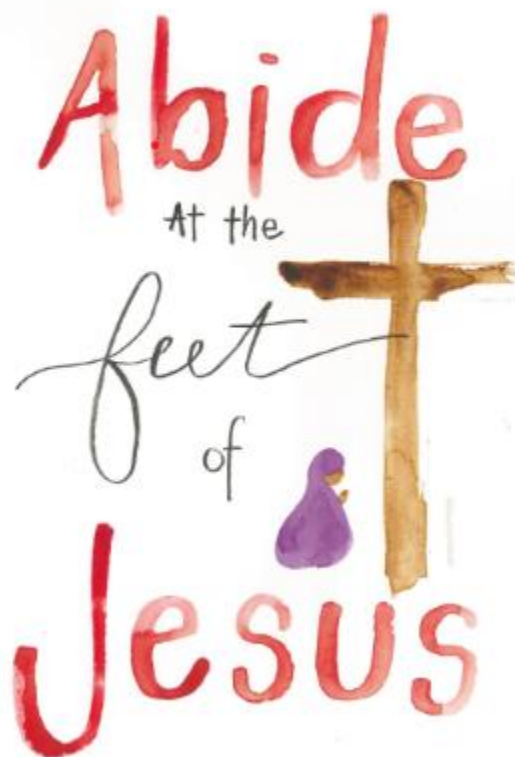


# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 20, 2025

# Welcome

If you are a guest with us today, we welcome you 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.



**Welcome to all!** Thanks for joining us this morning.

**Children’s bulletins and church bags** (soft activity books, quiet toys and other “surprises”) are available in the narthex.

**The Children’s Nursery Area** is available downstairs in the Parish Hall. The service streams on the monitor and there is a soft rug, chairs, books and toys available. Turn right out of the sanctuary and go down the stairs.

**Prelude:** Please use the prelude as a time for quiet prayer and meditation before worship.

**Prayer request cards are available in the pews facing you.** You may give the card to an usher or place in the offering plate.

## **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.)

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Prelude:

Diane Jaeger, Guest Organist

Stand

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LSB 807



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

## Exhortation

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## *Knee/Sit*

## Confession of Sins

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

## Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

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

## *Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shined and a - dored;



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



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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sit

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 18:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 27:7–14*

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**be gracious to me and answer me!**

You have said, “Seek my face.”

**My heart says to you,  
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”**

Hide not your face from me.

**Turn not your servant away in anger,**

O you who have been my help.

**Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!**

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
**but the LORD will take me in.**

Teach me your way, O LORD,  
**and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.**

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
**for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.**

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
**in the land of the living!**

Wait for the LORD;  
**be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!**

**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.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**be gracious to me and answer me!**

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:21–29*

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and

steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Stand

### Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Verse

*John 20:31*



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

### Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*



# My Soul Rejoices

LSB 933



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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## Sermon

### Stand

### Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

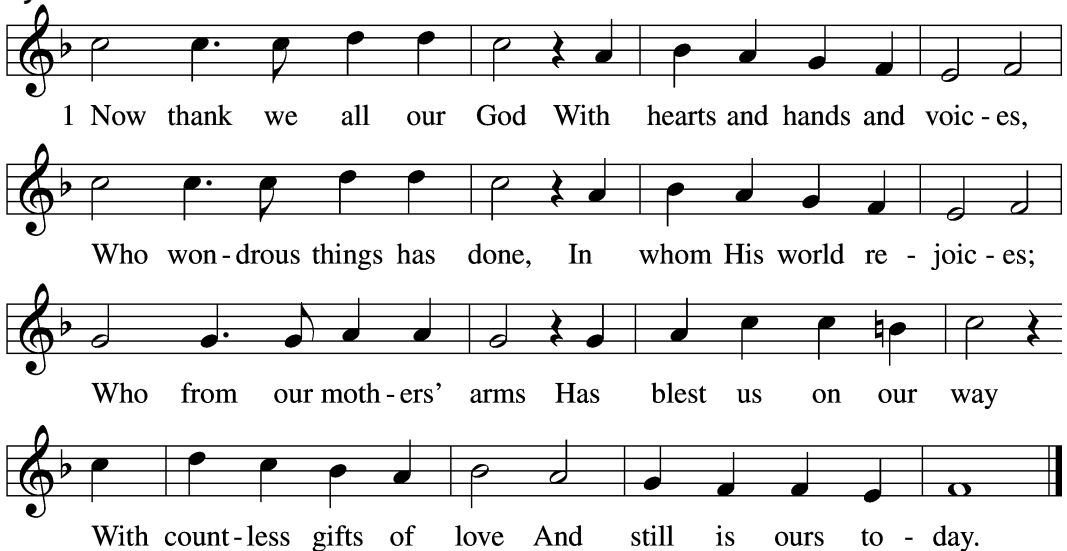
### Offering

*(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically through our website at [stpaulcatonsville.org/donation](http://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.)*



## Offertory

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es,  
Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.

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## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight measures. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and a whole note G4. The lyrics are written below the staff, with two lines of text for each measure.

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution



# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641

*Refrain*



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
grat - i - tude That You should count us  
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
let us be, To serve each oth - er



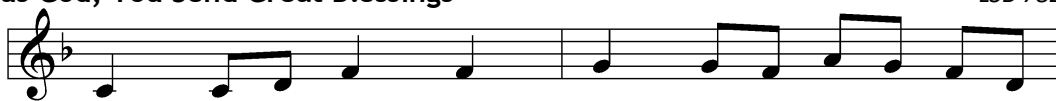
fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.  
wor - thy, Lord, To share - this heav'n - ly food.  
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

*Refrain*

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# Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.

## *Refrain*



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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# Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

## Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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# O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | He fills the poor with good;<br>He gives the suff'ers rest.<br>The Lord hath judgments for the proud<br>And justice for th'oppressed. | 6 | His wondrous works and ways<br>He made by Moses known,<br>But sent the world His truth and grace<br>By His beloved Son. |
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Stand

Post Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray...

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

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

## Benediction

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

## When Peace, like a River

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

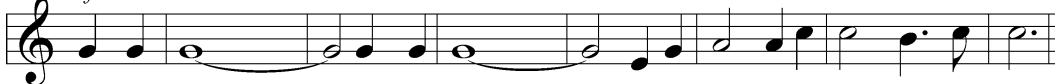


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## Postlude:

Diane Jaeger, Guest Organist

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## News And Notes

### Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Carolyn Loudon in memory of Ron Loudon's birthday.  
Flowers are given by Ed Cohen in memory of wife Anita Cohen .

### Adult Catechism Class Starting Online

Pastor Alms will be teaching Luther's Small Catechism via Zoom (or Google meet) beginning in the next few weeks. Interested? Know someone who might be interested? Contact Pastor Alms. All are welcome. Day and time are up for negotiation.

### Sunday Adult Education

Jul 27 JB Jaeger: Pastoral Care at the Time of Death

Aug 3 Bill Oldhouser: Pentecostalism

Aug 10 Cameron Jones: Hymn Studies

### St Paul Day at Chesapeake Baysox Ballgame: Sunday August 3

Game starts at 1:05 pm. Tailgate at noon in the Baysox parking lot. Tickets are \$13 and \$5 for the tailgate. The sign up sheet is at church near the stairwell. If you have questions call Jim Baeder.



### Bring Christmas Joy to Families in Need! Lutheran Mission Society

Scan the code to start shopping for unsponsored families. When checking out, be sure to select '**Compassion Place**' as the Delivery Address so all gifts come directly to us. Thank you for your kindness—Merry Christmas!



### Lutheran Books and Beer is Coming in September

New book is Luther: Man between God and the Devil, a biography of Martin Luther written by Heiko Oberman [available here](#) . Our first meeting this fall will be the 4th Thursday (our normal meeting day) of September 25th, 7 p.m. at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. Start reading and join us!

### Give back with us during Christmas in July

Let's make a difference together this summer with our Christmas in July generosity project! Join Thrivent Communities in collecting pajamas of all sizes and seasons for Compassion Place. Call or text the Liberty Team office to drop in and donate at 410-705-2718.

### Thank you!

Thanks to Diane Jaeger for playing the organ this morning.

## **August Newsletter**

The deadline for the August newsletter is July 21<sup>st</sup>. Please get your articles in on or before that date. Thank you.

## **School News**

Exciting times, all for exciting arrangements! Our 4th-grade teacher, Emma Brand, will be moving to join our school faculty at the end of July. She's been out of school and teaching for the past 4 years. Emma has secured a great apartment, but can't move in until mid-September. Miss Emma Brand is seeking a place to stay in August.

If you have anything, please let the school office know ASAP :)

## **Vicar Update**

Here are some details on Vicar Thomas Malstrom and his work among us.

1. He will begin his year of service the week of August 3rd. He will be spending a part of that week getting acclimated at the Lutheran Mission Society (where he will spend approximately 20 percent of his time) and having an orientation here at St. Paul.
2. His official installation will be Sunday August 10th. We will have a special reception following worship so that you may meet the Vicar and greet him and make him feel welcome.
3. Gift Card Shower -- We are asking members of St. Paul to welcome the Vicar by bringing card and notes of welcome and by giving him gift cards to help him in his transition. Gift cards to such places as Amazon, Giant Foods and Walmart would be especially nice.
4. Some introductory details: The vicar will spend one day a week working at the Lutheran Mission Society learning how urban ministry happens and serving and learning there. The rest of his time will be at St. Paul. Vicar Malstrom is a student and will learn and grow and observe and contribute here as a "student pastor" as the year goes on. He will observe and learn and contribute (to some extent) in all facets of the congregation including worship, Bible study, preaching, pastoral care school, youth, administration, just to name a few.
5. His work week will be something like this: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at St. Paul; Tuesday at LMS and Friday will be his official day off. The Vicar will report only to the Pastor and his duties will be outlined and supervised by the Pastor.

Pray for Vicar Malstrom for safe travel as he moves to Maryland in late July. Pray God's blessings on him and St Paul in this year as we embark on this exciting new chapter here.

## Serving at St. Paul

|                | <b>This week 20th</b> | <b>Next week 27<sup>th</sup></b> |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Cantor</b>  | Steve Haar            | Steve Haar                       |
| <b>Reader</b>  | Pastor Roemer         | Kate Baeder                      |
| <b>Usher</b>   | Cameron Jones         | Don Easton                       |
| <b>Usher</b>   | Chris Meyer           | Bill Oldhouser                   |
| <b>Greeter</b> | Robbin Dungey         | Joy Brooks                       |

## Daily Readings

|               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| July 20, 2025 | Prov 13:1–25, John 14:18–31 |
| July 21, 2025 | Prov 14:1–27, John 15:1–11  |
| July 22, 2025 | Prov 15:1–29, John 15:12–27 |
| July 23, 2025 | Prov 16:1–24, John 16:1–16  |
| July 24, 2025 | Prov 17:1–28, John 16:17–33 |
| July 25, 2025 | Prov 20:5–25, John 17:1–26  |
| July 26, 2025 | Prov 22:1–21, John 18:1–14  |

## Happening This Week

Monday July 21, 2025

7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Council Meeting

Room 203

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

AA Small Group

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday July 22, 2025

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday July 23, 2025

Thursday July 24, 2025

Friday July 25, 2025

Pastor Alms' Day off

Saturday July 26, 2025

Sunday July 27, 2025

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

Bible Classes

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sunday Worship

Sanctuary

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Asset Management Board Mtg

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Oromo Worship

Sanctuary

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Oromo Fellowship

Sanctuary

## **Treats Needed**

Please consider donating to coffee hour goodies. Sign up on the bulletin board.

July 27<sup>th</sup>

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> to Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

All of September

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Debbie Frech (pneumonia, cancer, new chemotherapy treatment)

Pray for the youth and adults at NYG in New Orleans.

Jim Kyne (vision problem)

Linda Cook (recovering from surgery)

Sally Foks (recovering from a tibial fracture)

Lindsey Gay (hospitalized)

Merilyn Blomster (recovering)

Laurie Dungey (continued improvement)

Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## **SHUT-INS**

Dorothy Shifflett and Janet Conklin.

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Betty Sanford, hospitalized with a broken foot (ken Waibel's neighbor) 7/13

Kaylee Mayr, 14 yr old diagnosed with lupus (friend of Gigueres) 7/13

Arnold Holz back/mobility issues (friend of Betsy Mitchell) 7/6

Margie Zieg hospitalized (mother of Pam Johnsson) 6/24

Rev. Thurman Frey prayers for complete recovery 6/24

Ellen Brda in recovery for kidney issues (Jim Baeder's sister) 6/24

Pastor Schafer for recovery from mobility issues and other health concerns

Walt O'Reilly for medical testing issues (Renata O'Reilly's husband)

Eine Haasmaa hospitalized (Mom of Sari Nguyen) 3/11

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](mailto:pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org) or [linda.jones@splscatonsville.org](mailto: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.