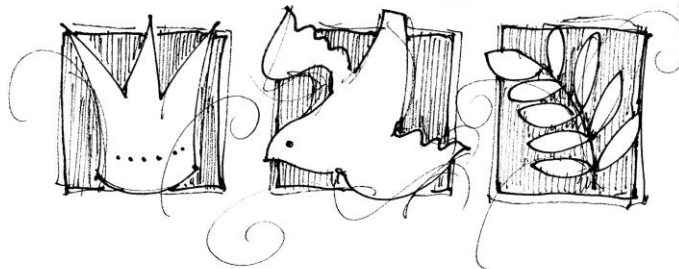


# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville

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WONDERFUL  
COUNSELOR  
MIGHTY GOD  
EVERLASTING  
FATHER  
PRINCE of  
PEACE



**Second Sunday in Advent  
December 8, 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 go 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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## Second Sunday in Advent December 8, 2024

Prelude: *Joseph, lieber Joseph mein: Joseph, my dear Joseph*  
tune: *Resonet in laudibus*

Gustav Beckmann  
(1965-1939)

**Stand**

**Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

LSB 616



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y  
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing  
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy  
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him  
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can  
speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now  
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.  
stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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## Confession and Absolution

**Invocation**

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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.**

## 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

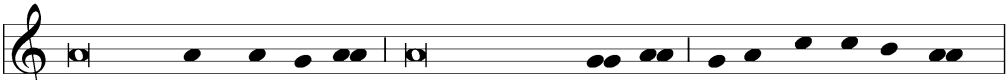
*Mark 10:47*



**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.



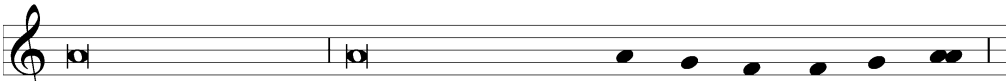
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



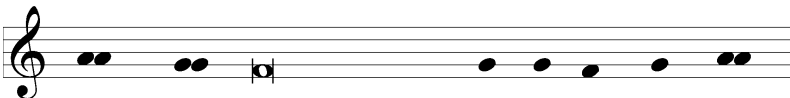
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



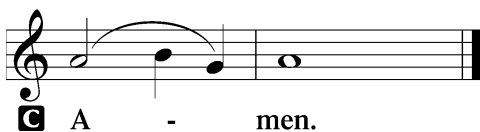
let us pray to the Lord.



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



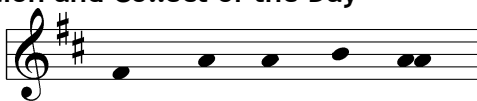
**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise Omitted During the Season of Advent

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

*Anthem:*

*Kind Joseph*

*K. Lee Scott  
(b. 1950)*

Kind Joseph was a good man who lived in Galilee;  
he had promised to marry Mary; his wife she was to be.  
Before they came together she was found to be with child:  
a most gentle holy baby, our Savior, sweet and mild.

As Joseph thought things over, an angel to him said in a dream while he lay sleeping,  
an angel of the Lord: "Fear not to marry Mary; her blest child will be a Son;  
He is from the Holy Spirit the Ever blessed One."

"You shall call his name, 'Jesus', our Savior and our friend;

this child will save his people  
From their sorrow and their sin.” This fulfills the ancient promise:  
God comes down with us to dwell; a Son to us is given,  
the Lord, Immanuel, our Lord, Immanuel.

## Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”**

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!\*

**O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.\*

**Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.**

But my people did not listen | to my voice;\*

**Israel would not sub- | mit to me.**

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,\*

**that Israel would walk | in my ways!**

**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.

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*  
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

## Epistle

*Philippians 1:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a C-clef and a common time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), B5 (quarter), C6 (quarter). The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a C-clef and a common time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), B5 (quarter), C6 (quarter). The lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:1–14*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Sit

## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## Sermon

### 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  $\dagger$  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](http://stpaulcatonsville.org/donation). If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)*



### Offertory

*Psalm 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]*



**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



### 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.**

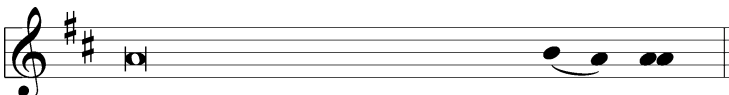
## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



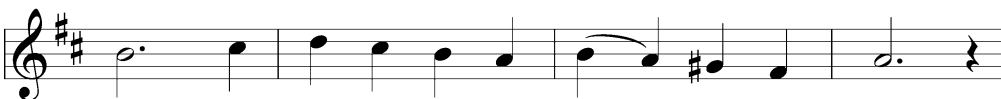
**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



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



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



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

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346

1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion,  
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans - gres - sion,  
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.  
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.  
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.  
 The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,  
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,  
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
 He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:  
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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## What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;  
 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,  
 3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,  
 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
 A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
 That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
 Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Stand

# 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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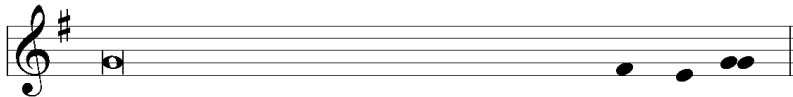
**A** Let us pray...



**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 Text and tune: Public domain

## Postlude:

## Prepare the Royal Highway

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)



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# News & Notes

## **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given by Robin and Kevin Dungey in celebration of our granddaughter, Carson Ryman's 15th Birthday.

## **Advent Midweek Worship: The Songs of Luke**

We will meditate on and sing the songs (canticles) we find in the opening chapters of the Gospel of Luke surrounding and celebrating the birth of Christ. Services are December 11th and 18th at 11 am and 7 p.m.

The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)

The Song of Mary (Magnificat)

The Song of the Angels (Gloria)

## **Sunday School**

Is offered every Sunday morning at 8:45 am for kids, nursery through high school.

## **Women's Bible Study Continues Sunday Mornings**

Michelle Johnson will be leading a 6-week study on the book of Ruth on Sundays at 8:45 am.

## **Bible Study on The Chosen Continues**

Explore the life of Jesus and the 1st-century disciples through the television series The Chosen. Each week, watch one episode on your own click on the following link for all information and to links the videos: <https://bit.ly/3TLupnx>.

## **Voters Meeting**

Today following Worship. The meeting is to complete nominations for the SED\_LCMS convention next May. Information is in the Narthex.

## **St. Thomas Food Bags—Today is the Last Day**

Here are the needed items. 1 box stuffing/1 box instant potatoes/2 cans corn/2 cans green beans or peas/1 box dessert (cake mix, brownies, if cake frosting)/1 can or jar gravy/1 jar peanut butter 1 jar jelly.

## **St. Paul Early Childhood Center is Hiring**

1. We are hiring a lead teacher for our Toddler Room. This is a full-time position with current hours of 8:15 to 5:15. This position is school-year-based and runs from August to June. Summer hours are available at our summer camp.

2. We're also looking for aides to support in the classrooms. These part-time and full-time positions can be school-year-based or for 12 months. training, including First Aide, Basic Health

Call our ECC director, Miss Ama, or Principal Alms today to join us!  
(420) 747-1924 or email @ [suzanne.alms@splscatonville.org](mailto:suzanne.alms@splscatonville.org)

### **Mission Trip 2025**

Have you ever thought about being a part of a mission trip? The St. Paul mission trips? We will have a meeting for those who are interested or want to learn more on Tuesday, January 7th at 7 p.m. For more information: contact Roy or Heather Krakat.

### **Pick up a Christmas Postcard...**

...to invite someone to worship at St. Paul this Christmas season. Available in the Narthex.

### **Kids Christmas Morning is this Saturday! 12/14**

Help is still needed-

Please consider volunteering for clean up, 11:30 - Noon. Most help is needed in the FH where the gingerbread houses are made. Santa says he just might share some cookies with our helpers!

### **Milk or Juice Cartons Needed -**

Please keep them coming! Wash them out with hot soapy water and air dry. The lids are not needed. Drop them off in the foyer candy bin.

### **Candy Donations Needed!**

Please take a list from the donation bin in the foyer and drop off your donation any time. Specific candies include: Gum drops (lrg & sm), Sweet Tarts, Licorice, Twizzler Bites, Lifesavers, Smarties, Tootsie Rolls (sm), Skittles, M&Ms, Jolly Ranchers, Marshmallows (lrg & sm), and pretzel sticks.

### **Fellowship Hour Volunteers**

Help with Fellowship Hour throughout December and January. Signup on the bulletin board.

### **Mission Brunch is January 26th**

We will meet and eat and have fun! Our guests will be representatives from Orphan Grain Train who will speak about the mission work OGT does. Brunch follows worship in the Parish Hall.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to fold and staple our weekly/holiday bulletins. Please email [linda.jones@splscatonville.org](mailto:linda.jones@splscatonville.org) or talk to Pastor Greg if you can help. Help is especially needed during December.

## December Events at St. Paul Lutheran

Advent Midweek Services, December 11th and 18th at 11 am and 7 pm.  
 Kids Christmas Morning, December 14th, 9 and 10 am  
 Ladies Guild Cookie Walk December 15th (following worship)  
 Elementary School Christmas Program, December 19th , 11am and 6 pm  
 Early Childhood Center Christmas Program, December 20th , 9:30 am  
 Christmas Eve Family Service: 7 PM  
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 10 PM (Communion)  
 Christmas Day Lessons & Carols: 10 AM (Communion)

### Daily Readings

Dec 08, 2024      Is 24:14—25:12, 1 John 2:15–29  
 Dec 09, 2024      Is 26:1–19, 1 John 3:1–24  
 Dec 10, 2024      Is 26:20—27:13, 1 John 4:1–21  
 Dec 11, 2024      Is 28:14–29, 1 John 5:1–21  
 Dec 12, 2024      Is 29:1–14, Jude 1–25  
 Dec 13, 2024      Is 29:15—30:14, Rev 1:1–19  
 Dec 14, 2024      Is 30:15–26, Rev 2:1–29

### Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Next week 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
<b>Reader</b>	Michelle Johnson	JB Jaeger
<b>Usher</b>	Jim Kyne	Roy Krakat
<b>Usher</b>	David Nguyen	Ed Kester
<b>Greeter</b>	David Carnes	Bruce Staudinger



### **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Sari Nguyen (recovering from eye surgery)  
Janice Gay (treatment for A-fib)  
Lindsey Gay (continuing treatment)  
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)  
Laurie Dungey (continued improvement)  
David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery)  
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)  
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)

### **SHUT-INS**

Betty Blackburn, Dorothy Shifflett and Janet Conklin.

### **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Charlie Acaron, shoulder surgery (friend of Diane Jaeger's)  
Keith Alcorn, surgery for cancer and a blood clot (nephew of Ruth Payne)  
Eine Haasmaa had a bad fall at home (Mom of Sari Nguyen) 8/13  
Marlene for cancer and spiritual healing (friend of Sari Nguyen) 8/13  
Wendi, breast cancer (friend of the Kynes) 7/31  
Tamara, continuing prayer for health (friend of Sari Nguyen) 7/30  
Garrette Porter, in hospice (friend of Bruce Staudinger) 7/21  
Donnie Andrus (Bruce Staudinger's stepson, terminal cancer) 6/12

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 [linda.jones@splscatonsville.org](mailto: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.

