St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 05, 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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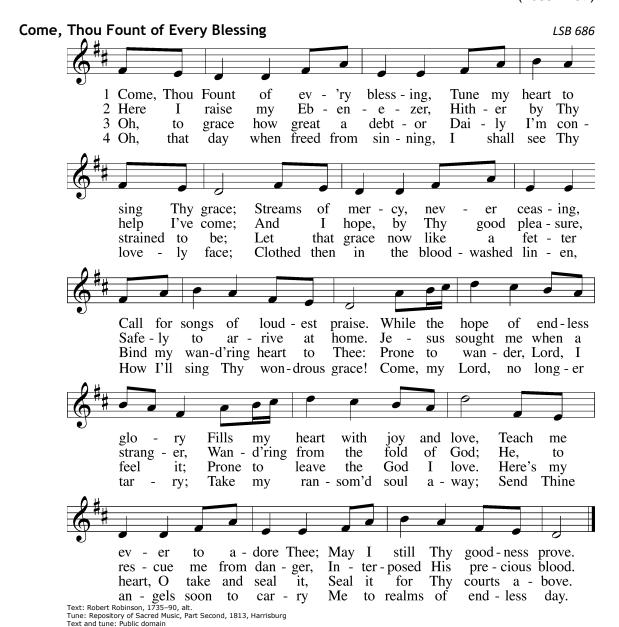
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Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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Prelude: Love Ye the Lord

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)



Confession and Absolution

Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

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

Kneel/Sit

Confession of Sins

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

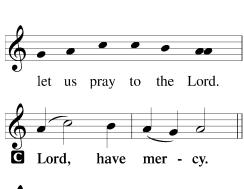
Absolution [John 20:19–23]

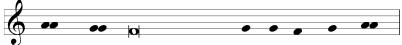
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

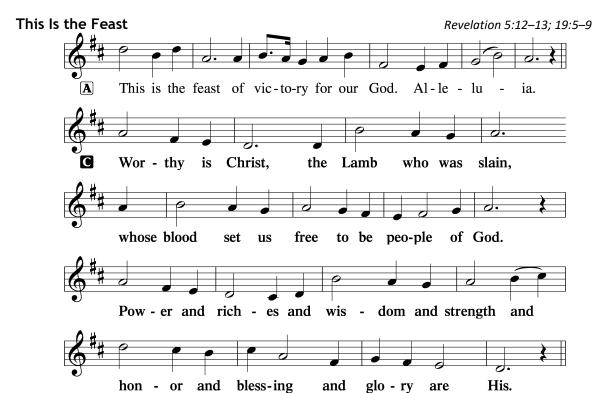
Kyrie Mark 10:47 In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. O For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord. Lord,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





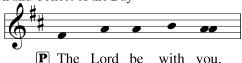
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.







Salutation and Collect of the Day





- P Let us pray.
- C O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Anthem:

Be Not Afraid Paul Baeder, Bass-baritone Giuseppe Torelli (1658-1709)

Be not afraid, God is our refuge; Be not afraid, for great is His power for His angels watch over thee;

They shall keep thee in all thy ways; and His truth shall be thy shield and stay.

His great love He hath set upon us, be not afraid.

Great is the Lord, be not dismayed. Trust Him always, be not afraid; Seek His truth, call and He will save you. Trust in His mercy, and be not afraid.

First Reading Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are

witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- P Christ has risen from the dead.
- C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.
- P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- C he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle 1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

Stand



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Holy Gospel John 15:9–17

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



⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.









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Sermon

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Nicene Creed

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.)





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1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say; 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!



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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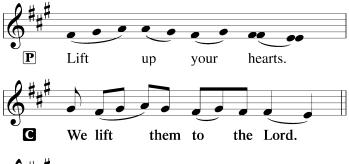


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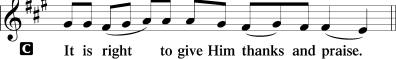
Preface The Lord be

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





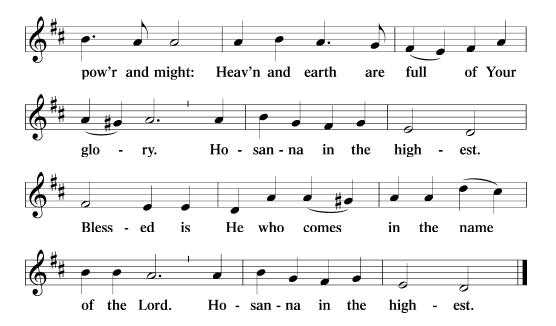




Proper Preface

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





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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;

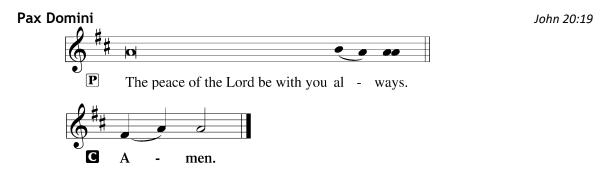
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

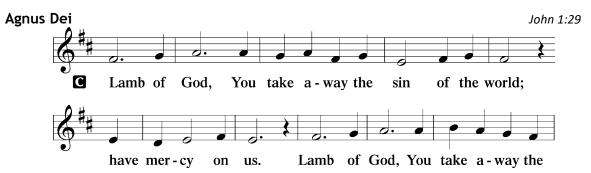
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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."

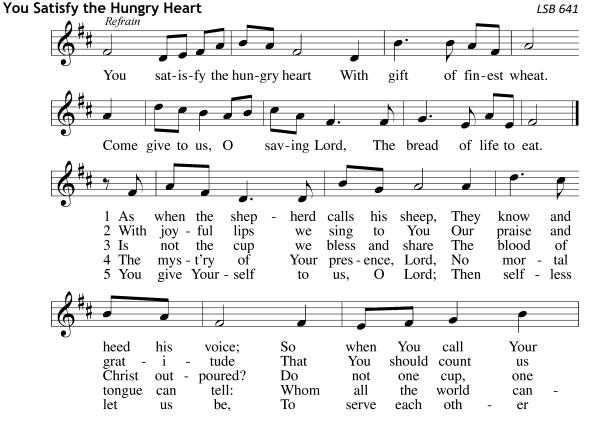
In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."







Sit

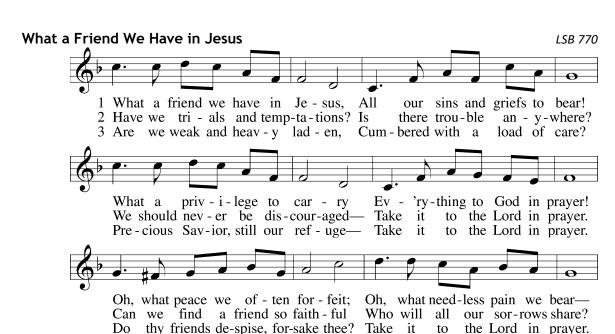




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All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!

Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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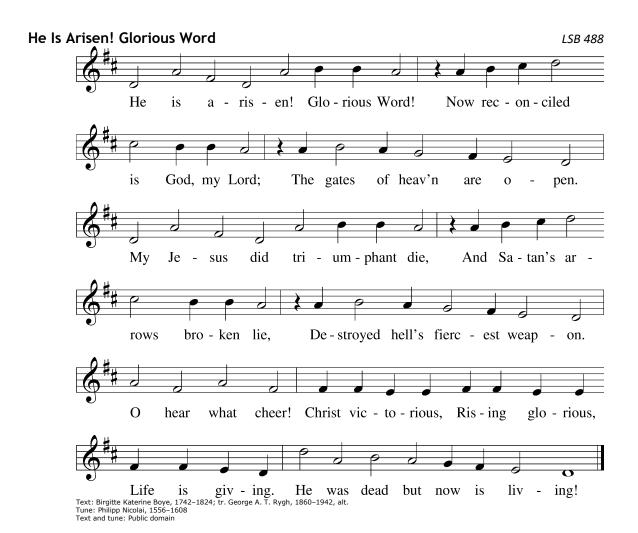
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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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: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

John Leavitt (b. 1956)

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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers today are given by John and Karyn Borth, in celebration of Kelly's 35th birthday.

Adult Education

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.

Music Expo

St Paul Lutheran School will be presenting a music exposition on Friday May 10th. There will be an open dress rehearsal at 1pm for viewing and an evening performance at 6pm. Students will be showcased in choirs, class presentations, and ukulele. Thank you for your support of the fine arts in these young musicians!

Ladies Guild Salad Supper

All ladies are invited to women's guild Salad Supper on May 22nd at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Please sign up letting us know if you plan to bring a salad or dessert. Hope to see you there.

Mission Trip 2024

We will have a meeting Monday May 20th at 7 P.M. Anyone interested in going on a mission trip helping with disaster relief and construction and outreach to the affected, please come. We will try to finalize dates and location.

Youth Gathering 2025

Meeting for parents and youth is May 12th after worship in the fifth-grade classroom. Dates are July 19–23, 2025 in New Orleans, LA. The theme for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering is "ENDURE" and is centered around Hebrews 12:1–3. Ages are 14-19. Youth must be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering OR entering the ninth-grade year at the time of the Gathering. All parents and youth who are interested please attend. Any questions, contact Pastor Alms.

Farewell and Godspeed for the Stigdons is planned for May 19th. During worship Stan and Dana will be installed in their positions as missionaries in the Dominican Republic. Following worship we will have a special reception. On May 5, 12, 19 there will be a basket in the Narthex for everyone to leave cards and notes and gifts for the Stigsons in appreciation for the work God has done through them at St. Paul. Those gifts and cards will be collected and presented to the Stigdons on the 19th.

4th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration at St Paul Lutheran cemetery

1022 Joh Ave Baltimore, MD 21229 10:00 AM Monday, May 27, 2024

On Memorial Day at 10:00 am, at St Paul Lutheran Cemetery, we will have a special commemoration for all the war veterans that are buried there. Pastor Gregory Alms will offer prayers and I will talk about the origins and meaning of the holiday. All war veterans' graves will be decorated with American flags and we will have a live rendition of "Taps" plus much more. Be sure to come! You will be glad you did.

Please park either in the center or right-hand roadway of the cemetery or use the Violetville Park lot and walk into the Cemetery. Everyone is welcome. Maps will be available in the Narthex prior to the event.

Ladies Appreciation Tea, Saturday May 11th at 3 pm

The ladies of St. Paul (of all ages, from 0-100) are invited to a tea party on Saturday, May 11th from 3-4:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The Men's Group is hosting this event and will provide entertainment as well. Light refreshments will be served in addition to the tea. We have all of the necessary teacups and teapots for the tea party. However, we encourage all ladies to bring in a fancy tea pot from home to put on display! Also, to dust off their party hats to wear! This was well attended pre-Covid, so I hope that as many ladies as possible can join us. Signup will be posted on the bulletin board. Be sure to put this on your calendar. For more information feel free to call Jim Baeder.



Men's Group Meeting, Saturday, May 11th at 8 am

The Men's Group will have their monthly gathering this Saturday (May 11th) at 8 am in the fellowship hall. We will have a video study on death as well as time for prayer. Also, last minute planning for the Ladies Appreciation Tea that afternoon. For more information feel free to call Jim Baeder. Invite your friend to come with you!

Vacation Bible School

Join us this summer as we dive into friendship with God! Scuba VBS is June 24th - 28th at 9am-12pm
Register your child (ages 3 years old - 5th grade) for this fin-tastic adventure HERE. Invite your neighbors, friends and acquaintances! If you want to serve as a volunteer, or know someone who is, sign up HERE. There are many ways to get involved. Hope to SEA you there! Any questions, contact Kirsten Hall at kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org



SEA you there!

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 5 th	Next week 12 th	
Cantor	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger	
Reader	Jay Barringer	Suzanne Giguere	
Usher	Roy Krakat	Roy Krakat Jim Baeder	
Usher	Ed Kester Ben Haberl		
Greeter	Dave Carnes	Karen Borth	
Acolyte	Danny McKay Ella Nelson		

Daily Readings:

Easter 6	May 05,2024	Num 3:1–16, 39–48, Luke 14:25—15:10
Monday	May 06, 2024	Num 8:5–26, Luke 15:11–32
Tuesday	May 07, 2024	Num 9:1–23, Luke 16:1–18
Wednesday	May 08, 2024	Num 10:11-36, Luke 16:19-31
Ascension Day	May 09,2024	Num 11:1–23, 31–35, Luke 17:1–19
Friday	May 10, 2024	Num 11:24–29; 12:1–16, Luke 17:20–37
Saturday	May 11, 2024	Num 13:1-3, 17-33, Luke 18:1-17

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Lindsey Gay (continuing treatment)
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

Mary Hostetter, cancer surgery scheduled for May 7th (mother of Renata O'Reilly) 4/28 Cooper McGeath USMC, friend of Heather Krakat during his deployment 4/28 Chaplain Eric Malmstrom - recovering from hospitalization – (friend of the Jaegers) 4/28 Phillip Heinrich, recently diagnosed with cancer (grandson of Linda Klingmeyer) Jim Vandetta, praying that cancer may go into remission (friend of Paul Lubell) 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

PRAISE NOTES

Karol Pearce, friend of the Kynes (has recovered from a stroke)

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

