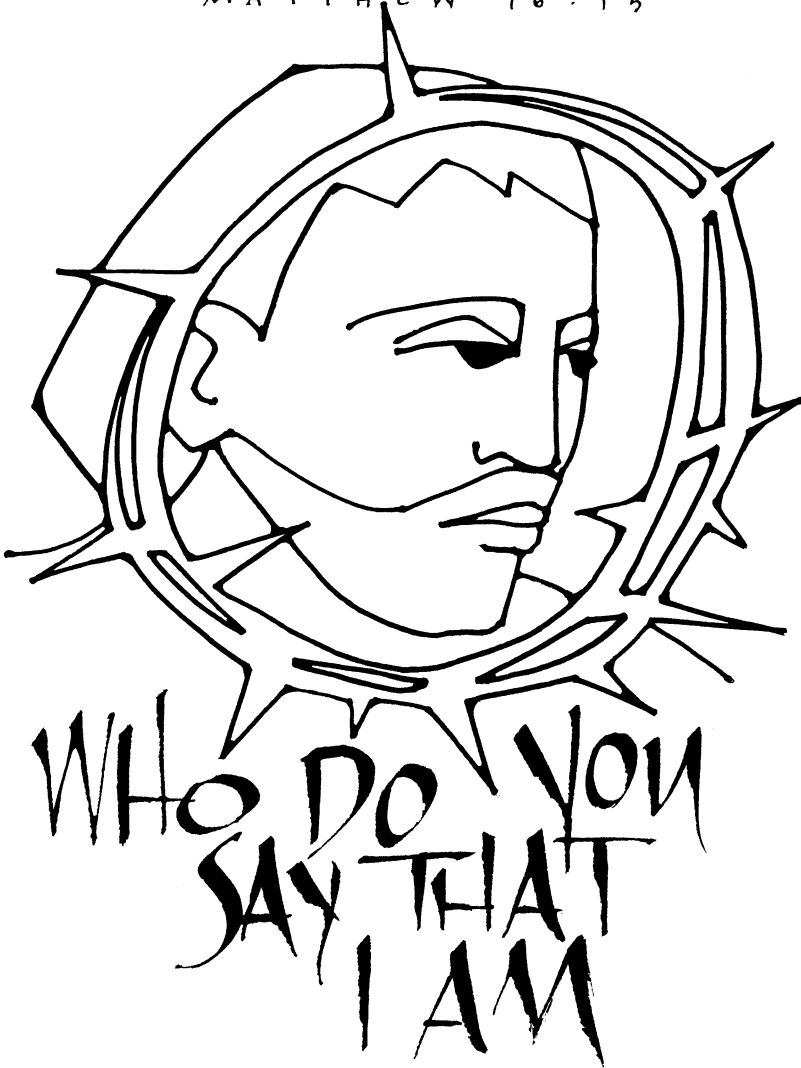


St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville

MATTHEW 16:15



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026



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, and gluten free wafers are also available.)

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Vicar Nate Demlow

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Prelude:

Andante Moderato

Antonio Vivaldi

(1675-1741)

Stand

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



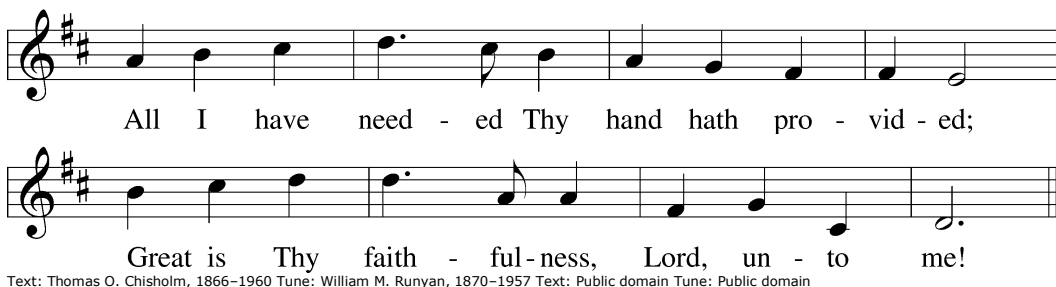
As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



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

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

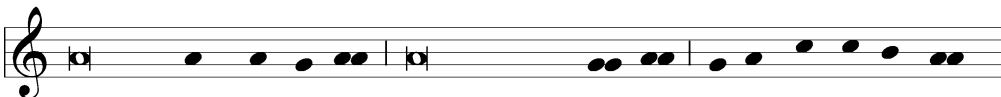
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



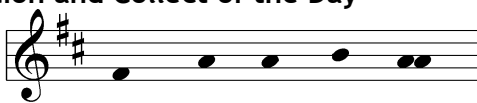
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.
 This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1–6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,

and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.**

On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

**All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,**
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.**

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**

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia.' is on a whole note, followed by 'Lord, to whom shall we go?' on a half note. The second staff continues with 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life.' on a half note, and 'Al - le - lu - ia.' on a whole note, ending with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody for 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' is on a half note, followed by 'O Lord.' on a half note, ending with a double bar line.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody for 'Praise to You, O Christ.' is on a half note, followed by 'O Christ.' on a half note, ending with a double bar line.

Sit

Built on the Rock

LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



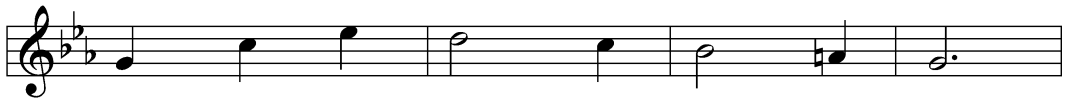
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

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Sermon

Installation and Blessing of School Staff and ECC Staff for the 2026-2027 School Year

Suzanne Alms Principal
Sara Ruzicak Secretary

Elementary Staff

Lynette Frech	Kindergarten
Kirsten Hall	First Grade
Stephanie Kiel	Second Grade
Ellen Marie Sanders	Third Grade
Emma Brand	Fourth Grade
Makins Flahn	Fifth Grade
Megan Turmel	Music, Math, PE
Lisa Siegfried	Library, STEM, Tech
Beth Phillips	Advisory Teacher
Nina Lagervall	Art
Ann Zum Brunnen	LSEM
Maria Frantz	Extended Care

ECC Staff

Erica Krabitz	ECC Director
Ann Zum Brunnen	PreK-4
Darlene Blake	
Shayna Doll	
Adrianne Lewis	PreK-3
London Rivers	
Laura Glover	Pre-2
Mericris Purcell	
Merife Purcell	Toddlers
Deiarra Ross	
Lia Wright	Infants
Kaitlyn Ware	

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 ✝ 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

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19





me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

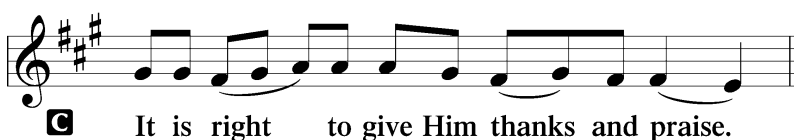
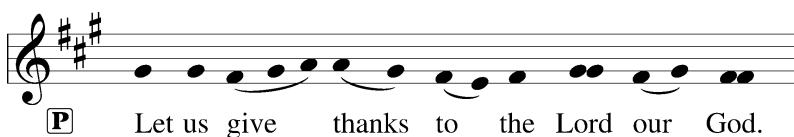
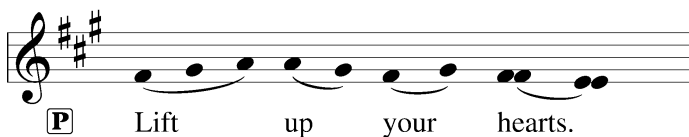
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

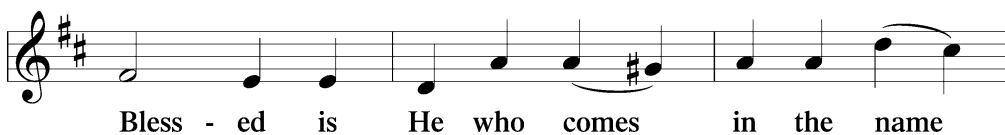
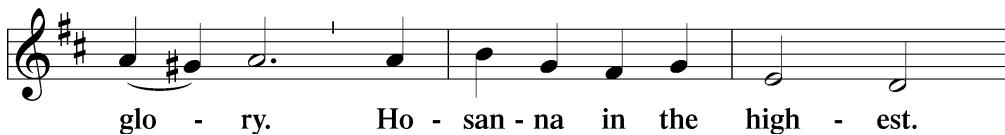


Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





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.

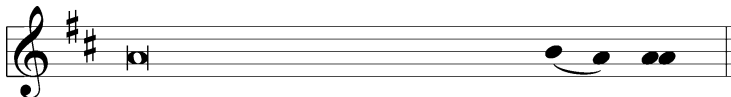
The Words of Our Lord

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  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

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



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



Sit

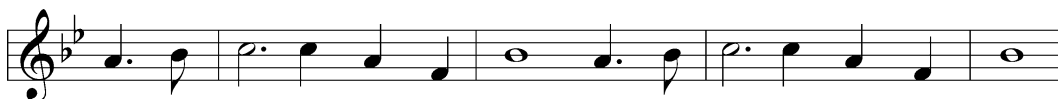
Distribution

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Love

O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you and
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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Stand

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray...

C A - men.

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

C A - men.

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB 822



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
 ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

Text: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, 1698, Darmstadt; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608 Text and tune: Public domain

Postlude:

Trumpet Tine

Arcangelo Corelli
(1653-1713)



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News And Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Barbara Johnson to the glory of God.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

August 30th Jonah: More than a Big Fish Story: Pastor Alms

September 6th Luther's Letters of Spiritual Counsel: Vicar Demlow

Sunday School Will Start On Sunday September 13th.

Mark the date!

Isaiah: All 66 Chapters In 12 Weeks

Pastor Alms will lead a study of the prophet Isaiah this fall. September 13th through November 29th. Buckle up and come along for this amazing prophetic ride.

Save the Date: Ministry Expansion/Capital Campaign Kickoff

Something incredible is on the horizon! Join us for a special presentation as we unveil the vision for our upcoming ministry expansion. More details coming soon—you won't want to miss it!

Sunday, September 13th.

Sign Up For Breakfast!

We want to make our capital campaign start-off eggstra special. September 13, after our church service, we'll gather for a potluck breakfast: eggs of course, egg bakes, and other breakfast/brunch goodies. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Lutheran Books And Beer Starts Again This Fall

This year we will read and discuss together "Has American Christianity Failed?" by Bryan Wolfmüller. The author asks the question: has American Christianity lost sight of Christ's finished work? He explores the weaknesses of revivalism, pietism, mysticism, and enthusiasm, then points readers back to the certainty of God's Word, forgiveness, and the promises of Jesus. The book is available on Amazon. Our first meeting is September 24th at 7 p.m. at the Rathskellar in Elkridge (5782 Main St, Elkridge, MD 21075). Read the first chapter and come on the 24th .

Newsletter

Articles for the September newsletter is due on August 24th.

NEEDED!

The Care Committee needs meals for our freezer. We want to be prepared when our church and school families need the comfort of a food gift. Please leave meals on the bottom shelf of the freezer. List your name, the ingredients and baking/cooking instructions. It would help if containers are disposable and don't need to be returned. Thank you for any help you can give.!

Invitation to Faith in the Field, Tuesday, August 25, at 12:30 p.m.

Faith and Work, one of our Kingdom Growth ministries, is sponsoring this event, which includes an outdoor church service, followed by a meal with the community.

Please bring a chair to sit on and a sunshade (or umbrella). If you wish, please also bring a dish to share for the meal. Let Irene Giguere know if you would like to go- maybe we can carpool down. The address is 1500 Presstman St., Baltimore.

St. Paul Workdays

The Property and Maintenance Committee meets on the third Saturday from 9 AM until 12 PM. They take care of odd jobs around the campus, such as minor weeding and landscaping of the grounds, spot cleaning, changing light bulbs, touch-up painting, and identifying areas for future repair or improvement. DIY home improvement experience a plus but not required! If you are interested in helping, giving back to St. Paul, and bonding with your fellow congregation members, please contact Brad at bjohnson2@comtechnologies.com and let us know you'll be attending! The next workday is September 20th.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 23rd	Next week 30th
Cantor	JB Jaeger	Jim Baeder
Reader	Suzanne Giguere	Kevin Dungey
Usher	Cameron Jones	Bruce Staudinger
Usher	Jim Wedeking	Chris Meyer
Greeter	Bruce Staudinger	Betsy Mitchell

Happening This Week

Monday, Aug 24, 2026

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

AA Small Group

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Aug 25, 2026

Wednesday, Aug 26, 2026

Thursday, Aug 27, 2026

Friday, Aug 28, 2026

All Day

Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, Aug 29, 2026

Sunday, Aug 30, 2026

8:45 AM- 9:45 PM

Bible Classes

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sunday Worship

Sanctuary

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Oromo Worship

Sanctuary

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Oromo Fellowship

Sanctuary



CHURCH MEMBERS

Jim Kyne (knee replaced this past Thursday)
Eleanor Hoffman, (lung cancer and chemo)
Steve Hoffman (recovering from illness)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatment)
Lindsey Gay (hospitalized)
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)

SHUT-INS

Dorothy Shifflett

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Tim Will, recovering from kidney surgery (parent in St. Paul Lutheran School) 8/9
Gracie Inman, recovering from surgery (wife of Tanner Inman) 8/9
Hannah Hauk, living with ALS needing constant care (friend of Dave and Faith Carnes) 8/2
Mary Unglesbee, surgery for mass on her brain (Christina Unglesbee's mother-in-law) 4/19
Bob Unglesbee, recovering from broken hip and surgery (Christina Unglesbee's father-in-law) 4/19
Eine Haasmaa (Sari Nguyen's mom) 3/22
Walt O'Reilly for recovering (Renata O'Reilly's husband)

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.



Lord, reveal your
strength and justice
in Isaiah 56:1-5-6
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