

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



HERE · I · AM · LORD

1 SAMUEL 3:4

Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 14, 2024



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**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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# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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**Prelude:** Here I Am, Lord

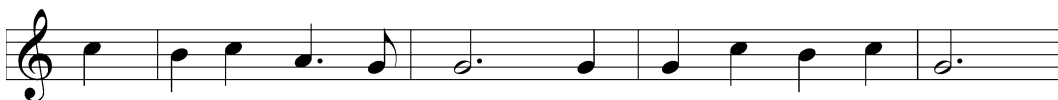
Robert Buckley Farlee  
(b. 1950)

### When Morning Gilds the Skies

LSB 807



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur-few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com-pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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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

*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*

### 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## *Stand*

## Service of the Word

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1–20

<sup>1</sup>The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”

<sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup>And Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 112, various*



### **Refrain**

Blessèd are those who fear the LORD,  
who find great delights in his commands..  
Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

### **Refrain**

Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.  
Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

**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.**

### **Refrain**

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## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 20:31*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*John 1:43–51*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can-not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can-not be a watch-man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point - ing out the path to heav-en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
While the mul - ti-tudes are dy - ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a - larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands;  
Take the task He gives you glad-ly, Let His work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?"  
You can lead the lit - tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait - ing arms.  
You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
An - swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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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 T of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

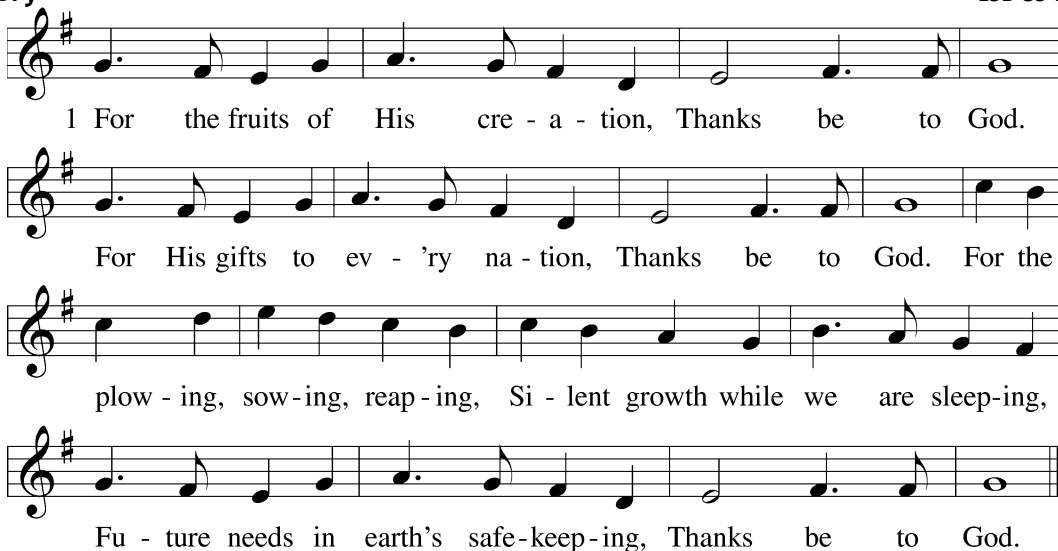
### **Offering**

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## Offertory

LSB 894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.

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## 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 . . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**☐** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth  
 as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.


C Amen.

## Agnus Dei


*John 1:29*



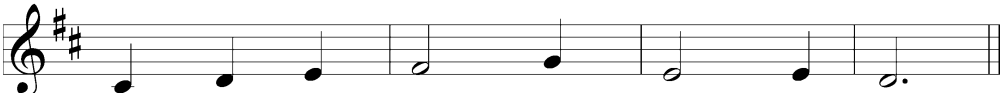
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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*

## Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830



- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
 Ripe the promise of its yield.  
 But the reapers, oh, how few  
 For the work there is to do!

- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
 Rouse to action heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'ring nations all  
 See Your light and heed Your call.

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## I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618



- 1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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## Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

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# 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.

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## Stand

### Post-Communion Blessing

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray. . . .
- C **Amen.**

### Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

- 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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

# Sing Praise to the God of Israel

LSB 936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - pish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.  
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.  
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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## Dismissal

## Postlude: When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known

Mark Sedio  
(b. 1954)

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# Prayer List

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Marilyn Blomster (recovering)  
Bruce Staudinger (injured leg)  
Laurie Dungey (concussion)  
Rik Johnsson (recovering from neck/back surgery)  
David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery)  
Lindsey Gay  
John Gay (cancer)  
Janice Gay (caretaker)  
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)  
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## **SHUT-INS**

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Thanksgiving for the birth of Andrew Curtis Oldhouser, son of Matt and Katie Oldhouser, and grandson of Bill and Debbie.  
Billie-Jean, friend of Sally Foks (mom of young children, having surgery) 1/7  
Vicky Weyrich, Sister-in-law of LaVerne Kyne (recovering from knee replacemet) 1/7  
Sandy Miller, friend of the Kynes (breast cancer) 1/7  
Elsie Cox, friend of the Kynes (congestive heart failure) 1/7  
Kelly Woolford, friend of the Staudinger's 12/10  
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) 12/31  
Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 12/3

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](mailto:pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org) or [dana.stigdon@splscatonsville.org](mailto: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.

# News & Notes



## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Women's Guild. Altar flowers give glory to God, beautify the sanctuary, and commemorate an important person or event in your life. The Flower Chart for 2024 is posted and has openings available. Consider sponsoring flowers, flowers can be taken home after the service. January 28 is still available.

## Baptism Invitation

St. Paul Lutheran Church is invited to the baptism of Elizabeth Miller on Wednesday, January 24th at our school chapel service at 8:30 am. Elizabeth is a second grader at St. Paul Lutheran School. She and her parents have prepared for this day and we rejoice at the gracious gifts God gives through Holy Baptism.

## Mission Brunch/Congregational Potluck 2024

On Jan 28<sup>th</sup> we will have a congregational get together! Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov, a friend of Pastor Alms, from the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church will be our featured speaker. This will be a potluck brunch. Sign-up in the Narthex for what you will bring to share.

## Lutheran Books & Beer

The next meeting will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. Beginning a new book: *I Am Not Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare* by Robert H. Bennett. A fascinating first-hand account of the spiritual warfare in Africa and closer to home. Book is available from CPH or from Amazon.

## Together We Can/Health Care Kits/Soup & Sandwich

On January 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a church and school mission project event. We will gather to share a meal and then put together health care kits. There is a great need for these kits that will be distributed by the Lutheran Mission Society. **Church members are asked to bring in toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, and travel size/small liquid soap to contribute to the kits.** If you plan to come and help on the 24<sup>th</sup>, please sign up on the bulletin board.

## Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour sponsors are needed. If you can provide treats on a Sunday morning, please sign up on the bulletin board.



**Fellowship**

## Grace: An Introduction to Lutheranism

Pastor Alms will teach this class beginning on January 15<sup>th</sup> on Mondays at 7 pm. All are welcome.

## Folders Wanted

If you are able to volunteer on an occasional, weekly or monthly basis to collate and fold bulletins, please contact Dana at [dana.stigdon@splscatonville.org](mailto:dana.stigdon@splscatonville.org) or call the office. Approximately 2 hours/week commitment.

## Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
<b>Cantor</b>	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
<b>Reader</b>	Karen Eichelman	Dasha Frech
<b>Usher</b>	Greg McDonald	Brian Erwin
<b>Usher</b>	Jeffrey Hemmeter	Jay Barringer
<b>Greeter</b>	Bruce Staudinger	Sari Nguyen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Paul Baeder	Joshua Unglesbee

**Daily Readings:** *Jan 14:* Ezek 36:33—37:14, Rom 5:1–21; *Jan 15:* Ezek 37:15–28, Rom 6:1–23; *Jan 16:* Ezek 38:1–23, Rom 7:1–20; *Jan 17:* Ezek 39:1–10, 17–29, Rom 7:21–8:17; *Jan 18:* Ezek 40:1–4; 43:1–12, Rom 8:18–39; *Jan 19:* Ezek 44:1–16, 23–29, Rom 9:1–18; *Jan 20:* Ezek 47:1–14, 21–23, Rom 9:19–33.



## YOU ARE INVITED!

Meet our distinguished visitors, Dr. Alexey Streltsov and his wife Elena, of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Dr. Streltsov is Rector of the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia.

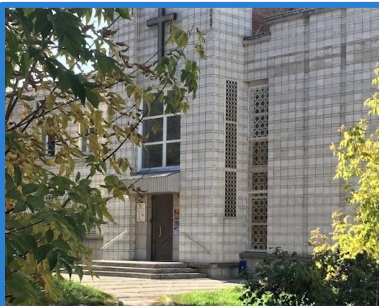
Sunday Morning Service 10 am and Brunch following  
Sunday, January 28

Despite today's negative news about Russia, it's good to learn that fellow Lutherans in Russia who remain faithful to the historic confession are crying for more pastors. The cry comes not only from Russia, but also from Ukraine and other former Soviet Union countries.

Regardless of news reports, not all relations between Ukraine and Russia are hostile. Instead, the Church ignores the political lines and simply sees brothers and sisters crying out for the sustenance of God's Word and Sacrament.

The Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, is working to supply pastors for Siberian Church, but it needs help to keep answering that call.

Russia and neighboring countries, including Ukraine, need pastors now and they will need pastors when the current conflict ends. The seminary is committed to preparing pastors to carry God's Word and Sacrament to people in Siberia, other parts of Russia, and surrounding countries.



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# Sermon Notes

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