St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



First Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024



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.)

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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Pastor Gregory Alms
Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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Prelude: Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654) Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

Children's Sermon



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 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

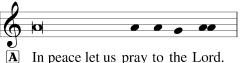
Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- 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.

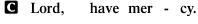
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Service of the Word

Kyrie Mark 10:47









For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

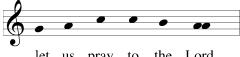




Lord, have mer - cy.



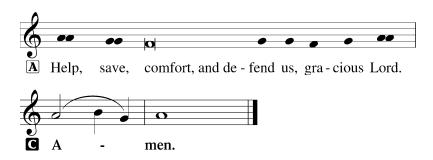
For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day





- P Let us pray.
- C O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Anthem: God So Loved the World

Roger T. Petrich (1938-2022)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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

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When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
  I will rescue him and | honor him.
Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
  the Most High, who is my | refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
  no plague come | near your tent.
For he will command his angels con- cerning you*
  to guard you in | all your ways.
On their hands they will | bear you up,*
  lest you strike your foot a- gainst a stone.
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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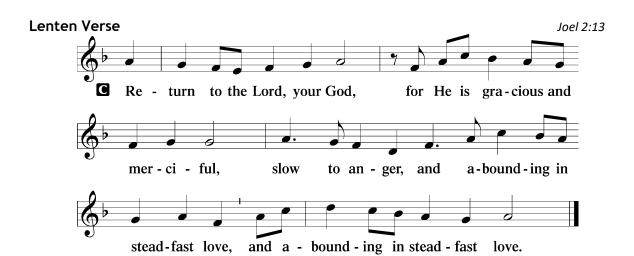
Epistle James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel Mark 1:9–15

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



⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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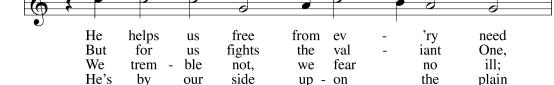
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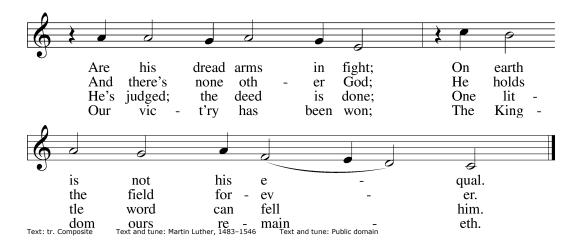
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Sermon

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.

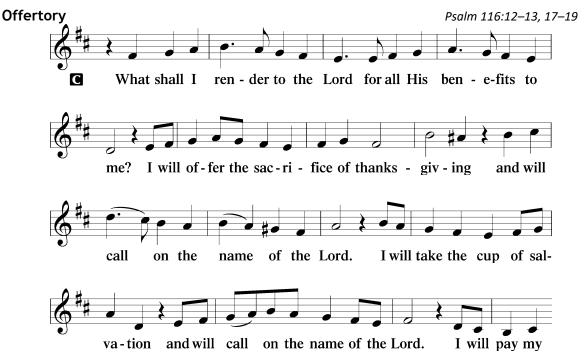
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

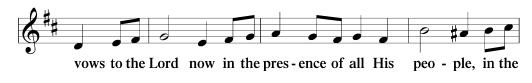
Prayer of the Church

Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically via this QR code or through our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/donation. If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)

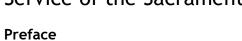








Service of the Sacrament

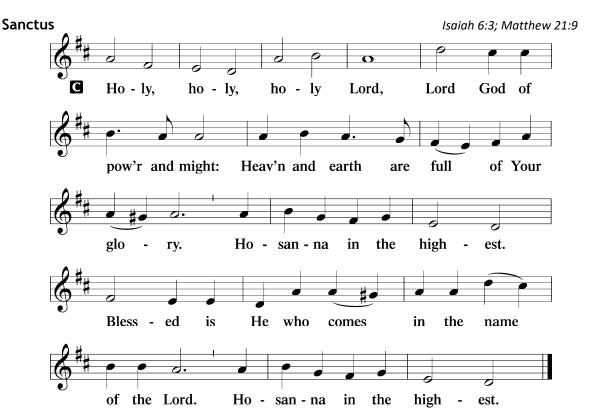


2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



Proper Preface

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



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:

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.

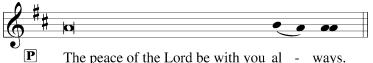
The Words of Our Lord

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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





Agnus Dei John 1:29 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 You take a - way the God, sin of the world;

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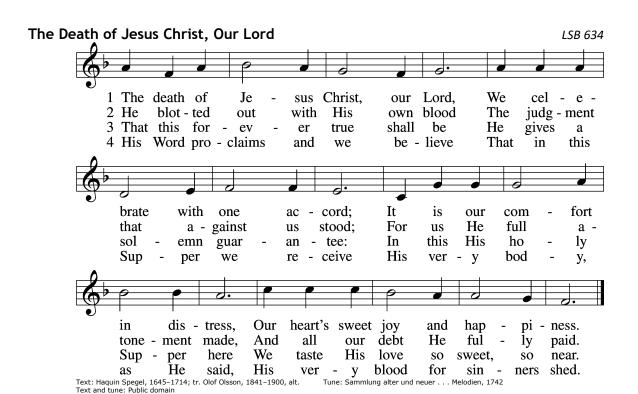
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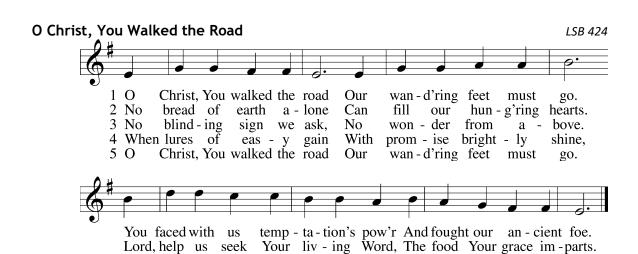
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Lord, help us place

Lord, help us seek

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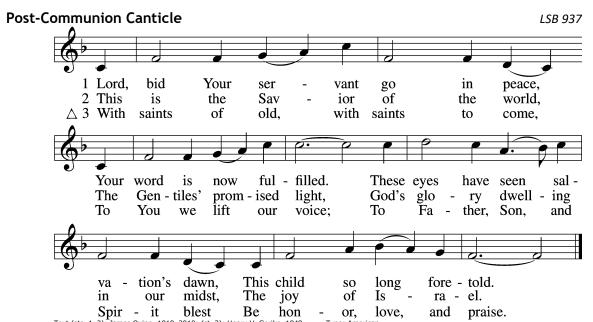
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Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight

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Stand

Post-Communion Blessing



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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray....



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Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

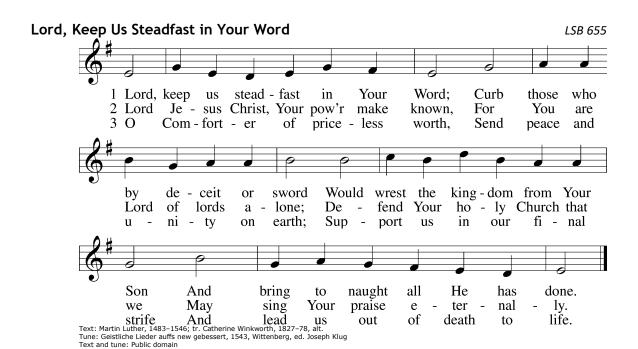


The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





Dismissal

Postlude: Christ, the Life of All the Living

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Norm Giguere (recovering from heart attack)

Pat Chinn (cancer, awaiting treatment)

Doris Schascheck (thanksgiving she is home from rehab, continued recovery at home)

Merilyn Blomster (recovering)

Laurie Dungey (concussion)

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

Patty Pashak, cousin of Jeff Piegols (hospice care, cancer) 2/18

Fred Piegols, father of Jeff (recovering from vascular surgery) 2/11

Donnie Andrus, stepson of Bruce Staudinger (terminal cancer) 2/11

Pam Andrus, daughter-in-law of Donnie (lupus) 2/11

Sara Johns, friend of Erin Fields (diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, rushed to treatment in TX)

Brian Willberger, friend of Carolyn Louden (liver) 1/28

Tya, St. Paul School lunch delivery lady (heart attack) 1/28

Michael Murphy, friend of the Borths (bone cancer) 1/21

Nick Mantzourin, friend of Carolyn Louden (recovering from heart valve replacement surgery)

Chaplain Eric Malmstrom, friend of the Jaegers 1/21

Sandy Miller, friend of the Kynes (breast cancer) 2/11

Elsie Cox, friend of the Kynes (congestive heart failure) 2/11

Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (cancer, recovering from radiation therapy) 1/21

Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 1/21

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 tess.bagale@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

Flowers today are given by Linda Klingmeyer in In memory of Richard Klingmeyer, her late husband.

Women's Center West

In support of life, during the month of February we will gather \$25 WalMart gift cards for Women's Center West, a local crisis pregnancy center here in Catonsville.



"A Ransom For Many"

is the theme for our Lenten services this year. We will meditate on the story of Christ's suffering and death as told in the Gospel of Mark, chapters 14-15. Services will be on Wednesdays, February 21st through March 20th at 11 am and 7 pm.

Red Letter Challenge

Still time to join us during adult Bible study for the Red Letter Challenge, a 40-day discipleship challenge that explores five principles of Christian discipleship.

Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the March Newsletter are due TOMORROW, February 19th.

Mission Trip 2024

We will begin discussions about a mission trip in 2024 on Tuesday, March 5th at 7 pm in the media center. Our last two trips have been very successful and rewarding. We hope to continue that tradition this year. We will discuss where, when, who and what kind of trip we would like to take. All are welcome. Bring your opinions, suggestions, calendars and enthusiasm.

Lenten Devotions Available in the Narthex

Be Gracious to Me daily devotions uses themes from Psalm 41 to help you consider your troubles and blessings in the context of Christ's life on earth.

Mark Your Calendars!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place here at St Paul on Saturday, March 30th, 10am - Noon. Spread the news to family and friends. More information to come!

Concordia University Nebraska Choir Concert

Join us for a captivating performance by Concordia University Nebraska's A Cappella Choir at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 7th. This distinguished choir is one of the United States' oldest touring Lutheran collegiate choirs. The Concordia Prep Upper School Choir will open the evening and will perform with the A Capella Choir.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
Reader	JB Jaeger	Suzanne Giguere
Usher	Bruce Staudinger	Jim Kyne
Usher	Paul Lubell	Jeffrey Hemmeter
Greeter	Dave Carnes	Pat Wesselman
Acolyte	Michael Hemmeter	Elle Nelson

Daily Readings: *Feb 18*: Gen 4:1–26, Mark 2:18–28; *Feb 19*: Gen 6:1–7:5, Mark 3:1–19; *Feb 20*: Gen 7:11–8:12, Mark 3:20–35; *Feb 21*: Gen 8:13–9:17, Mark 4:1–20; *Feb 22*: Gen 11:27–12:20, Mark 4:21–41; *Feb 23*: Gen 13:1–18, Mark 5:1–20; *Feb 24*: Gen 15:1–21, Mark 5:21–43.



Sermon Notes

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