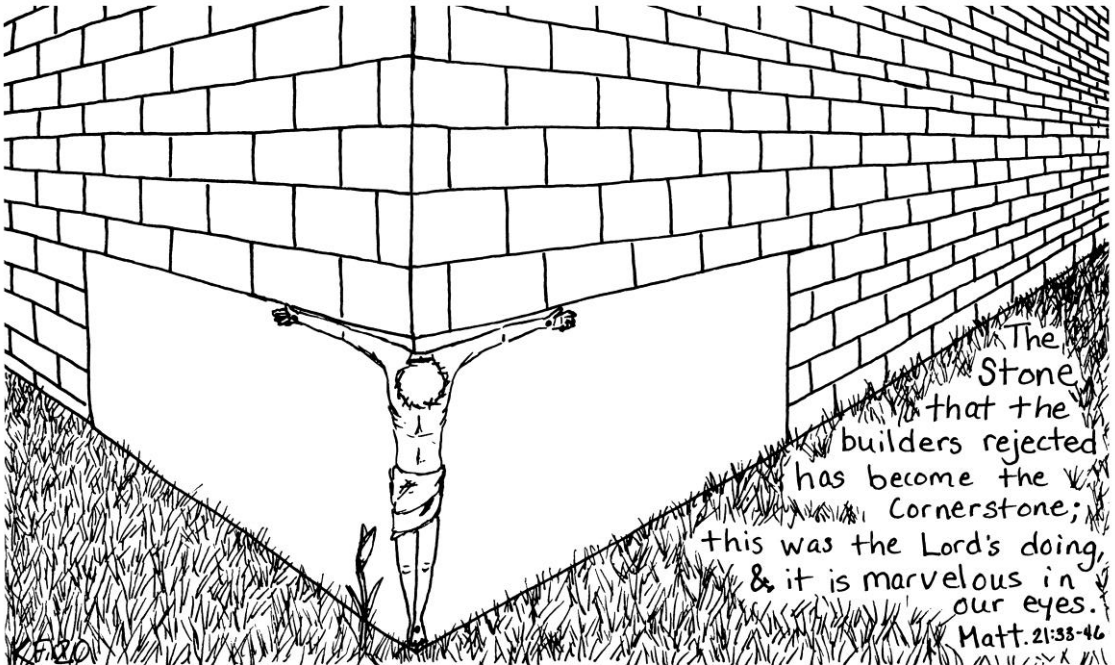


St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 04, 2026

Prelude:

Adagio from Fantaisie in C Major

César Franck
(1822-1890)

Stand

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89
Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen
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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

Psalms 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.
This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
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.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

Gloria

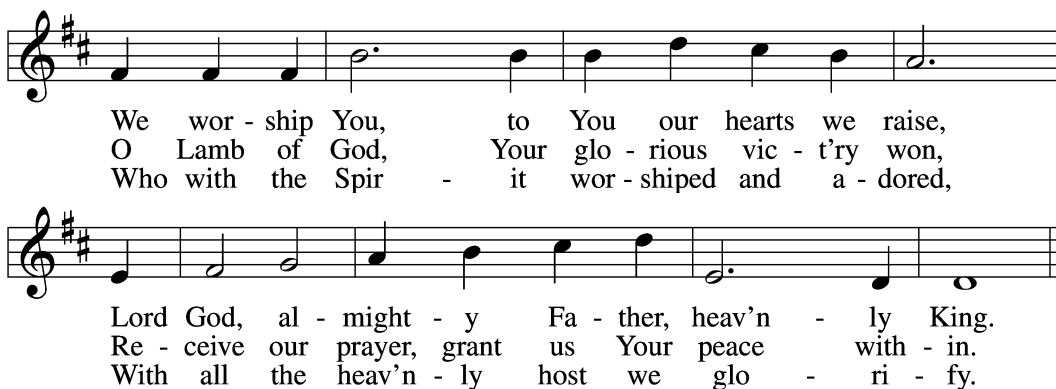
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1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



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 Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C Amen.

Anthem: Ye Servants of God Arr. Richard Henry Pinwill Coleman
(1888-1965)

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful Name:
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol: His Kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
Then let us adore, and give Him His right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briers and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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



Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us the temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

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Sermon

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

LWML Responsive Prayer

- P** Dearest Lord Jesus, you have told us that you came into this world not to be served but to serve.
- C** In your service dear Lord we were granted forgiveness, peace and hope.
- P** You dear Lord are the One whom we now serve.
- C** We serve you in thought, word and deed.
- P** Dear Lord, bless us in our service to you.
- C** Lead and guide us dear Lord in all our acts of service.
- P** Dear Lord, we thank you for the LWML here, in our nation, and throughout the world.
- C** Lead and guide them in all they do.
- P** Dear Lord, you tell us whatever we have done unto the least of these your brothers and sisters.
- C** we have done unto you.
- P** Bless us dear Lord in our doing.
- C** that it would be done unto you and your kingdom.



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 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.
And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to
count - less as the sand; To the un - thank - ful
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of
and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–89, alt. Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87 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!

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.

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 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



Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

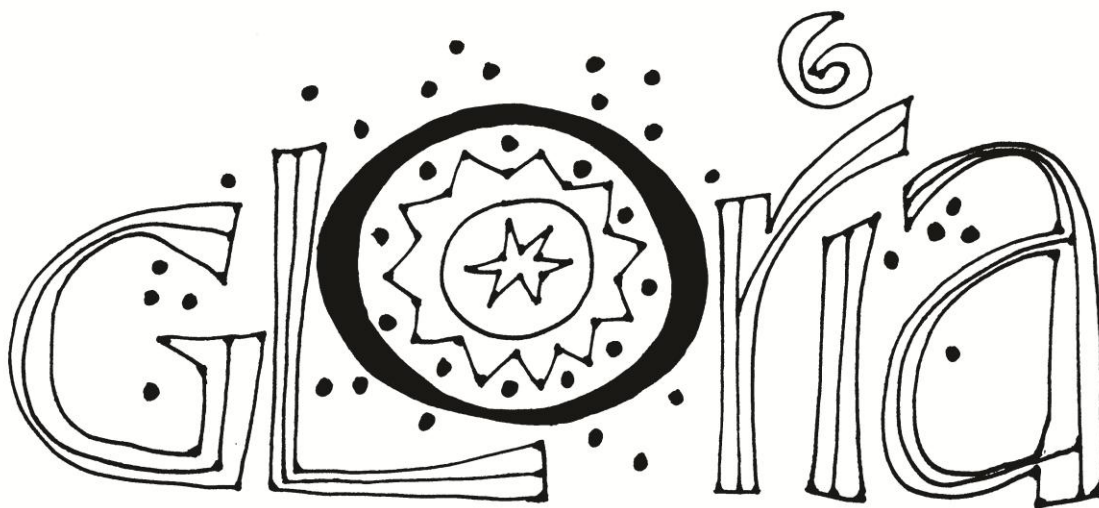


Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



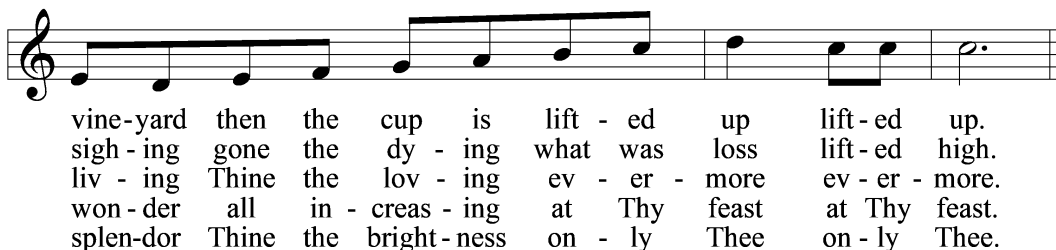
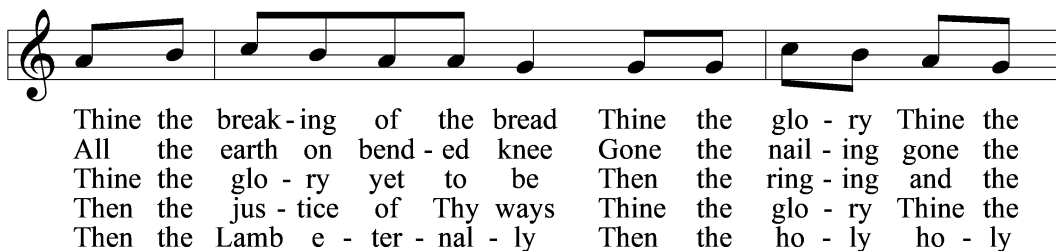
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680



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God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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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.

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;

With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus

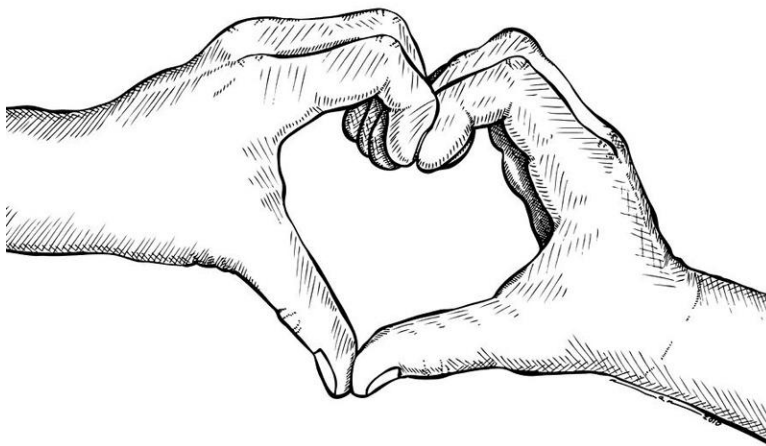
great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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Postlude:

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Mark Sedio
(b. 1954)



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News And Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Andrea Wellington to the Glory of God.

Isaiah Bible Study is Underway

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

Firmly Rooted, Boldly Building: The Why, The Website and The FAQ's

Why Are We Having A Ministry Expansion Campaign?

We want to retire the mortgage. Retiring the mortgage is not simply about paying off a bill that comes due every month. It is about giving thanks to God for all He has blessed St. Paul with through the generosity, sacrifice, and giving of everyone who made this “mortgage” possible.

We want to enlarge our space. Our facilities allow us to educate and share the Gospel with children, adults, and families. Our congregation is growing and expanding, and we need a bigger house. We need weekday meeting space for Bible studies and gatherings, an indoor gathering and play area for the school, accessible restrooms, new office space, and additional areas where people can come together.

We want to build a new playground. The playground is a gathering place for both our community and our school. It needs an update—a modern, safe area where community connections can be made and relationships can grow.

We want to dedicate ourselves to prayer and service. St. Paul is not about buildings. It is about Jesus Christ and His freely given mercy, which we receive and then share with others through outreach, prayer, service, worship, fellowship, and love.

Firmly Rooted, Boldly Building: Website

We have a website! You can access it through [our church website](http://stpaulministryexpansioncampaign.org) at or visit stpaulministryexpansioncampaign.org. The campaign website is a great place to find all the details about Firmly Rooted. Boldly Building: our Ministry Expansion Campaign.

You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers

We have put together an FAQ page with answers to frequently asked questions. It is in the narthex or on the Campaign Website.

If you have any additional questions, please contact a member of the Executive Committee: Cameron Nelson, Jon Brooks, or Christina Nelson. We will do our best to answer your questions.

What Is The LWML?

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), is an organization that encourages and equips women to live out their Christian faith through service, prayer, Bible study, and support for mission work. LWML helps share the love of Jesus in communities around the world while providing resources and opportunities for women to grow in faith and serve others. We are thankful for all the LWML does here at St. Paul and around the world.

Ministry Expansion Campaign Prayer

Lord, we at St. Paul give thanks that we can share with others the Good News through your loving, saving Gospel. We give thanks for the history of the St. Paul Congregation, a history of preaching and praying the Gospel of Jesus Christ and of reaching out to and serving others. We pray that we may continue to be firmly rooted in Your Word and that Your Word will yield fruits of gratitude for Your blessings. We especially pray that our Ministry Expansion Campaign will be a part of that fruitfulness that comes from your Gospel.

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!

The Youth Group

We will be hosting a Youth Group trunk for Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31st from 3:00-5:00 PM. We would love to see you there! Feel free to bring a friend or two as well. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vicar Demlow at vicardemlow@stpaulcatonsville.org.

Calling All Young Adults Will Meet October 10th!

The Young Adult Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in October (10/10 & 10/24). We will begin at 4:00 PM. All young adults 18-30 are invited to attend. Please reach out to Vicar Demlow at vicardemlow@stpaulcatonsville.org for additional information.

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@splscatonsville.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

Kid's Corner!

Today the Ministry Expansion Campaign is kicking off fun activities for the children of the congregation with "Rooted in Jesus" downstairs in the Fellowship Hall during Fellowship Hour. Stop by with your kids to pick a plant and make a cutting. You'll get to take it home and watch roots grow over the next couple of weeks! Additionally, there will be sprout cupcakes for people of all ages to enjoy. Wondering what a sprout cupcake is? Come and find out!

Women's Guild

Ladies important date changes we normally meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, for the remainder for this calendar year we will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. October's meeting date will be October 20th at the home of Pat Wesselman.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 4th	Next week 11th
Cantor	TBD	JB Jaeger
Reader	Ken Waibel	Ed Cohen
Usher	Ben Haberl	Jon Brooks
Usher	Jim Baeder	John Brooks
Greeter	Ed Cohen	Bruce Staudinger

Daily Readings

Oct 04, 2026	Neh 2:11–20; 4:1–6, 1 Tim 2:1–15
Oct 05, 2026	Neh 4:7–23, 1 Tim 3:1–16
Oct 06, 2026	Neh 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16, 1 Tim 4:1–16
Oct 07, 2026	Neh 7:1–4; 8:1–18, 1 Tim 5:1–16
Oct 08, 2026	Neh 9:1–21, 1 Tim 5:17—6:2
Oct 09, 2026	Neh 9:22–38, 1 Tim 6:3–21
Oct 10, 2026	Mal 1:1–14, Matt 3:1–17

Happening This Week

Monday, Oct 05, 2026		
7:15 PM – 9:00PM	ESL	Media Center
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Oct 06, 2026		
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Day School Board Meeting	Media Center
Wednesday, Oct 07, 2026		
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Choir Practice	
Thursday, Oct 08, 2026		
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study	Sacristy
7:15 PM – 9:00PM	ESL	Media Center
Friday, Oct 09, 2026		
All Day	Pastor's Day Off	
Saturday, Oct 10, 2026		
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Young Adult Bible Study	
Sunday, Oct 11, 2026		
8:45 AM- 9:45 PM	Bible Classes	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 PM – 12:30	Asset Management Board Mtg.	
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)
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Dorothy Shifflett

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jen Schwatka, has MS and broke her leg (niece of LaVerne and Jim Kyne) 9/29
Seyeon Harmon, preparing for heart surgery (wife of Matthew Harmon) 9/22
Hayden Allen Reynolds, Born premature; prayer of thanksgiving and for continued health for both him and his mom (Great grandson of Ken and Joyce Waibel) 9/22
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 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.