

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 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.)

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

Prelude: *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ:* BWV 639: I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, I pray, hear my lamentation,
bestow Your grace on me at this time, do not let me despair;
True faith in Thee, O Lord, I seek, O make me now and wholly
Love Thee solely, my neighbor hold as self, And keep Thy word ever holy.*

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

D 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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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 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.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

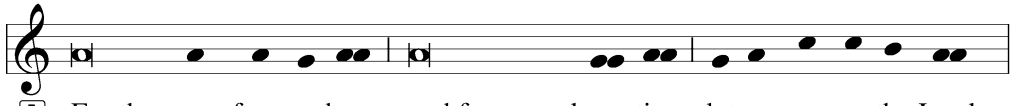
Mark 10:47



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.



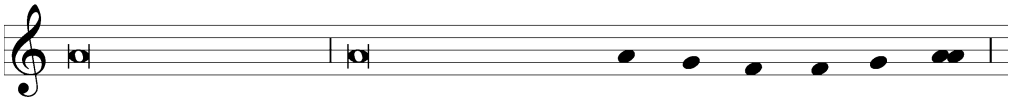
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



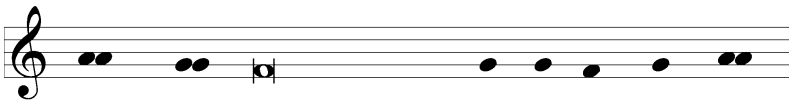
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



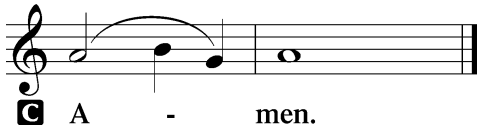
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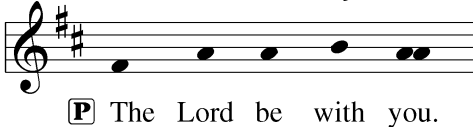


A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Anthem: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Arranged by Gary A. Guth

Bagpipes, Jay Barringer

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.”

⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that

many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm (*chanted responsively*)

Psalm 107:1–2, 6–9; antiphon: v. 6

⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

²Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,*
whom he has redeemed from | trouble

⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.

⁷He led them by a | straight way*
till they reached a city to | dwell in.

⁸Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

⁹For he satisfies the | longing soul,*
and the hungry soul he fills | with good things.

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.

⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Lenten Verse

Joel 2:13

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in

stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

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



¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

In Christ Alone

OAR 241





light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ-teous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
day Up from the grave He rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er

stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is
pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me

all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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 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.)



Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the

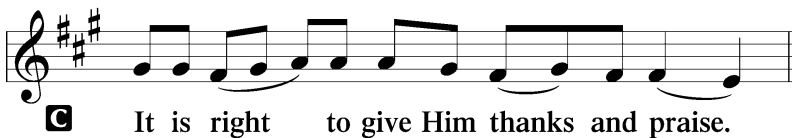
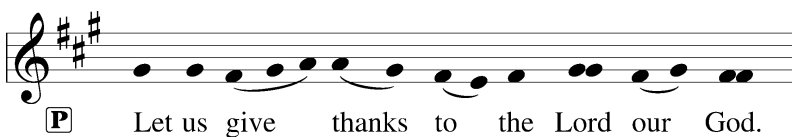
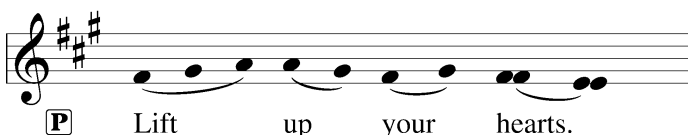


courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

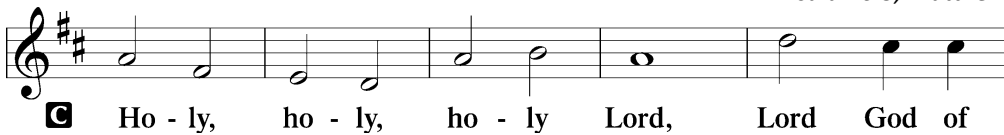


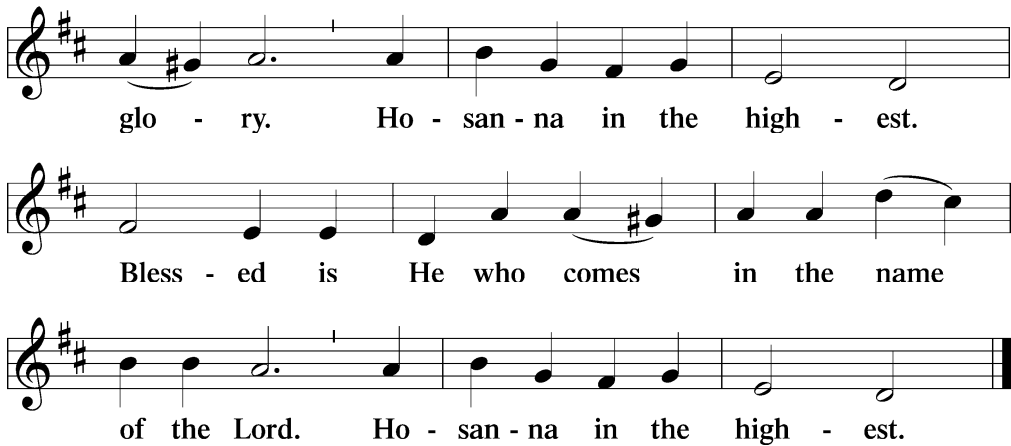
Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





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.

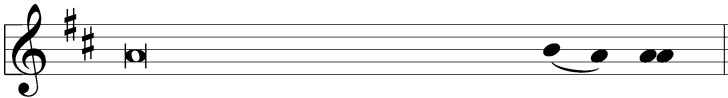
The Words of Our Lord

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



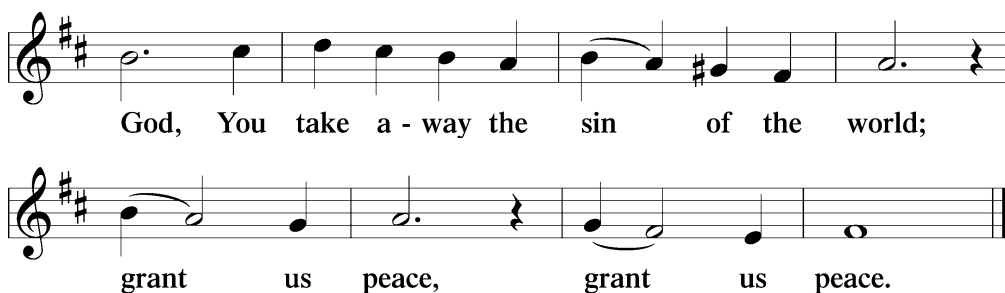
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of




Sit



Amazing Grace

LSB 744

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 702



- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt.

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Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

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Stand

Post-Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis - Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

LSB 937

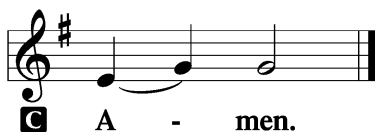


1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and
va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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Post-Communion Collect

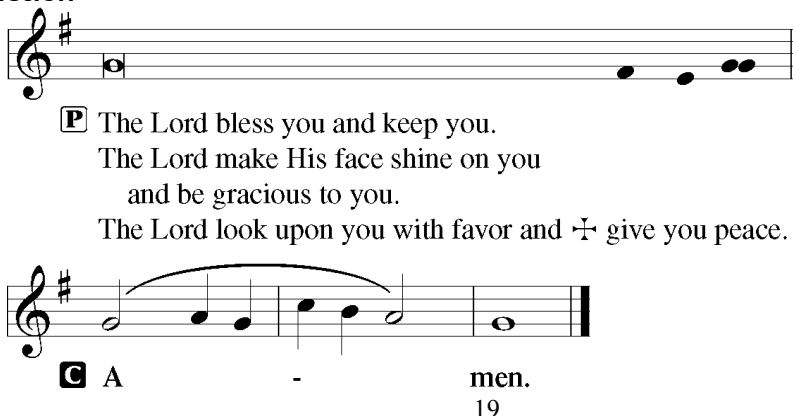
A Let us pray. . . .



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.

When I Behold Jesus Christ

LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



Refrain
 What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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Dismissal

Postlude: Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Gerald Near (b. 1942)



Emergency Supplies

Did you know that St. Paul has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) available in case of medical emergencies? No special training is needed, it talks you through what you need to do. It is located on top of the coat rack across from the Women's Restroom along with a First Aid Kit.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week	Next week
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
Reader	Karen Eichelman	Dasha Frech
Usher	Ben Haberl	Brian Erwin
Usher	Jim Baeder	Jay Barringer
Greeter	Debbie Oldhouser	Karyn Borth
Acolyte	Charlotte McKay	Joshua Unglesbee

Daily Readings: **Mar 10:** Gen 41:28–57, Mark 11:20–33; **Mar 11:** Gen 42:1–34, 38, Mark 12:1–12; **Mar 12:** Gen 43:1–28, Mark 12:13–27; **Mar 13:** Gen 44:1–18, 32–34, Mark 12:28–44; **Mar 14:** Gen 45:1–20, 24–28, Mark 13:1–23; **Mar 15:** Gen 47:1–31, Mark 13:24–37; **Mar 16:** Gen 49:29–50:7, 14–26, Mark 14:1–11

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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers today are given by John & Karyn Borth in memory of Ed Borth.

Easter Lilies: ORDERS DUE TODAY!!



Welcome Linda!

Linda Jones begins as church Administrative Assistant this week! Her hours should be similar to what Dana's hours were: working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and an occasional Friday. Reach Linda at Linda.Jones@splscatonsville.org. Please begin now to send bulletin News & Notes, newsletter articles, and other office concerns to Linda.

Food Drive for Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA)

During March the St. Paul community (church and school) is collecting nonperishable food items for CEA, a local organization that serves greater Catonsville residents with emergency food and utility turn-off intervention. Lists of food accepted are in the newsletter and on the donation table across from the Women's Restroom. They have current urgent needs for: Jelly, Dry Soup, Rice, Baking Mixes, Oatmeal, Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Pasta/Rice Side Dishes.

Maundy Thursday Help

There will be a quick meeting TODAY after church for those interested in participating in the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday. Couples are welcome!

Adult Education, Sunday Mornings in April

April 7 – “Ask the Pastor (Almost) Anything” – Bring your questions for Pastor Alms. Theology, Bible, church, worship, etc. *_Almost_* anything!

April 14 -- "Dana and Stan Missionary Presentation"

April 21 through May 26th -- "Christian Perspectives on War" -- led by Bill Oldhouser -- Learn and discuss what a Christian perspective on war is. How has the church dealt with military conflicts between nations? Is it proper for Christians to fight as soldiers? What is just war? What is pacifism? We will consider these and other questions.

April 21 through May 26: *"Meant for Good – A Study of Joseph"* Women's Bible study resumes.

"A Ransom For Many"

is the theme for our Lenten services this year. We are meditating on the story of Christ's suffering and death as told in the Gospel of Mark, chapters 14-15. Join us Wednesday, at 11 am or 7 pm.

Special Mission Presentation

On April 14th during the Bible Study Hour, Sunday morning at 8:45, missionaries Stan and Dana Stigdon will be giving us an overview of LCMS Missions around the world and specifically a presentation on the work of the Lord happening in the Latin America and Caribbean Region. They will share about their call to serve as LCMS missionaries in the Dominican Republic.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30, from 10am - Noon. Children and their families will hear the Easter Gospel at three 'Resurrection Egg Trunks', and then the children will hunt for candy-filled eggs and prizes. Volunteers are needed! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board with many opportunities to participate. The Easter Egg Hunt *candy collection bin* is now in the foyer. We need to fill 2,000 eggs! Your donations are much appreciated. Contact Karyn Borth for more information.

VBS

Join the St. Paul VBS team as we get ready to scuba dive into friendship with God this summer, June 24th - 28th from 9am to 12pm. Your help and support are needed with this exciting experience to help kids praise God and learn about the fin-tastic things He does. If you are willing and able to serve this year please follow the QR code to fill out Volunteer Registration or call Kirsten Hall.



Lutheran Books and Beer

Meeting for March is Thursday _the 21st_ at 7 p.m. at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. Our normal 4th Thursday is Maundy Thursday so we are meeting one week early. We will tackle Chapter 8 of our book *I Am Not Afraid*, dealing with exorcism and Satan and demons in the Gospels.

GENEROSITY NOTES: The key generosity insight of the Christian life: Everything we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. It comes to us by God's fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God's purposes. My possessions and relationships and potential should be directed and lived according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. No matter the gift, all has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His open-handed generosity. (From: lcms.org)

Let's Take a Trip!

Plans are underway for a congregation trip to visit the Bible Museum in Washington, DC on Sat, April 20th. Save the date and stay tuned for more info to come!

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Norm Giguere (recovering from heart attack)
Pat Chinn (cancer, began chemo this week)
Doris Schascheck (thanksgiving and continued recovery)
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

Infant cousin of John & Karyn Borth (tremors and high fever) 3/10
Billie Jean, friend of Rich and Sally Foks (recovering from surgery) 3/10
Erica Payne, daughter-in-law of Ruth Payne (recovering from surgery) 3/3
Bille Schrott, friend of the Kynes (hospitalized) 3/3
Joe Byer, future father-in-law of Rachel Krakat (healing after car accident) 2/25
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)
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) 2/21
Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 2/21

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 linda.jones@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.