

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 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.)

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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Prelude: Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

Stand

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 Δ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay; Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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

Psalms 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.

Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Anthem:

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas
(b. 1951)

Charlotte McKay, Soprano Solo

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come

For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our
fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your
love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray
that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good
thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from
your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through
you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is
required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a
prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I
became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed
useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I
would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your
behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without
your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own
free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might
have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved
brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has
wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this
with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self.

²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more
than I say.

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 14:25–35

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

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

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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Sermon

Stand

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 ✠ 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.)



Offertory

LSB 806



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.

Peace on Earth 
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



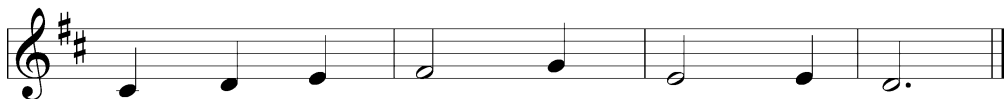
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
 sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
 Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be,
 But simply hold the mystery
 And trust this word where life begins:
 "Given and shed for all your sins."

7 But blest is each believing guest
 Who in these promises finds rest;
 For Jesus shall in love remain
 With all who here His grace obtain.

6 They who this word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!

8 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your Supper and in You find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

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Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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Stand

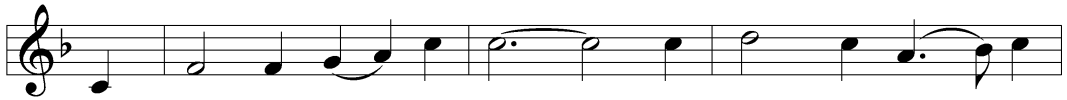
Post Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

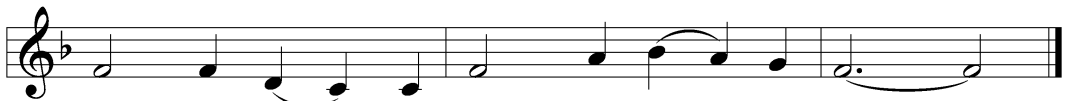
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1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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News And Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Jon and Joy Brooks.

Sunday School Has Begun for The Fall!

Classes are Nursery (2 yrs old-Kindergarten); Elementary (1st –4th Grade); Middle School (5th – 8th Grade) and High School. We will see you on the 7th starting at 9 am!

Conflict and Community: A Look at 1 Corinthians

You think life for churches is challenging today! The Corinthian church had to navigate being a new church plant, deep divisions, sexual immorality, idol worship, bizarre worship practices, speaking in tongues and more. Pastor Alms leads a study of Paul's first to the Corinthians this September through November.

ESL Flyers

There are flyers in the Narthex about our English class. They are on the Ministry credenza. Please take one to share if you know of someone who is interested. Thanks!

Game Night for High School Youth!!!!

On Saturday, September 20th, 6-8pm, there will be a game night for the St. Paul High School Youth in the Fellowship Hall. If there are any games you would like to bring and play, please bring them. Otherwise, games will be provided from our game library. If interested, please let the Nelsons know at church between now and the 20th.

Church Choir

Next to the Word of God, Music deserves the highest praise! – Martin Luther
If you enjoy singing . . . please, consider joining the Church Choir!
Youth and Adults are welcome!

We will be happy to see you face and hear our voice!
Rehearsals are from 7:30 pm – 9 pm in the Choir Loft and resume on the
We begin singing today, and continue singing Anthems through Holy Trinity Sunday.
Christmas, Holy Week and Easter are exciting highlights for each year.
If you are interested, please, contact Organist/Choir Director, Renata O'Reilly.

Soli Deo Gloria

Women's Guild

Ladies mark your calendars! Our 1st meeting after the summer break will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd, at the home of Pat Wesselman. Meeting begins at 10AM. Bring a bag lunch and plan on staying for some fellowship. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Our Online Directory: Breeze

Did you know St. Paul has an online directory called Breeze? You can find members phone numbers, email, address and pictures. It is a closed, members only directory. Only St. Paul members have access.

It is available online at stpaulcatonsville.breezechms.com or as an app on your phone. (search for "Breeze"). You must create an account to gain access. Instructions are below.

We are in the process of updating our database for our members if you have not created an account. Listed below is a link for you to follow to set up an online account with Breeze. Once you click on the link it will ask you for your name. Enter your name and email. Breeze will send you an email to create a login. Follow the instructions to finish your login.

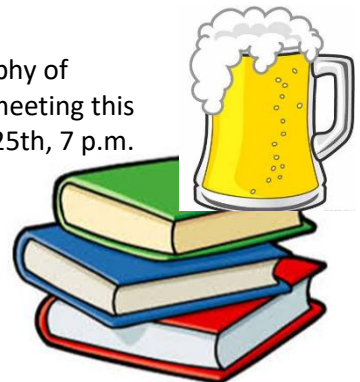
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Next Sunday!

Next Sunday the 14th the Rev. Charles Ferry, Associate Regional Director of LCMS International Mission in Eurasia will at St. Paul. Rev. Ferry is the father of Caleb Ferry who with his wife Katrina has been attending worship here. Rev Ferry will give short presentation after worship during the fellowship hour and will answer questions about mission work around the world being done by the LCMS, especially in Eurasia. Here is a brief description of the work being done in Eurasia: *The Eurasia region encompasses Europe, Russia, upper Asia, India and the Middle East, including many former communist countries where Christianity has all but disappeared. Our mission outreach through LCMS and alliance missionaries brings the Good News of Jesus Christ to countries where Christians are greatly outnumbered today by atheists and Muslims. The LCMS also equips pastors and young theologians with sound Lutheran instruction through our region's seminaries, academies and theological conferences. Our mercy and humanitarian work in the region preserves human life and life in Christ through counseling centers, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, anti-abortion educational outreach, and Middle Eastern refugee assistance, as well as many other programs supported through our partner churches.* (<https://international.lcms.org/eurasia/>)

Lutheran Books and Beer

Our 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) September 25th, 7 p.m. at the Rathskellar in Elkrudge. Start reading and join us!



Daily Readings

Sept 7, 2025	1 Sam 17:1–19, Acts 26:1–23
Sept 8, 2025	1 Sam 17:20–47, Acts 26:24–27:8
Sept 9, 2025	1 Sam 17:48–18:9, Acts 27:9–26
Sept 10, 2025	1 Sam 18:10–30, Acts 27:27–44
Sept 11, 2025	1 Sam 19:1–24, Acts 28:1–15
Sept 12, 2025	1 Sam 20:1–23, Acts 28:16–31
Sept 13, 2025	1 Sam 20:24–42, 1 Cor 1:1–25

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 7th	Next week 14th
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
Reader	Ken Waibel	Karen Eichelman
Usher	Kevin Dungey	Brian Erwin
Usher	Taylor Dungey	Jeffrey Hammeter
Greeter	Debbie Oldhouser	Bruce Staudinger

Happening This Week

Monday Sept 8, 2025		
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday Sept 9, 2025		
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Elders Meeting	Media Center
Wednesday Sept 10, 2025		
7:30 PM- 9:00 PM	Choir Practice	
Thursday Sept 11, 2025		
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study	Pastor’s Office
Friday Sept 12, 2025	Pastor Alms’ Day off	
Sunday Sept 14, 2025		
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Bible Classes	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Asset Management Meeting	
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Oromo Worship	Sanctuary
18:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Oromo Fellowship	Sanctuary

CHURCH MEMBERS

Debbie Frech (pneumonia, cancer, new chemotherapy treatment)

Jim Kyne (vision problem)

Sally Foks (recovering from a tibial fracture)

Lindsey Gay (continued recovery)

Merilyn Blomster (recovering)

Laurie Dungey (continued improvement)

Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Dorothy Shifflett and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gavin Portnoy, recovering from brain surgery (Son-in-law of Rich and Sally Fochs)

Dwayne Sharpe, heart attack (Amanda McKay and Michelle Johnson's brother-in-law).

Jack Pearce, cancer diagnosis (friend of the Kyne's)

The aging parents of Claudia Kyne (DIN of the Kyne's)

Karen, open heart surgery (friend of the Kyne's)

John Halloran, recovering from surgery (Kate Baeder's father)

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

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

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

Walt O'Reilly for recovering (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 or linda.jones@spiscatonsville.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

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so that you &
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Deuteronomy 30:19-20 16:25