

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 23, 2025

# Welcome

If you are a guest 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:

Ah, Holy Jesus: *Herzliebster Jesu*

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

*Stand*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



*Refrain*  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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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** 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

## Service of the Word

Kyrie

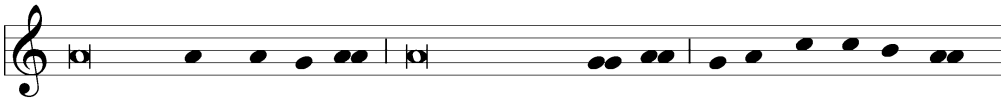
Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



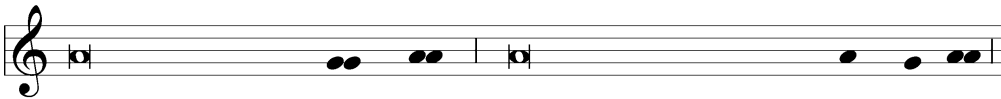
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



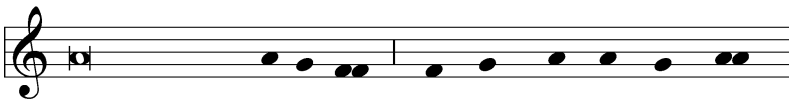
**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



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



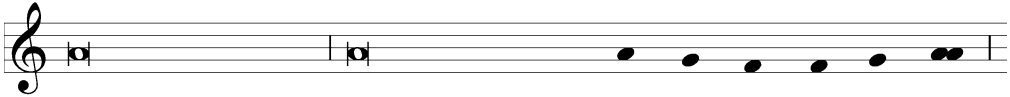
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



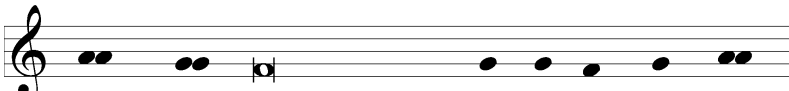
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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 is Omitted During Lent

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through

**Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



*Sit*

**Bell Choir:**

**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

**Arranged Jason Krug  
ASCAP**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 33:7–20*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 8*

<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
**and grant us your sal- | vation.**

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;\*  
**you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.**

<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your | people;\*  
**you covered | all their sin.**

<sup>3</sup>You withdrew | all your wrath;\*  
**you turned from your hot | anger.**

<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,\*  
**and put away your indignation | toward us!**

<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
**and grant us your sal- | vation.**

**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.**

<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
**and grant us your sal- | vation.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to

them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

### Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

*Joel 2:13*

**C** 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

*Luke 13:1-9*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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



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

*Sit*

# BLESSED to be a BLESSING

G E N E S I S 1 2 : 2

# Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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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  $\dagger$  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.




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




**P** Lift up your hearts.



**G** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**G** 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*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



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



### 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.

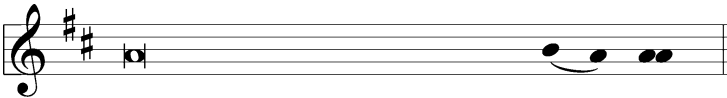
### The Words of Our Lord

**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

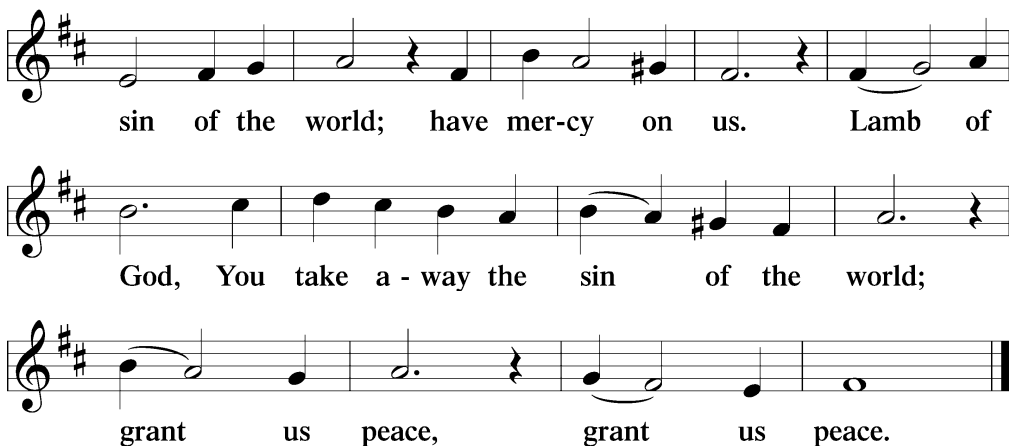
*John 1:29*



**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 mercy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

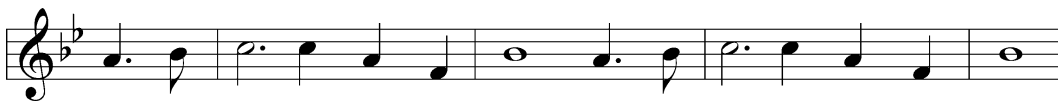
## Distribution

### Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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# Lamb of God

LSB 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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# Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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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.

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## Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

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 - tles' 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

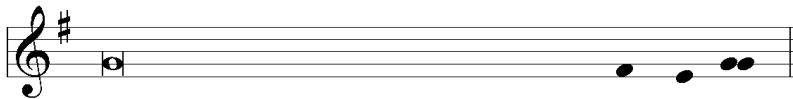
**A** Let us pray...



**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.

## Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609



5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let  
 6 Now my con - science is at peace; From the Law I  
 7 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Al - so I have



my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow  
 stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease  
 been for - giv - en; And when I this earth must leave,



By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I  
 And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my  
 I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to



now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 Him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756 Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt  
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They will  
be done

The text is written in a blue, cursive, handwritten font. The words 'They will' are on the top line, and 'be done' is on the bottom line. Three small, simple hearts are positioned above the word 'be', one above each letter.

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## News and Notes

### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given by Janice Gay, in loving memory of husband, John Gay. Thank you!

If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar for Easter, there are envelopes on the bulletin board.

### **Sunday School at 8:45 am on Sundays.**

Nursery through High school youth.

### **Youth Sunday Morning Bible Class - Miracles of Jesus**

Youth class is underway at 8:45am. See you there.

### **Lent is Here**

The Crucifixion of Jesus in the Old Testament: What does the story of Jonah teach us about the death of Jesus for us? How about Goliath or the sacrifice of Isaac? We will consider these stories and others in our Lent midweek worship series. Services will be March 12th through April 9th at 11am and 7 p.m.

### **Weekday Bible Study Gospel of John**

We will meet this Thursday in Pastor's office at 10 am and focus on John's Gospel. Join us!

### **American Home-Grown Religion: Adult Bible Class**

We will meet Sundays at 8:45 in the fellowship hall.

### **Abundant Life: New Women's Adult Bible Study**

We meet Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the conference room upstairs.

### **Portals of Prayer**

April-June Portals of Prayer devotions are available in the narthex.

### **Noah**

Only one ticket remaining. Sign up on the bulletin board. Alternates also excepted.

### **It's All About Grace:**

#### **Adult Catechism Class**

Are you interested in learning more about the Lutheran church? Want to know what the Scriptures teach, the basics of Christianity? Do you know of someone who might be interested? Pastor Alms leads this class on Luther's Small Catechism. Contact him to sign up or with any questions. We will meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.

## Newsletter articles

Newsletter articles are due on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Candy Donations

Candy donations are now being accepted for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. There is a bin in the foyer for your donations. Please select small size, individually wrapped candies to fit inside the eggs. And please consider helping this year! Sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the bulletin board. Join in the fun Saturday, April 19th, 10:00 till Noon.



## VBS Volunteers

Join us at True North VBS as we learn to trust Jesus in this wild world! Amazing experiments, Creative games, Super-fun snacks, surprising adventures, Incredible music: Dates: June 23rd-27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in serving/volunteering or know someone who is contact Kirsten Hall

at [kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org](mailto:kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org) We need a lot of volunteers and there are many different opportunities to help with the activities and kids.

## THIS JUST IN! A FEAST FOR A CAUSE

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.  
St Paul Lutheran Church  
31 Rowe Blvd, Annapolis, MD 21401

Please join us for an evening of food & wine prepared by Chef Lily Sutch, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. Lily will prepare the meal alongside Chef Rob Jaseph.

For Tickets see  
Irene Giguere

Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased at least one week before the event.  
There will be a freewill offering for Lutheran Mission Society at the dinner.

## Bring Flowers for the Easter Flower Cross

Bring fresh flowers for the flower cross on the church lawn next to the red doors on Easter Sunday. Place your flowers on the cross to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus!

## Serving at St. Paul

	This week 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Next week 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cantor</b>	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
<b>Reader</b>	Kate Baeder	Karyn Borth
<b>Usher</b>	Don Easton	Ken Waibel
<b>Usher</b>	Bill Oldhouser	Jon Brooks
<b>Greeter</b>	Debbie Oldhouser	Robin Dungey

## Daily Readings

March 23, 2025	Gen 27:30–45; 28:10–22, Mark 9:1–13
March 24, 2025	Gen 29:1–30, Mark 9:14–32
March 25, 2025	Gen 35:1–29, Mark 9:33–50
March 26, 2025	Gen 37:1–36, Mark 10:1–12
March 27, 2025	Gen 39:1–23, Mark 10:13–31
March 28, 2025	Gen 40:1–23, Mark 10:32–52
March 29, 2025	Gen 41:1–27, Mark 11:1–19



### Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. with Lord's Supper.

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Janet Conklin (recovering from a procedure)  
LaVerne Kyne (recovering from hand surgery)  
Sally Foks (recovering from a tibial fracture)  
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatment)  
Sari Nguyen (recovering from eye surgery)  
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**

Carroll Weyrich pray for patience and guidance (LaVerne Kyne's brother) 3/11  
Fred Neighoff recovering from stroke (friend of Carolyn Louden)3/11  
Walt O'Reily continued recovery and upcoming surgery (Renata O'Reily's husband)  
Mary Hostetter undergoing tests in preparation for cancer surgery (Renata O'Reilly's mom)3/2  
John Rothe recovering from open heart surgery (Friend of Sari Nguyen) 2/18  
Eine Haasmaa hospitalized (Mom of Sari Nguyen) 3/11  
Frank Haar (Steve Haar's brother) diagnosed with melanoma. 1/28  
Jerry Tignall cancer chemotherapy (cousin of Karyn Borth) 1/19

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

## Happening This Week

Monday March 24, 2025

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Junior Confirmation	Room 203
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Adult Catechism	Room 203
7:15 PM – 9:00 PM	ESL	The Media Center
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday March 25, 2025

Wednesday March 26, 2025

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Service	Sanctuary
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday March 27, 2025

10:00AM-11:00 PM	Bible Study	Pastor's Office
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary
7:00 PM -8:00 PM	Books and Beer At Rathskeller	Off Campus
7:15 PM – 9:00 PM	ESL	The Media Center

Saturday March 29, 2025

Sunday March. 30, 2025

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Bible Classes	Sanctuary
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Sunday School	Sanctuary
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Oromo Worship	Sanctuary
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Oromo Fellowship	Sanctuary