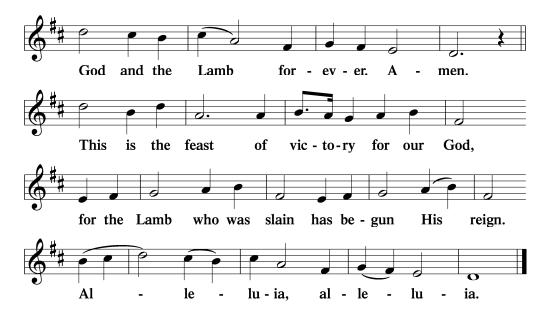






Peace on Earth S





Salutation and Collect of the Day





- P Let us pray.
- C Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Anthem: Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Philip Leger (b. 1937)

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep, keep Thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can Thy power withstand, none can pluck me from Thy hand.

I would praise Thee every day, gladly all Thy will obey,
like Thy blessed ones above happy in Thy precious love.
Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.
Where Thou leadest I would go, walking in Thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

First Reading Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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

C The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

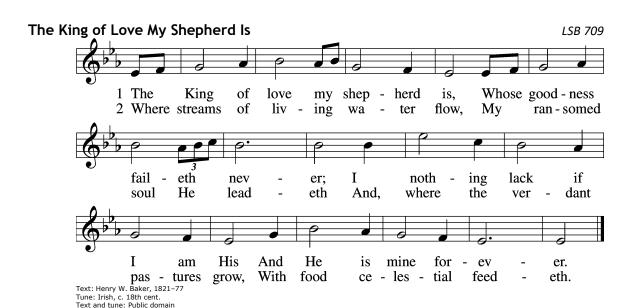
1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel John 10:11–18

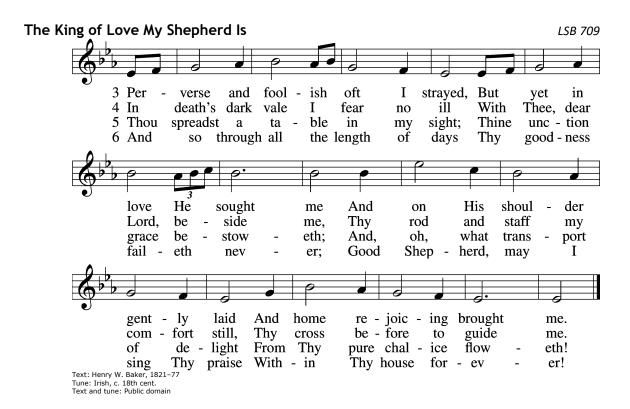
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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.

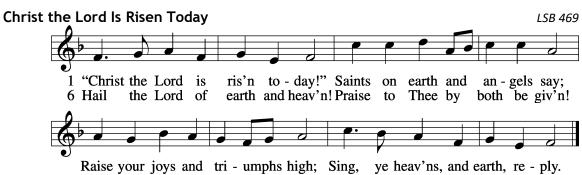
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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



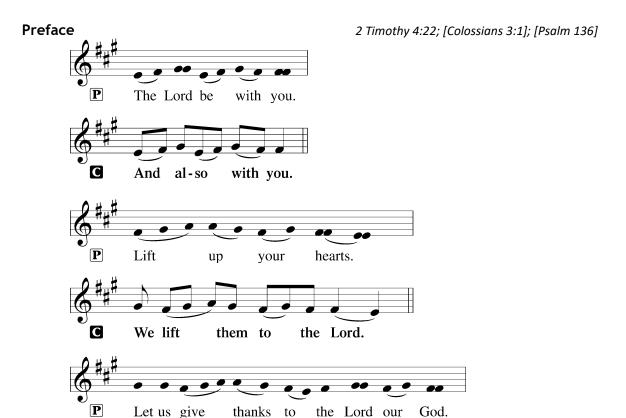


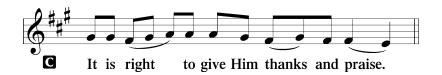
Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.

Thee we greet tri - um - phant now: Hail, the res - ur - rec-tion, Thou!

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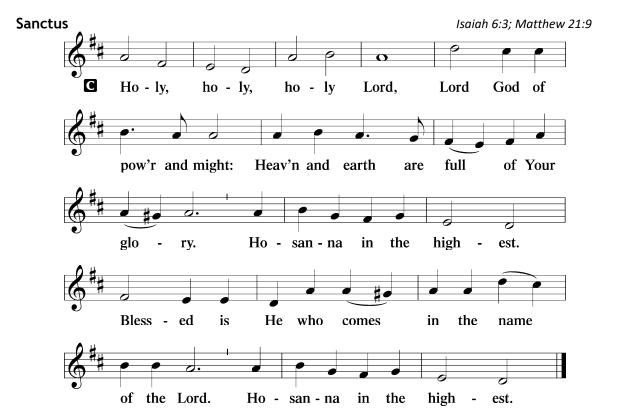
Service of the Sacrament





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

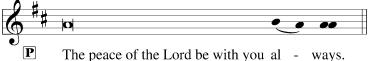
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

The Words of Our Lord

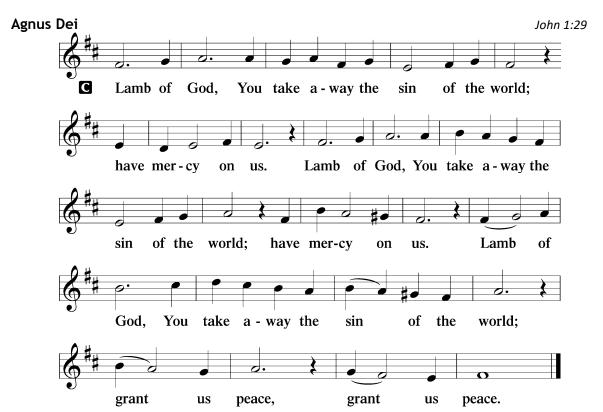
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini John 20:19







Sit



BREAD



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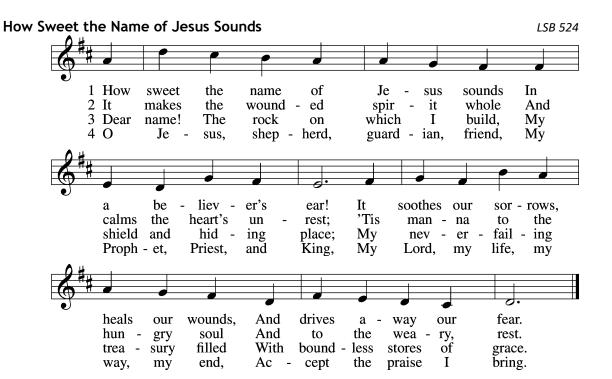




Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.

Set its be - gin - ning, our hearts at lib - er - tv. ceas - ing, Glo Thy per - fect love. with - out ry in crowns be - fore Thee, Lost won - der, love, and praise! in

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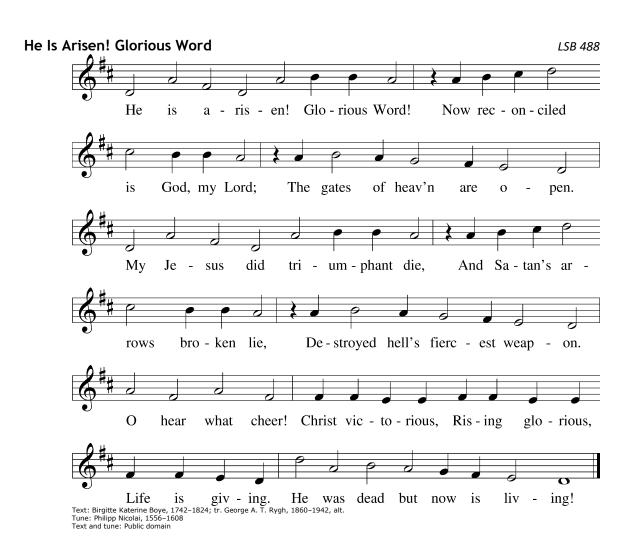


- 5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought! But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath; And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Tune: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877 Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Post-Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray...



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



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.





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- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je-sus' name! Let an gels pros-trate fall;
- 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al tar call; 3 Ye seed of Is-rael's cho-sen race. Ye ran-somed from the fall.
- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth di - a - dem And crown Him of all. the roy - al Lord Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.

 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.

- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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Dismissal

Postlude: The King of Love My Shepherd Is Robin Milford (1903-1959)



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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers today are given by David and Faith Carnes in celebration of Jen's Birthday.

Adult Education in April

April 21 through May 26th -- "Christian Perspectives on War" -- Bill Oldhouser -- April 21 through May 26th -- "Meant for Good – A Study of Joseph" Women's Bible study resumes.

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.

Ladies Guild Spaghetti Supper (5PM) / School STEM Fair (6PM), Thursday, April 25th-We will gather for a delicious spaghetti supper at 5 p.m. Then at 6 p.m., we will enjoy the hard work of our elementary students. St. Paul Church supports and operates the elementary School and ECC as a mission. This event will allow us,to rejoice in this educational mission of our church! Every student will display a project using the Scientific or Engineering Method. These projects are intended to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The students will create storyboards for their project, and the storyboards will be displayed in each classroom. Tickets for the supper are available next Sunday or at the door. Prices: Adults: \$10; Children (3-12): \$5; Family: \$25. You may also sign up using this online form: https://stpaulcatonsville.breezechms.com/form/70df89



Newsletter Deadline -- Deadline for submitting an article for the newsletter is Tuesday, April 23.

Touring Handbell Choir -- Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 2625 E. Northern Parkway in Baltimore, will be hosting the Concordia University Irvine's Touring Handbell Choir for a concert on Saturday May 11, 2024, at 7pm, in the church sanctuary. The concert is free, non-ticketed, and open to the public. We hope you can join us for this virtuosic handbell event, featuring a variety of sacred, classical, modern, and popular music. Call 410.426.4301 for more information.

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 4	April 21,2024	Lev 8:1-13, 30-36, Luke 9:1-17
Monday	April 22,2024	Lev 9:1-24, Luke 9:18-36
Tuesday	April 23, 2024	Lev 10:1–20, Luke 9:37–62
Wednesday	April 24, 2024	Lev 16:1–24, Luke 10:1–22
Thursday	April 25, 2024	Lev 17:1–16, Luke 10:23–42
Friday	April 26, 2024	Lev 18:1–7, 20—19:8, Luke 11:1–13
Saturday	April 27, 2024	Lev 19:9–18, 26–37, Luke 11:14–36



Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Lindsey Gay
Norm Giguere (recovering from heart attack)
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

Phillip Heinrich, recently diagnosed with cancer (grandson of Linda Klingmeyer) Jim Vandetta, cancer may go into remission (friend of Paul Lubell) 4/21 Mary Hostetter testing/upcoming surgery (mother of Renata O'Reilly) 4/21 Donnie Andrus, terminal cancer (stepson of Bruce Staudinger 4/14 Tamara and Husband – health issues (friend of Sari Nguyen) 4/14 Chaplain Eric Malmstrom - recovering from hospitalization – (friend of the Jaegers) 4/14 Eero Haasmaa, currently hospitalized and undergoing testing (Sari Nguyen's Dad) 4/7 Eine Haasmaa, for healing (Sari Nguyen's Mom) 4/7

Sari's Nguyen's Sister – caring for parents Eero and Eine 4/14

Lori Willis, heart and lung issues (sister-in-law of Ron Bennett) 4/7

Dwayne Hartge (recovery from illness and surgery) 4/7

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

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.

Sermon Notes

VISUAL FAITH MINISTRY	

