

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



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The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023

Welcome

If you are a guest with us today, we extend a special welcome 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.



Children's Bulletins are available in the lobby.

Service Live-streamed In The Learning Center Turn right when you leave the sanctuary and follow the hall around to The Learning Center if you need a break during the service.

Prelude: Please use the prelude as a time for quiet prayer and meditation before worship.

Prayer before Worship: *O Lord, creator, redeemer, and comforter, I come to worship You in spirit and in truth. Open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus name. Amen.*

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.)

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Prelude: *Marche triomphale:* Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

LSB 909



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
 Δ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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

Confession of Sins

- P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

- C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit (*sung responsively*)

Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*

I ponder the work | of your hands.

I stretch out my | hands to you;*

my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*

Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

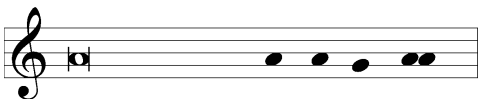
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Kyrie

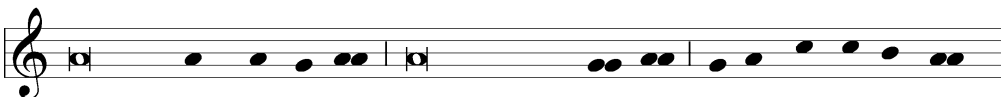
Mark 10:47



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.



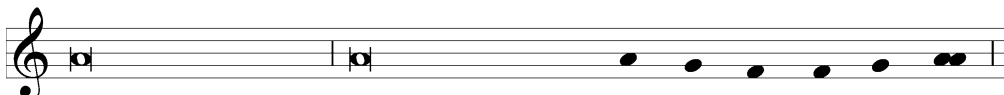
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



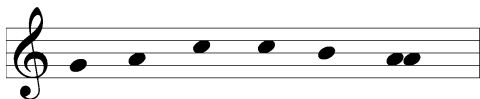
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



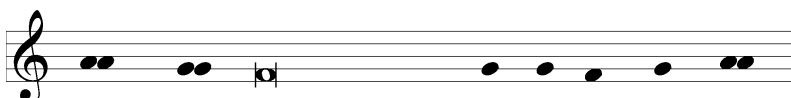
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

LSB 946



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



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



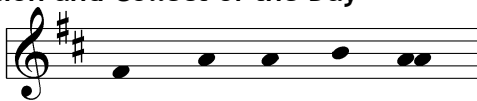
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - mighty - 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 al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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

- ⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
- ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
- ⁹On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
- ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
- ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
- ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
- ¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
- ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
- ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given,

and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

730 What Is the World to Me

LSB 730



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

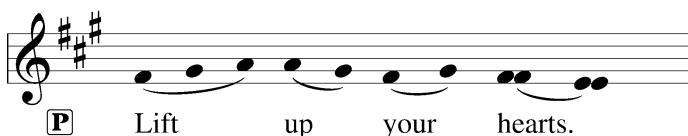
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



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.

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

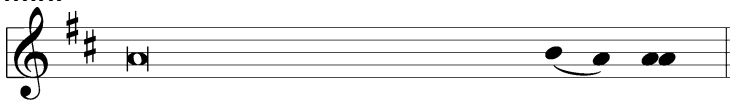
The Words of Our Lord

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 T 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 T 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.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



G 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;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit



806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

The musical score is written in a single system with ten staves. Each staff contains a line of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases spanning across multiple staves. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks, _____ give thanks, _____

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547 The Lamb

LSB 547



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.



Refrain
 Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

Text and tune: Gerald P. Coleman, 1953

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660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
 Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
 The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
 Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
 And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818-88, alt.

Tune: George J. Webb, 1803-87

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783 Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783



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



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

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79

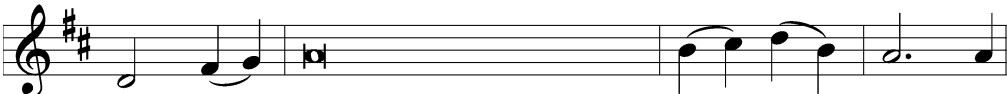
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Stand Post-Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-




cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

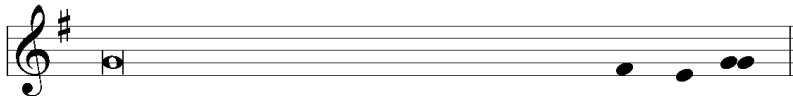
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.



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.



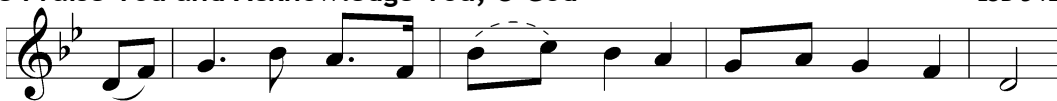
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941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.
 Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 “O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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Dismissal

Postlude: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)



Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
Reader	Dasha Frech	Karyn Borth
Usher	Brian Erwin	Cameron Jones
Usher	Jay Barringer	Chris Meyer
Greeter	Sari Nguyen	Bruce Staudinger
Acolyte	Charlotte McKay	Danny McKay

Daily Readings: **Nov 19:** Jer 38:1–28, Matt 27:57–66; **Nov 20:** Dan 1:1–21, Matt 28:1–20; **Nov 21:** Dan 2:1–23, Rev 18:1–24; **Nov 22:** Dan 2:24–49, Rev 19:1–21; **Nov 23:** Dan 3:1–30, Rev 20:1–15; **Nov 24:** Dan 4:1–37, Rev 21:1–8; **Nov 25:** Dan 5:1–30, Rev 21:9–27.

News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Ann-Eliese Jordan in celebration of the birthday of her daughter, Christina Jordan.

Fellowship Hour

Sponsored today by the *Day School Board*. Please join them downstairs after church.

Thanksgiving Worship will be held on Thanksgiving Day at 10 am.



Poinsettias

Please plan to add a beautiful poinsettia plant (or two) to our Christmas celebration here at church and then take it home on Christmas Eve (following the 10:00 PM Service) to add a festive touch to your holiday home as well! The cost for each potted poinsettia is \$15. Deadline to order your poinsettias is *NEXT SUNDAY, November 26*. Order envelopes are available in the narthex. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Women's Guild.

Pastor Alms will be out of town for Thanksgiving (Thursday through Sunday.) Please contact Kevin Dungey or Aaron Nelson with any pastoral emergencies. Pastor Kleinfelter will be filling in next Sunday.

Midweek Advent Worship

The theme of our midweek services is *Mary: Example for Us*. Midweek services will be held at 11 am and 7 pm and will begin on December 6th.

Positions Opening at St. Paul

A search committee has been formed to begin the search for a new **Principal** for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know any qualified candidates that you would like to recommend, please contact Carolyn Loudon.

We are also beginning the process to hire a new part-time **Administrative Assistant**. If you know any qualified candidates you would like to recommend, please contact Pastor Alms.



Kid's Christmas Morning

Candy donations requested! Please take a list from the donation bin in the foyer, and drop off any time. Also, volunteers needed for registration, hospitality, gingerbread house and craft making, set up and clean up. Many opportunities to serve! Call or email Karyn Borth

Newsletter: Articles for the December newsletter are due on Monday November 27th.

Upcoming Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday, we will study Lessons of the Day. In December, the Sunday Morning Bible Study will focus on Prayer. Why pray? How to pray? Includes visual practices for prayer. Sundays 8:45 am.

Lutherans For Life

St. Paul Lutherans for Life will be meeting TODAY after worship in the 5th Grade classroom.

St. Thomas

The Women's Guild is putting together food bags for St. Thomas. The ladies will provide the bread and meat. Donations of bags complete with the following nonperishable items are needed: 1 box stuffing, 1 box instant potatoes, 2 cans corn, 2 cans green beans or peas, 1 jar gravy, 1 jar peanut butter, 1 jar jelly, 1 cake mix & icing OR brownie mix. Bags need to be returned to church before December 16th.

Lutheran Books and Beer

The last meeting of the calendar year will be held on November 30 at 7 pm at The Rathskellar in Arbutus. We continue to discuss *The Screwtape Letters*. All are welcome.

Orphan Grain Train Coat Collection

Check out information and list of accepted items on the Missions credenza in narthex. Also, Winter Coat Collection is in full swing. The Giguere red Coat-Mobile awaits donations in the parking lot on Sundays (*except for today, look for the tan substitute truck today!*)

Angel Tree Update

We will be getting names and gift wishes for Angel Tree this year. However, the angels have not "flown in" yet. Watch for arrival in the next weeks.

Advent by Candlelight

Saturday, Dec 2nd 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Scripture based with a reflective time and a hands-on activity. You will leave with a set of Old and New Testament scripture cards to use daily throughout the Advent season. All supplies will be furnished. \$5 will be collected at the door to cover the cost of supplies. Sign-up online or a sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



Giving Tuesday - November 28th

The Goal for Giving Tuesday this year is \$3000 for a PreK Room MakeOver. Check out the PreK room by turning left at the bottom of the stairs and going straight to the PURPLE room. The money will be used for room painting and new sink & cabinets. To give: Place a check in the offering plate payable to St. Paul Church and make a note it is for Giving Tuesday, or use the QR code to give online.



Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Merilyn Blomster (hospitalized this past week)
Bruce Staudinger (injured leg)
Laurie Dungey (concussion)
David Carnes (recovering from knee surgery)
Rik Johnsson (recovering from neck/back surgery)
Rich Foks (physical therapy after knee surgery)
David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery)
Ann-Eliese Jordan (continuing recovery)
Lindsey Gay (recovering from recent hospitalization)
John Gay (cancer, accepted into clinical trial of new treatment)
Janice Gay (caretaker)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Tim Will, grandparent & guardian of school child (recovering from abdominal surgery) 11/19
Bob Omberg, brother-in-law of Pastor Alms (broken ankle) 11/19
Keith Powell, uncle of Bill Oldhouser (prostrate cancer, surgery on Nov. 8) 11/5
Skylar Strauss, granddaughter of Ray & Donna Fields (thanksgiving she is home!) 11/12
Susan Sadler, sister-in-law of the Dungey's (breast cancer, recovering from surgery) 10/29
Joan Spears, friend of the Kyne's (hospitalized, recovering from back surgery)
Sarah Harrison, friend of the Krakats (undiagnosed health issues) 10/29
Kathy Linton, friend of the Borths (rare blood cancer) 10/29
Tyler Stevenson, Erwin family member (prayers for his blood platelet numbers to improve) 10/29
Chaz, nephew of our florist (paralyzed on one side) 10/29
Sandy Miller, friend of the Kyne's (breast cancer) 10/15
Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (recovering from surgery, cancer treatments) 9/3
Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 9/3

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 dana.stigdon@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.

