

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville

HE IS LIGHT
the
that will
shine upon
the nations
L U K E 2 : 3 2

First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 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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Prelude:

My Lord, What a Morning: *Burleigh*
African American Spiritual

Richard Billingham
(b. 1934)

Stand

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (sts. 1, ref. 2-4): James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt.
 Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79
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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C

A - - - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting on a G4 note, moving to A4, then B4, and ending on A4. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords. The lyrics 'A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff.

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Kneel/Sit

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C

B^{\flat} : Who made heaven and earth.

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P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C

B^{\flat} : And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

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P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter

sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Stand

Service of the Word

Introit (chanted responsively)

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

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 LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Gloria Patri




C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;




as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47




C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



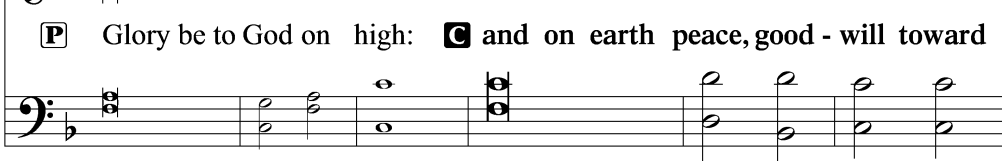
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



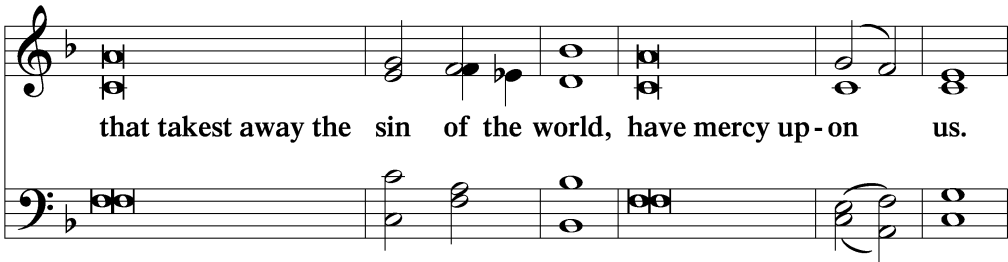
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

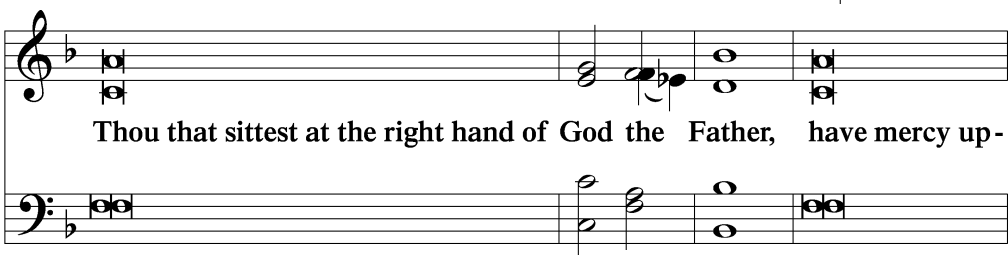
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



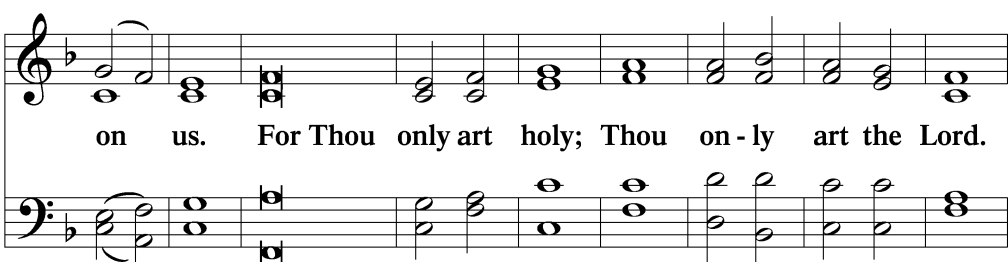
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



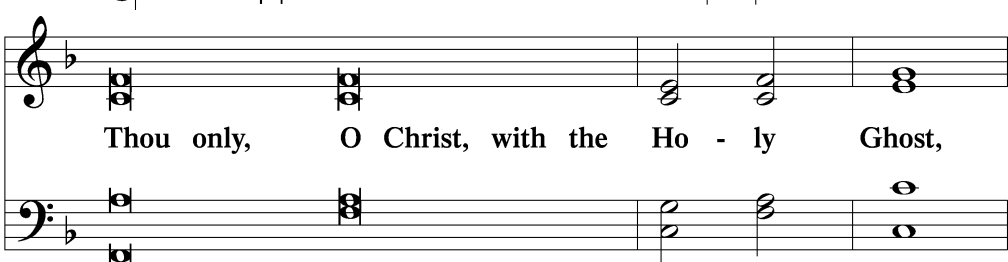
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



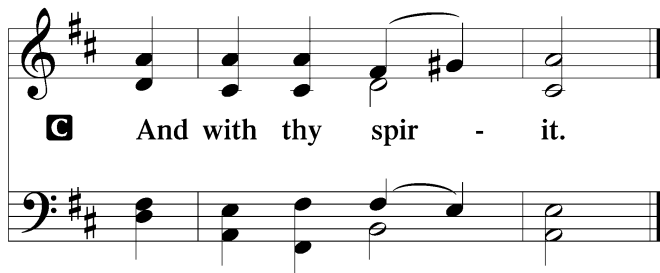
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



By: A - - - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (spoken responsively)

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*

and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*

Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a | new song,*

for he has done | marvelous things!

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

The Triple Hallelujah

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is written on the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical notation is on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat. It consists of a simple melody of eight notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, and F4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit



Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:
 How great a mystery!
 How strong the tender Christ
 Child's love!
 No truer friend than He,
 No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door
 To blessèd paradise;
 The angel bars the way no
 more.
 To God our praises rise,
 To God our praises rise.

Text (sts. 1, 3-7): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913-2001; (st. 2): tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. Text and tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561
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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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 51:10-12

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the first part of the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The piano introduction (P) is followed by a choir response (C) with the lyrics "And with thy spir - it." The piano part features chords and moving lines in both hands, while the choir part has a simple melody.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the second part of the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The piano introduction (P) is followed by a choir response (C) with the lyrics "We lift them up un - to the Lord." The piano part features chords and moving lines in both hands, while the choir part has a simple melody.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Musical notation for the third part of the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The piano introduction (P) is followed by a choir response (C) with the lyrics "It is meet and right so to do." The piano part features chords and moving lines in both hands, while the choir part has a simple melody.

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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 *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- 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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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

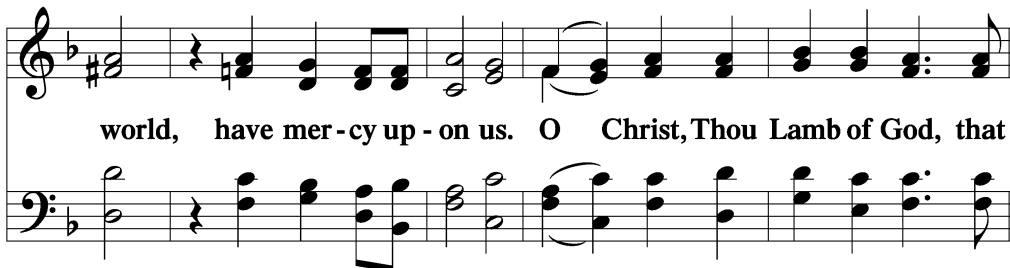
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



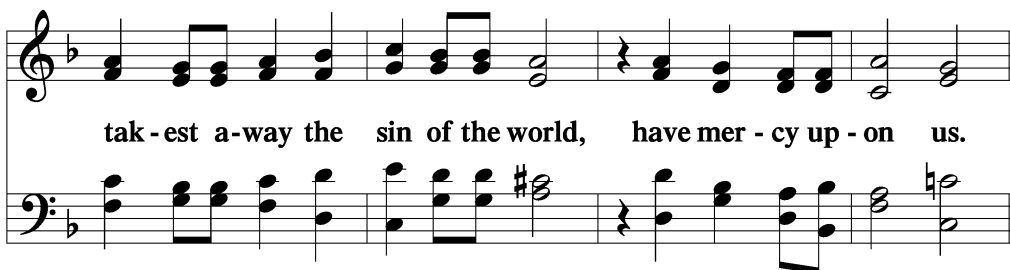
The musical notation for "Pax Domini" is presented in two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics "A - - - men." are placed below the notes. A common time signature (C) is indicated at the beginning of the first staff.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. **O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

LSB 374

1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859–1933 Tune: Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae, 1582, GriefswaldText and tune: Public domain

Away in a Manger

LSB 364



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Text (sts. 1-2): Little Children's Book, 1885, Philadelphia; (st. 3): Vineyard Songs, 1892, Louisville, alt. Tune: James R. Murray, 1841-1905 Text and tune: Public domain

What Child Is This

LSB 370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



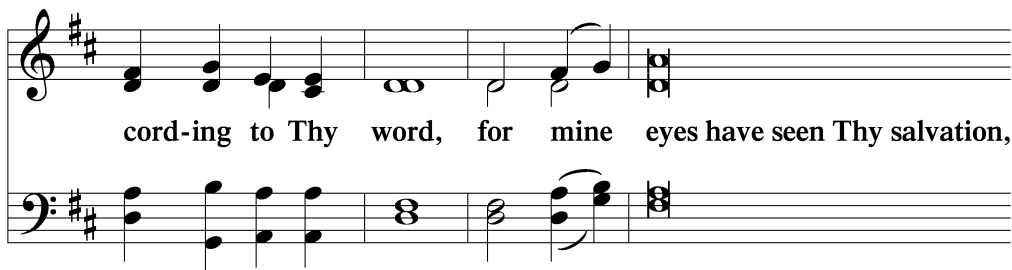
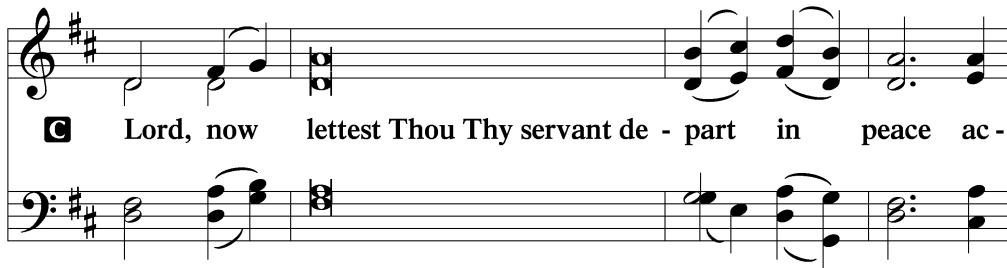
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98 Tune: English, 16th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The treble staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note C4. The lyrics 'and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.' are written below the notes.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. . . .

C A - men.

The musical score consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The treble staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note C4. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the notes.

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

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Psalm 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.

Musical notation for the hymn 'Bless we the Lord'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' are written below the bass staff.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Musical notation for the Benediction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the bass staff.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

See amid the Winter's Snow

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Musical notation for the hymn 'See amid the Winter's Snow'. It consists of a single treble clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef.

1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,
4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,

Musical notation for the hymn 'See amid the Winter's Snow'. It consists of a single treble clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef.

See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!
Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.



Hail, O ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

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Postlude:

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

**David N. Johnson
(1922-1987)**



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News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by The Women's Guild to the Glory of God.

Sunday School

No Children's Sunday school today. Children's Sunday School will resume on January 5th.

Upcoming Sunday Morning Bible Class Information:

1. On January 5th, Dana Stigdon will be with us to give us a report on LCMS missionary work in the Dominican Republic and South America.
2. "Judges, Kings and Prophets" is the new Bible class led by Pastor Alms beginning on January 12th. We will learn of Othniel, Ehud, Jeroboam, Jezebel, Manasseh and many more.

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.

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.

Offering Envelopes

Please check in the Narthex for your 2025 Offering Envelopes.

Flower Chart for 2025

A new flower chart is available on the bulletin board. Sign up to dedicate altar flowers. Envelopes are available for your convenience.

Fellowship Hour Volunteers

Help with Fellowship Hour throughout January. Sign-up on the bulletin board.

Newsletter Deadline

We need your Newsletter articles by tomorrow, December 30th. Newsletter will be posted Jan. 3rd, 2025.

Sunday Sermons in Text Format Available

Have you wondered what the subject or other items in a sermon were? Do you want to read the sermon again? Ed Cohen transcribes Pastor Alms' weekly sermon into a Word document. If you want to receive the sermons, email Ed with your email address.

Year End Giving Opportunities

The tax year ends on December 31st. If you wish to give offerings to St. Paul that will be reflected on your year-end giving statement, here are your remaining opportunities:

1. Offering envelopes given at this service today.
2. Send a check via the US mail to St. Paul Lutheran 2001 Old Frederick Rd. Catonsville 21228. Must be postmarked by December 31st.
3. Electronic giving: You may also give electronically by December 31st through our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/donation. You may also send an electronic offering via text: text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.

Daily Readings

Dec 29, 2024	Is 55:1–13, Luke 1:1–2
Dec 30, 2024	Is 58:1–59:3, 14–21, Luke 1:26–38
Dec 31, 2024	Is 60:1–22, Luke 1:39–56
Jan 01, 2025	Is 61:1–11, Luke 1:57–80
Jan 02, 2025	Is 62:1–12, Luke 2:1–20
Jan 03, 2025	Is 63:1–14, Luke 2:21–40
Jan 04, 2025	Is 63:15–65:2, Luke 2:41

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 29th	Next week 5th
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Steve Haar
Reader	Karyn Borth	Jay Barringer
Usher	Kevin Dungey	TBD
Usher	Taylor Dungey	TBD
Greeter	Karyn Borth	Pat Wesselman



CHURCH MEMBERS

Tommy Stigdon (recovering from shingles)
Debbie Frech scans coming up on 12/23 pray for a good outcome
Doris Schascheck (recovering from hospitalization)
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)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)

SHUT-INS

Betty Blackburn, Dorothy Shifflett and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Lavonne Grams has covid (mother of Dana Stigdon)
Eine Haasmaa had a 2nd fall at home (Mom of Sari Nguyen) 12/17
Donnie Andrus (Bruce Staudinger's stepson, terminal cancer)

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

