

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



I SAW ^{the} HOLY CITY COMING
DOWN FROM GOD OUT ^{of} HEAVEN
It was a glorious sight
REV. 21:2

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

Welcome

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.



Welcome to all! Thanks for joining us this morning.

Children’s bulletins and church bags (soft activity books, quiet toys and other “surprises”) are available in the narthex.

The 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.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews facing you. You may give the card to an usher or place in the offering plate.

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:

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Daniel Burton
(b. 1944)

Stand

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Sit

Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalms 98:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

- 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.

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.

Kyrie

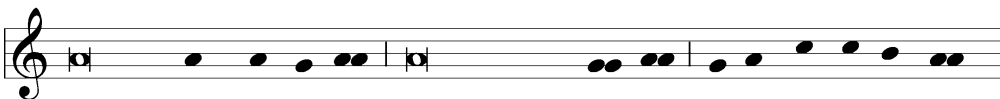
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



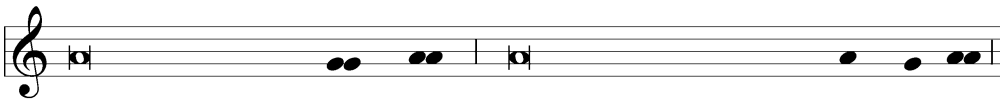
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



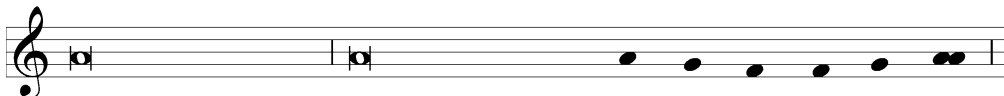
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



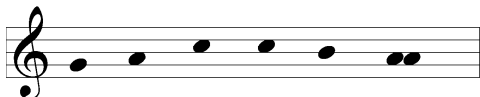
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



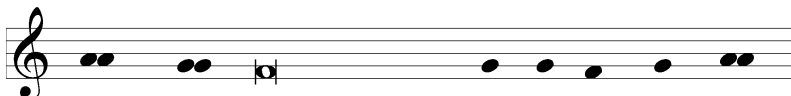
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be people of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



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



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

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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Anthem:

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Johann Crüger
(1598-1662)

Awake, my heart, with gladness; How wondrous is the sight!
See how the night of sadness gives way to God's great light!

Christ lay in slumber deep there where we too must sleep,
When to the realms of day our spirits make their way.

Look now, the sight is glorious, with joy it fills my heart.
For Christ is risen victorious, no more from us to part.

Our courage will not fail, nor fears our hearts assail;
For us God's only Son eternal life has won.

First Reading*Acts 11:1–18*

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

Revelation 21:1–7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

In Thee Is Gladness

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of

heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
 wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
 cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel

John 16:12–22

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

G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹²[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they

wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

In Thee Is Gladness

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2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where-fore the
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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Sit

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically 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.)



Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now: Hail, the res - ur - rec - tion, Thou!

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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



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



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



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

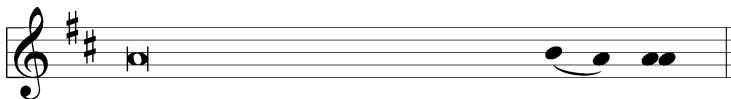
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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



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



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

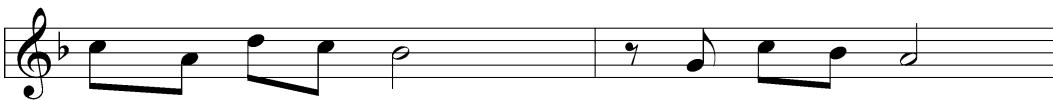
Distribution

What Is This Bread

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1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He	should	Un - der	the	rod?	
Word	and	prom - ise	clear,	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be - lieve	



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em - brace		Of	life	and	love	un - til	I	
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pres - ent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	His		



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.

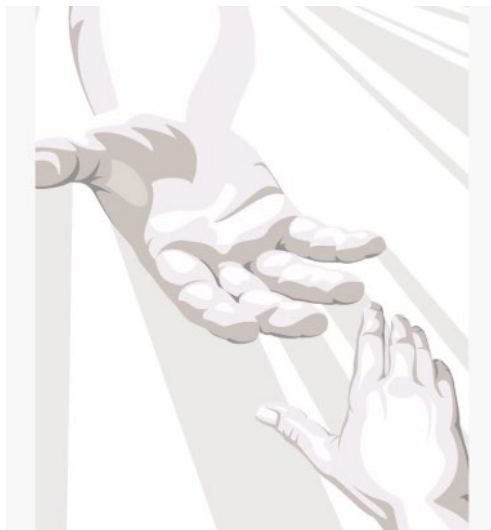


With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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Lord of All Hopefulness

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1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Stand

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

LSB 488



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled



is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.

My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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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.

Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!

LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Postlude:

I Danced in the Morning: *Simple Gifts*

J. Wayne Kerr
(b. 1958)

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News And Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Ron Saxton in honor of Ruth Saxton's Birthday.

Sunday School at 8:45 am on Sundays.

Nursery through High School youth.

Youth Sunday Morning Bible Class - Foundations of Our Faith

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

Why Do We Have Pastors?

What do Pastors do? What is the office of the Ministry? Come explore what the Bible and Lutheran Theology say about ministers and what they do in Pastor Alms' Bible Study starting at 8:45 am.

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-27th. We need a lot of volunteers, and there are many different opportunities to help with the activities and kids. If you are interested in serving/volunteering or know someone who is contact Kirsten Hall at kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org



North Carolina Mission Trip

is August 3-9 at Camp Linn Haven. Sign-up deadline is May 18. For more details or to sign up, contact: Roy or Heather Krakat.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/eczxqKe5cKEgPf2o8> or scan the QR code.



Women's Guild

Please mark your calendars! Our last get together before our summer break will be a salad lunch on Tuesday May, 27th, at the home of Irene Giguere, 6003 Keithmont Court, Catonsville 21228. All ladies are invited. We will begin at 12. There will be a signup sheet posted next to the flower chart. Please sign up for an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

Dinners For Eight

Purpose: to get to know our members better, meet some new members, and enjoy a fellowship opportunity.

How does this work? Couples sign up on the church bulletin board list. The committee divides the participants into groups of 4 couples. Each couple hosts a meal for the others in their group.

Not a couple? Join with another person to form a duo and share hosting.

Who can sign up? Married couples, formed duos, church and school members

Groups will be mixed: newer members, long-term members, young, more mature (notice I didn't say older), etc.

How long do we have to complete our 4 meals? June – September

Does it have to be dinner? Dinner, lunch, breakfast, brunch, picnic- all work.

Families with young children? We can group you together, if enough people are interested.

Questions? Contact Irene Giguere or Linda Klingmeyer

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for our newsletter for June/July combined issue is May 26th. Please have your articles in by that date.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 18th	Next week 25th
Cantor	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
Reader	Jay Barringer	Kate Baeder
Usher	Cameron Jones	Don Easton
Usher	Chris Meyer	Bill Oldhouser
Greeter	Bruce Staudinger	Betsy Mitchell

Daily Readings

Sunday 5/18/2025	Lev 20:1–16, 22–27, Luke 11:37–54
Monday 5/19/2025	Lev 21:1–24, Luke 12:1–12
Tuesday 5/20/2025	Lev 23:1–22, Luke 12:13–34
Wednesday 5/21/2025	Lev 23:23–44, Luke 12:35–53
Thursday 5/22/2025	Lev 24:1–23, Luke 12:54–13:17
Friday 5/23/2025	Lev 26:1–20, Luke 13:18–35
Saturday 5/24/2025	Lev 26:21–33, 39–44, Luke 14:1–24

Happening This Week

Monday May 19, 2025

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Junior Confirmation	Room 203
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Council Meeting	Room 203
7:15 PM – 9:00 PM	ESL	Media Center
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday May 20, 2025

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Elder's Meeting	Media Center
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Wednesday May 21, 2025

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
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Thursday May 22, 2025

10:00 AM – 11:00AM	Bible Study	Pastor's Office
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Saturday May 24, 2025

Sunday May 25, 2025

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Bible Classes	
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Sunday School	
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

CHURCH MEMBERS

Betty Blackburn (recovering from a fall)
David Carnes (recovering from shoulder surgery)
Faith Carnes (caregiver for David)
Linda Cook (recovering from surgery)
Sally Foks (recovering from a tibial fracture)
Debbie Frech (cancer, new chemotherapy treatment)
Sari Nguyen (recovering from eye surgery)
Lindsey Gay (continuing treatment)
Marilyn Blomster (recovering)
Laurie Dungey (continued improvement)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Betty Blackburn, Dorothy Shifflett, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Mark Ruzicka for treatment and healing (husband of Sara Ruzicka) 5/18
Walt O'Reilly for continued recovery from surgery (Renata O'Reilly's husband)
Mary Hostetter for healing of cancer (Renata O'Reilly's mom) 3/2
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 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.