

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville

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The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 16, 2024



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



Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! Thanks for joining us in worship this morning.

Children's bulletins are available in the narthex.

Children's church bags with soft activity books, quiet toys and other "surprises" are available in the narthex.

Children's Nursery Area is available downstairs in the Parish Hall. The service streams on the monitor and there is a soft rug, chairs, books and toys available. Turn right out of the sanctuary and down the stairs.

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

For Those Who Desire to Receive the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

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Prelude: We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

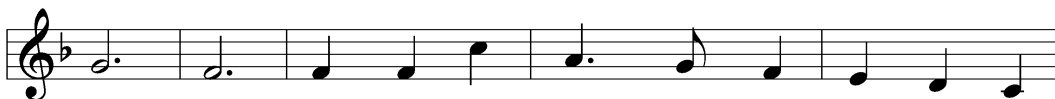
Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneuereten Gesang-Buchs, 1665, Stralsund
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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



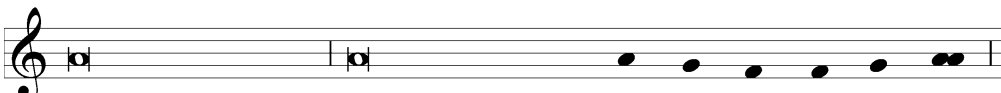
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



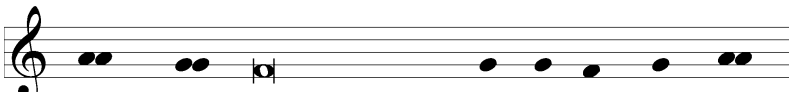
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.



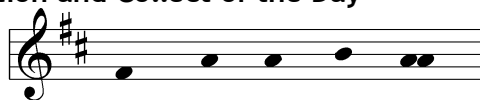
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (spoken responsively)

Psalms 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1–10

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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

Mark 4:26–34

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.
²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.
²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.
²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.
³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

LSB 577



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cavood, 1775–1852, alt.
Tune: The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1562, London
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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

LSB 955



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our

cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-80
 Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010
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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 al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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

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

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

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



Sit

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
 2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
 3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
 4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
 For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy, Trust - ing now.
 Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
 Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
 Thine can never fail.
 Words which Thou Thyself
 shalt give me must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall.
 I am trusting Thee forever
 And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79 Tune: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77 Text and tune: Public domain



O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - sing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-67; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Musae Sioniae, 1609, vol. 7, Wolfenbüttel, ed. Michael Praetorius
 Text and tune: Public domain

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783



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



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

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

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

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870 Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -

es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.
Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89
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Dismissal

Postlude:

My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker
and
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Johann Christoph Bach
(1642-1703)



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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers today are given by The Women's Guild. Thank you!

Thanks to Pastor Foelber

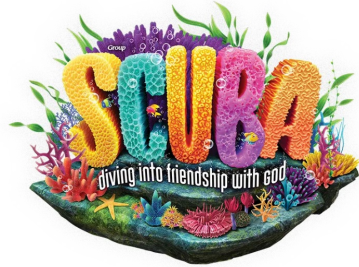
Thank you for serving God's people this morning at St. Paul!

Pastor Alms is Out of Town This Weekend

He will return to the office on Tuesday June 18th.

Scuba VBS

Thank you for the support and donations from the congregation! As we get ready to dive into VBS on June 24th, please pray for all involved. Pray for the church that we can be a good influence on the community to share God's love. Pray for the families and kids that they can grow their relationship with God. Pray for the volunteers that they will be filled with love and patience.



Sunday Adult Education This Summer

We will have various teachers, various topics all summer long. Stop in for the ones that interest you or better yet come every week!

Coming soon: June 23 and 30: "The Parables of Jesus" – Kevin Dungey

Lutheran Books and Beer

We will meet June 27th at 7 P.M. at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. We will continue to discuss *Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America* by Robert H Bennett.

Serving at St. Paul

	This Week 16th	Next week 23th
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
Reader	JB Jaeger	Suzanne Giguere
Usher	Greg McDonald	Bruce Staudinger
Usher	Jeffrey Hemmeter	Paul Lubell
Greeter	Doris Schascheck	Sari Nguyen
Acolyte	Charlotte McKay	Danny McKay

Daily Readings

June 16	Prov 16:1–24, John 16:1–16
June 17	Prov 17:1–28, John 16:17–33
June 18	Prov 20:5–25, John 17:1–26
June 19	Prov 22:1–21, John 18:1–14
June 20	Prov 22:22–23:12, John 18:15–40
June 21	Prov 24:1–22, John 19:1–22
June 22	Prov 25:1–22, John 19:23–42

Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

Lindsey Gay (continuing treatment)
Norm Giguere (recovering from heart attack)
Marilyn Blomster (recovering)
Laurie Dungey (continued improvement)
David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Families of Steve Clark passed of pancreatic cancer (cousin of Karen Eichelman) 6/12
Donnie Andrus (Bruce Staudinger's stepson terminal cancer) 6/12
Mary Hostetter, recovering from surgery (mother of Renata O'Reilly) 4/28
Rosalee Crouse, successful recovery from brain surgery (grand-daughter of Linda Cook) 6/4
Eero Haasmaa, recovering from eye surgery (Sari Nguyen's Dad) 5/19
Phillip Heinrich, recently diagnosed with cancer (grandson of Linda Klingmeyer)
Jim Vandetta, praying that cancer may go into remission (friend of Paul Lubell) 4/21

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email pastorals@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.



Sermon Notes

EZEKIEL 17: 23



IN the SHADE
of its
BRANCHES
BIRDS of
EVERY
SORT WILL
NEST