

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 20, 2026

# 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, and gluten free wafers are also available.)

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Prelude:

*Prélude pour l'ORGUE*

Félix-Alexandre Guilmant

(1837-1911)

**Stand**

**God Himself Is Present**

LSB 907



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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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.

## Kneel/Sit

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

## 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

## Introit

*Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6*

The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
**he casts the wicked | to the ground.**  
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**  
The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
**he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.**  
He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
**and binds | up their wounds.**  
He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
**he gives to all of | them their names.**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
**he casts the wicked | to the ground.**

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



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



# Gloria

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** Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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

**Anthem:**

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)

O how amiable are Thy dwellings: Thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her  
young:  
Even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: They will be always praising Thee.  
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper Thou our handiwork.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 55:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**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

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

<sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

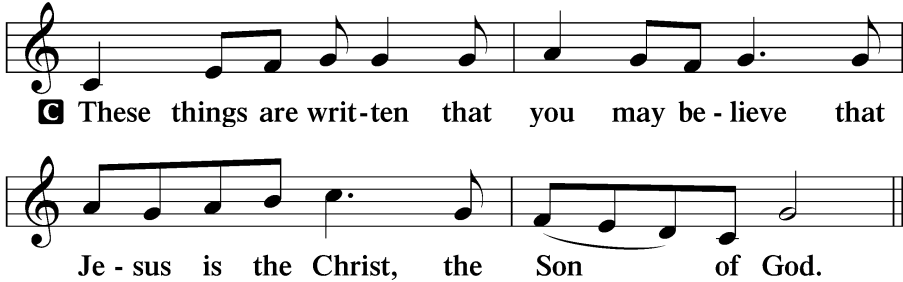
## Stand

### Alleluia



## Verse

John 20:31



## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as

I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

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

*Sit*

## Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly  
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it  
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all  
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left  
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

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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](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,  
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinckart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text and tune: Public domain

## 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

*John 20:19*

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

**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

## All People That on Earth Do Dwell

LSB 791



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
 3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
 aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
 joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
 is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times

praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
 name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

## 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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# By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must  
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

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| <p>5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,<br/>             In tribulation's furnace tried,<br/>             By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,<br/>             The Father's heart is open wide.<br/>             Where could I help and strength secure<br/>             If grace were not my anchor sure?</p> | <p>6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;<br/>             In Jesus' promise I rejoice;<br/>             For though I know my heart's condition,<br/>             I also know my Savior's voice.<br/>             My heart is glad, all grief has flown<br/>             Since I am saved by grace alone.</p> |
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**Stand**

# Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

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

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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556



5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -  
6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin  
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and  
8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -



pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of My crown, And bring to  
moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to  
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I  
reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast



all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay  
be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis - guised He bore; A  
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And  
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My



bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."  
ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.  
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.  
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.

9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav’n ascending,  
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.  
Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg  
Text and tune: Public domain

Postlude: *Allegro maestoso e vivace* from Sonata No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 65  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)



The  
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## **News And Notes**

### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given by John and Karyn Borth in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **Isaiah Bible Study is Underway**

Get your study guide today in the Narthex and join us next week at 8:45 am.

### **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.!

### **Women's Guild**

Ladies hard to believe but summer is over and our 1st meeting of the fall will be on September 22nd at the home of Pat Wesselman. Meeting starts at 10 please bring a bagged lunch and plan on staying for some fellowship following the meeting. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing our plans for the upcoming year. Mark your calendars our LWML sisters at Galilee Lutheran Church will be hosting the Christian Growth Workshop on October 10th. Scripture cards and Prayer Pocket Pillow more information to follow.

### **Firmly Rooted, Boldly Building**

Campaign booklets are available in the narthex. We are looking forward to thanking God for all that has come to us in the past (retire the mortgage), grow in our space and opportunities now (commons and playground) and commit to service and outreach.

### **Prayer for the 2026 Ministry Expansion Campaign:**

Lord, we give you thanks that you have clearly grown our ministry here at St. Paul to the point that we are responding in faith that this marks an opportunity for the congregation of St. Paul to provide what is needed to support the physical expansion of our ministry. We give thanks for those who are working on this campaign and we pray that you will bless us as we begin in faith.

### **ESL (English As A Second Language)**

Our Fall session of ESL begins on Monday, September 21 and ends on Monday, November 30. We meet on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:15 – 9:00 pm. The class is topic driven. After a lesson is presented, the volunteers work one-one with the students to reinforce the lesson content. Volunteers are always needed. You can come both nights, or only on one of them. You can also substitute occasionally. It's a great way to share God's love, help others feel "at home" in our country, and enjoy meeting new people. See Irene Giguere if you are interested in volunteering.

## A Note About Parking

If you are able to park a little further away from the front "red doors" entrance that would be great. Some of our older members need that entrance to avoid the difficult walk up the stairs from the basement. Whatever you can do is appreciated!

## Trunk or Treat!

This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 31st at 3pm. It is always such a fun family event with trunks, games, and fun. There are several ways you can help! You can join the planning committee, host a trunk to decorate, donate candy, or facilitate a game. Please contact Kirsten Hall ([kirsten.hall@splscatonville.org](mailto:kirsten.hall@splscatonville.org)) if you are interested in volunteering.



## 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Rathskellar in Elkridge (5782 Main St, Elkridge, MD 21075). Read the first chapter and come on the 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Newsletter

The October Newsletter articles are due by September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Serving at St. Paul

|                | This week 20 <sup>th</sup> | Next week 27 <sup>th</sup> |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Cantor</b>  | Caleb Ferry                | TBD                        |
| <b>Reader</b>  | Pastor Roemer              | Karen Eichelman            |
| <b>Usher</b>   | Jim Kyne                   | Kevin Dungey               |
| <b>Usher</b>   | David Nguyen               | Taylor Dungey              |
| <b>Greeter</b> | Barbara Johnson            | Pat Wesselman              |

## Daily Readings

|               |                                        |
|---------------|----------------------------------------|
| Sept 20, 2026 | 2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7, Eph 4:25—5:14  |
| Sept 21, 2026 | 2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37, Eph 5:15–33     |
| Sept 22, 2026 | 2 Kings 4:38—5:8, Eph 6:1–24           |
| Sept 23, 2026 | 2 Kings 5:9–27, Phil 1:1–20            |
| Sept 24, 2026 | 2 Kings 6:1–23, Phil 1:21—2:11         |
| Sept 25, 2026 | 2 Kings 9:1–13; 10:18–29, Phil 2:12–30 |
| Sept 26, 2026 | 2 Chr 29:1–24, Phil 3:1–21             |

## Happening This Week

Monday, Sept. 21, 2026

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Church Council Meeting

7:15 PM – 9:00PM

ESL

Media Center

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

AA Small Group

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026

6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Bell Choir Practice

Sanctuary

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026

Thursday, Sept 24, 2026

7:00 PM – 8:00

Books and Beer at Rathskeller

Off campus

7:15 PM – 9:00PM

ESL

Media Center

Friday, Sept. 25, 2026

All Day

Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday, Sept. 27, 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 replacement)  
Eleanor Hoffman, (lung cancer and chemo)  
Steve Hoffman (recovering from illness)  
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatment)  
Lindsey Gay (recovering)  
Marilyn Blomster (recovering)  
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## **SHUT-INS**

Dorothy Shifflett

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Kelly Kolenda, spine compression surgery (Mom of Emily Kolenda) 9/15  
Ross Davis, bone marrow disorder (brother of Linda Jones) (9/15)  
Mary Unglesbee, brain tumor treatment success (mom-in-law of Christina Unglesbee) 9/15  
Raymond Frazier, liver transplant (brother-in-law of Josh Leuschner) 9/15  
Kathy Schindler, cancer (cousin of Carol Taylor) 9/1  
Hannah Hauk, living with ALS needing constant care (friend of Dave and Faith Carnes) 8/2  
Eine Haasmaa (Sari Nguyen's mom) 3/22  
Walt O'Reilly for recovering (Renata O'Reilly's husband)

## **THANKSGIVINGS TO GOD**

Gracie Inman, recovered from surgery (wife of Tanner Inman)  
Sari Nguyen (recovered from eye surgery)

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email [pastorals@stpaulcatonsville.org](mailto:pastorals@stpaulcatonsville.org) or [linda.jones@spiscatonsville.org](mailto: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.

