

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



## LENTEN SERVICE

Lent 4 Midweek Evening  
March 22, 2023

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*Stand*

**616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

LSB 616



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y  
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing  
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy  
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him  
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can  
speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now  
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.  
stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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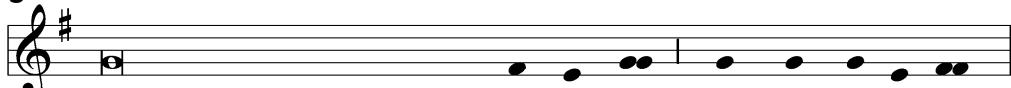
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**Opening Versicles**

*Psalm 92:1*



**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



**C** A - men.

**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**C** to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

**L** to herald Your love in the morn - ing,  
**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

### Confession of Sins

- L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**
- C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Readings from Holy Scripture

## Reading

2 Kings 5:1–14

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup>Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." <sup>5</sup>And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. <sup>6</sup>And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>With my voice I cry out to the LORD;  
**with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.**

<sup>2</sup>I pour out my complaint before him;  
**I tell my trouble before him.**

<sup>5</sup>I cry to you, O LORD;  
**I say, “You are my refuge,  
 my portion in the land of the living.”**

<sup>6</sup>Attend to my cry,  
 for I am brought very low!

**Deliver me from my persecutors,  
 for they are too strong for me!**

<sup>7</sup>Bring me out of prison,  
**that I may give thanks to your name!**

**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.**

**Reading**

Acts 2:29–41

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
 Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

<sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Matthew 28:16–20*

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

## Responsory

*Psalm 31:5*



**L** In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



**L** You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



**L** Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

## 561 The Tree of Life

LSB 561

1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's  
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,  
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of  
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -

ho - ly or-chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
 as the ser-pent strove With tempt-ing voice Eve to be -  
 res - cue by His grace: In send-ing One from wom-an's  
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -

sweet God let the man and wom-an eat. Yet in this  
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
 seed, The One to fill our great-est need— For on a  
 lieve, Sal - va-tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this

gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would  
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

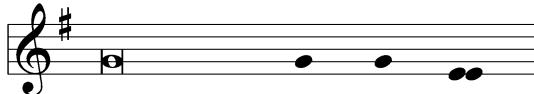
dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.  
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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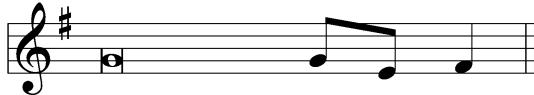
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*Stand  
Prayer*

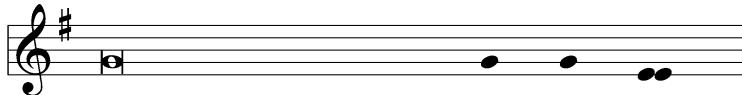
*Psalm 102:1; Psalm 17:8; Psalm 17:15*



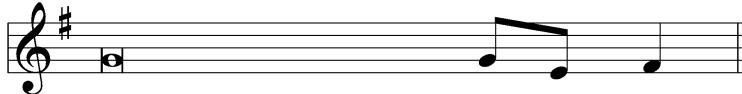
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



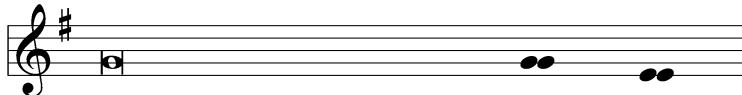
**C** listen to my cry.



**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.



**L** In righteousness I shall see You;



**C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

*Various petitions and collects are offered by the pastor.*

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:  
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.**

## Nunc Dimitis

Luke 2:29–32

*Antiphon*



L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep-ing

that a-wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.

My own eyes have seen the sal-va - tion which You have prepared

in the sight of ev'-ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na-tions

and the glory of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the  
 Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -  
*Antiphon*  
 ever. A - men. Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
 and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may  
 watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

### Benediction

- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
- C **Amen.**

## 886 The Day Thou Gavest

LSB 886

1 The day Thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed,  
 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un - sleep - ing  
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land  
 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak - ing  
 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev - er,

The dark - ness falls at Thy be - hest;  
 While earth rolls on - ward in to light,  
 The dawn leads on an - oth - er day,  
 Thy saints be - neath the west - ern skies,  
 Like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;

To Thee our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed,  
 Through all the world her watch is keep - ing,  
 The voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,  
 And hour by hour, as day is break - ing,  
 Thy king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er,

Thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
 And nev - er rests by day or night.  
 Nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
 Fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.  
 Till all Thy crea - tures own Thy sway.

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# LENTEN SERVICES

Lent Midweek Services Wednesdays -- 11 am and 7 pm

Theme: Baptismal Waters Cover Me – Old Testament Stories of Water  
Midweek 5, March 29 – Jonah 1 and 2



## Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. with Lord's Supper

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