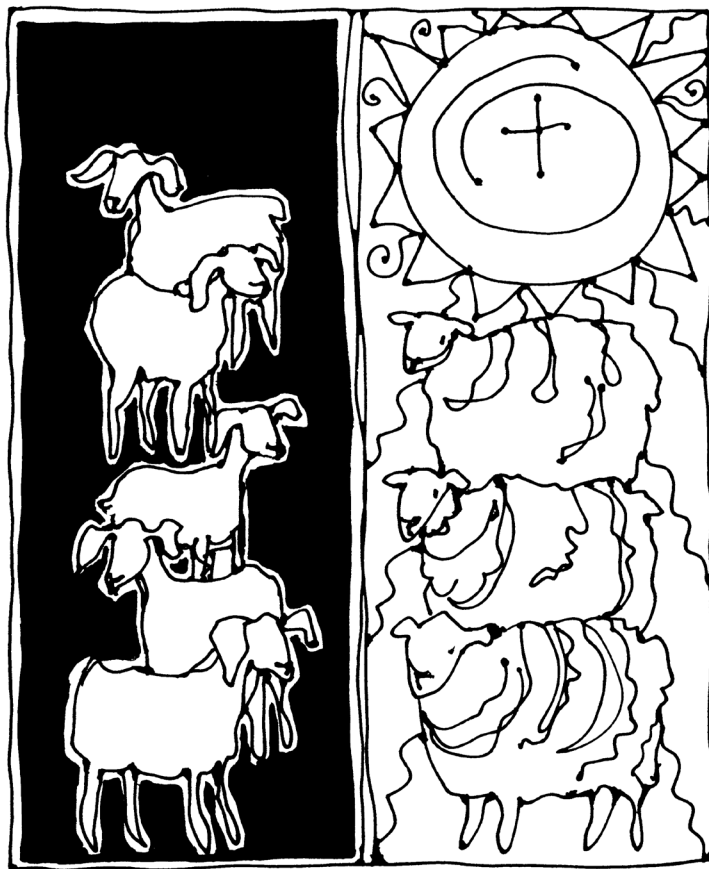


# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



WHEN THE SON  
OF MAN COMES

Last Sunday of the Church Year  
November 26, 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.)

**Welcome!** Rev. Jim Kleinfelter, filling in for Pastor Alms today.

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# Last Sunday of the Church Year

## November 26, 2023

**Prelude:** Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

Tune: Laus Regis, setting Robert J. Powell  
(b. 1932)

### Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

LSB 353



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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Tune: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, 1698, Darmstadt

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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 39 various; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*

**the home of | righteousness.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\*

**let me know how fleeting | I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\*

**and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.**

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

**My hope | is in you.**

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.

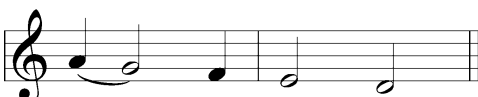
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## Kyrie

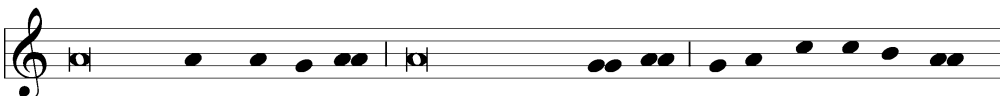
Mark 10:47



**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.



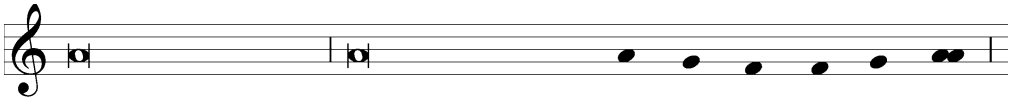
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



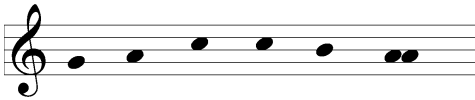
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



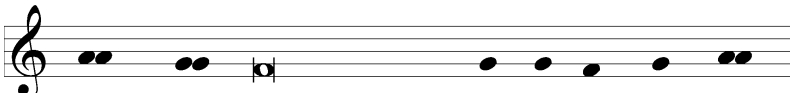
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**G** A - men.

### 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:



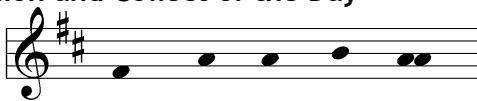
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



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 al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**Bell Choir Anthem:** Jesus Shall Reign

John Hatton (1793), arr. Larry Sue

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land.

There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** King of Glory, King of Peace  
Tune: *Jesu, meines Herzens Freud*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;

Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.

Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;

and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;

in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.

Small it is in this poor sort to enrol Thee: E'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

**Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

<sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.



<sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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 25:31-46*

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Sit*  
We Praise You, O God

LSB 785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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## Sermon - *Finagling, or Faith?*

### 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

*(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically 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

*Psalm 51:10-12*

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*

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.**

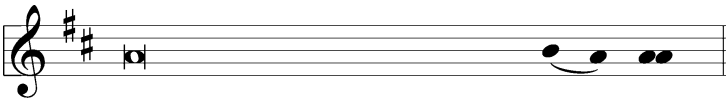
## The Words of Our Lord

**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*



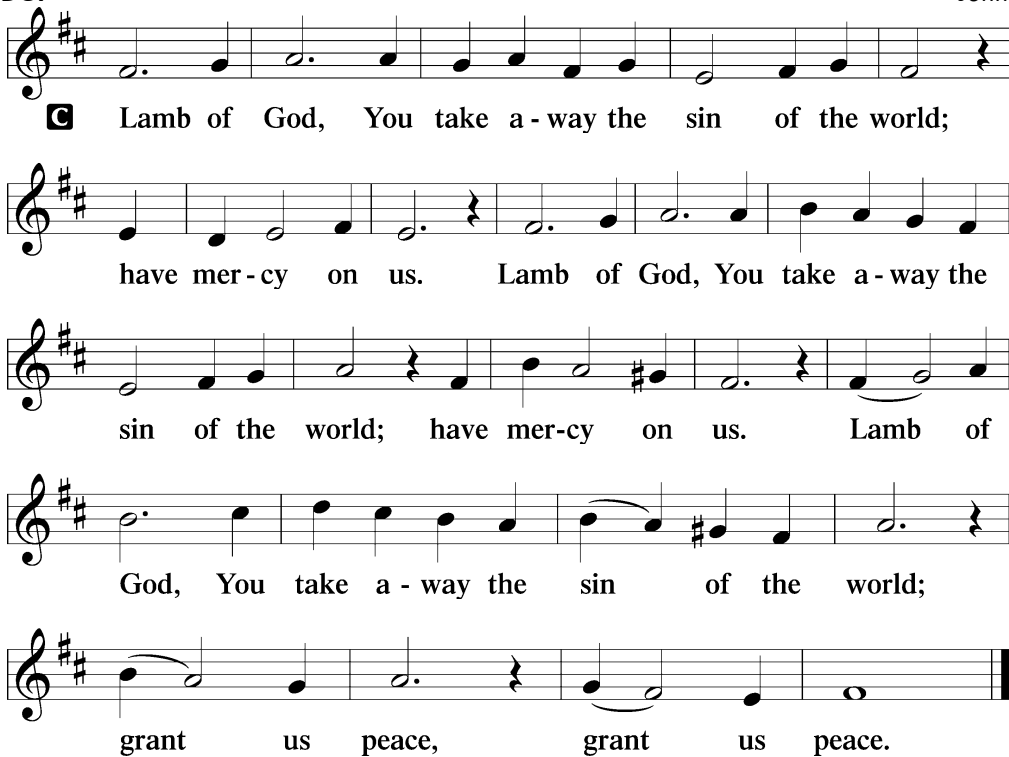
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit



# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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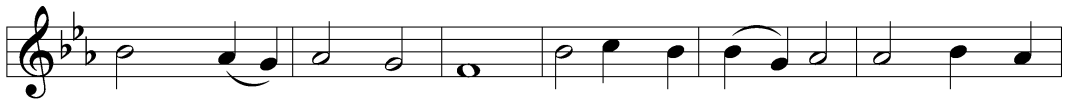
# Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of





God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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## God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

### Refrain



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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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

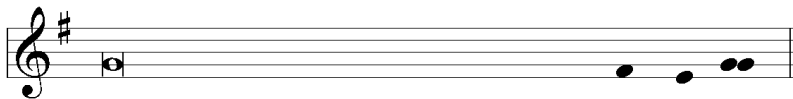
A Let us pray. . . .



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



**C** A - men.



*Go in peace.  
Serve the Lord*

# Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93 Text and tune: Public domain

## Dismissal

**Postlude:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation  
*Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*

Max Reger  
 (1873-1916)

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# 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

Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Rev. Scott Johnson, longtime SED pastor and friend of Pastor Alms, who died suddenly this week.

Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (undergoing radiation cancer treatments) 11/26  
David Storey, our organ tuner/repairer (triple heart bypass) 11/26  
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  
Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 9/3

# News & Notes

## Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Jim & Kate Baeder in celebration of their wedding anniversary. The flower chart for 2024 has been posted on the bulletin board. If you are looking for a pen to sign up, check out the flowers on the bulletin board!

**Fellowship Hour:** Sponsored today by the *Men's Club*. Please join them downstairs after church.

**Poinsettias:** Beautify our sanctuary for Christmas and your home afterwards. Deadline to order your poinsettias is *TODAY*. Order envelopes are available in the narthex.

**Newsletter:** Articles for the December newsletter are due TOMORROW.

**Women's Guild:** Meeting this Tuesday at 10 am at the home of Pat Wesselman.

**Lutheran Books and Beer:** Last meeting of the calendar year is THIS Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 pm at The Rathskellar in Arbutus. We continue to discuss *The Screwtape Letters*. All are welcome.

## Angel Tree Update

The Angel Tree is set up in the narthex. Gifts will be due back by December 13<sup>th</sup>. These gifts will be given to St. Thomas Lutheran Church to distribute to their community.



## 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Kid's Christmas Morning



Candy donations requested! See 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, [k.borth@icloud.com](mailto:k.borth@icloud.com) (443-928-7621)

## Orphan Grain Train

\* List of accepted items is on the Missions credenza in narthex. \* The Giguere red Coat-Mobile awaits donations in the parking lot on Sundays through December 10.

## Upcoming Adult Bible Study

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.

## Advent by Candlelight

Saturday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Scripture based with a reflective time and a hands-on activity. Sign-up online or a sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>.



### Giving Tuesday - November 28<sup>th</sup>

The Goal for Giving Tuesday this year is \$3000 for a PreK Room MakeOver. (room to the left at the bottom of the stairs.) 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.

## 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.

## Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
<b>Cantor</b>	JB Jaeger	Jim Baeder
<b>Reader</b>	Karyn Borth	Ken Waibel
<b>Usher</b>	Cameron Jones	Don Easton
<b>Usher</b>	Chris Meyer	Bill Oldhouser
<b>Greeter</b>	Bruce Staudinger	Irene Giguere
<b>Acolyte</b>	Charlotte McKay	Gretchen Nelson

**Daily Readings: Nov 26:** Dan 6:1–28, Rev 22:1–21; **Nov 27:** Is 1:1–28, 1 Pet 1:1–12; **Nov 28:** Is 2:1–22, 1 Pet 1:13–25; **Nov 29:** Is 5:1–25, 1 Pet 2:1–12; **Nov 30:** Is 6:1–7:9, 1 Pet 2:13–25; **Dec 1:** Is 7:10–8:8, 1 Pet 3:1–22; **Dec 2:** Is 8:9–9:7, 1 Pet 4:1–19.



# Sermon Notes

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OVER EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE. ALL AUTHORITY IS UNDER HIM.

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