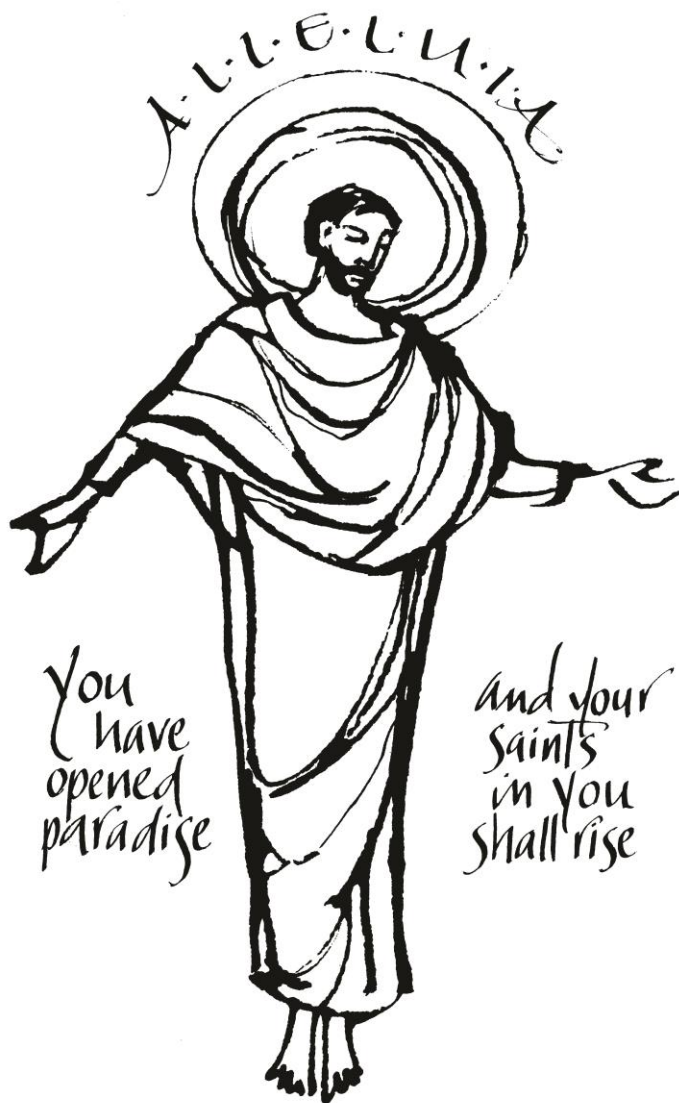


# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



**The Ascension of Our Lord  
June 01, 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.

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**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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# The Ascension of Our Lord

## June 1, 2025

**Prelude:**      *Hymnum Canamus Gloriam: Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise*

Gerald Near  
(b. 1942)

Sing we triumphant hymns of praise, new hymns to heaven exulting raise:  
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascendeth to the throne of God.

### Stand

### O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;  
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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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

## Introit

*Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
**the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.**  
The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,\*  
**until I make your enemies your | footstool.”**  
The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
**“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”**  
The Lord is at your | right hand;\*  
**he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.**  
**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.**  
God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
**the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.**

## Kyrie

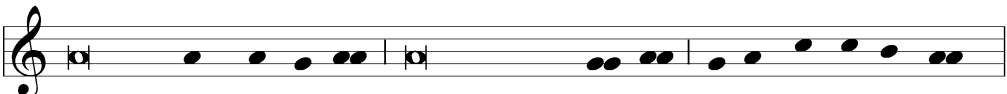
*Mark 10:47*



**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.



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** Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

Anthem:

*Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious*

*Robert P Wetzler*  
*(b. 1932)*

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious, see the Man of Sorrows now;  
from the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow;  
Crown Him! Crowns become the victor's brow.  
Crown the Savior, angels, crown Him!

Rich the trophies Jesus brings; in the seat of power enthrone Him,  
while the vault of heaven rings;  
Crown Him! Crown the Savior King of kings.

Hark, those bursts of acclamation, Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords!  
Crown Him! King of kings, and Lord of lords.

## First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**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

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

### Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

*LSB 491*

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a dotted half note on 'less' and 'ly'.

1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.

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## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44–53*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



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

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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



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

# Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

LSB 491



2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,  
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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*Sit*

Sermon

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  $\text{✝}$  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](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

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!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt. Tune: French, 13th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

*Stand*

# 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.

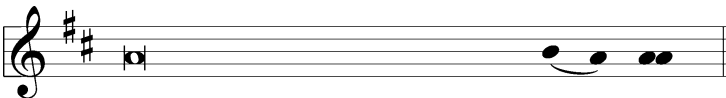
## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



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



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

John 1:29

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution



## O Savior, Precious Savior

LSB 527



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought  
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,  
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,  
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.  
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.  
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.  
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79 Tune: Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929 Text and tune: Public domain

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt. Tune: French, 17th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB 733



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 Soon bears us all away;  
 We fly forgotten as a dream  
 Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
 And our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727 Text and tune: Public domain

## Stand

### Thank the Lord

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

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray...

**C** A - men.

### Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.



# A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.

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**Postlude:**

Look, the Sight Is Glorious

William Haller  
(b. 1940)



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## News And Notes

### Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Karyn Borth in celebration of John's birthday.

### Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is on break during the summer. We will start again in September!

### 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.

### 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 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

The June/July Newsletter is available in the Narthex today.

## 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>. 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@splscatonville.org](mailto:kirsten.hall@splscatonville.org)



## North Carolina Mission Trip

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

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



## Lutheran Books and Beer Preview for Fall 2025

We will meet one last time this spring on Thursday June 5th at 7 p.m. at the Rathskellar. We will finish up our discussion of The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Coming in September is a new book! Luther: Man between God and the Devil is a very nice, thought-provoking biography of Martin Luther written by Heiko Oberman. I am sure all who read and attend and discuss will gain a lot of insight into Luther and our Lutheran beliefs. The book is available here on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Luther-Man-Between-God-Devil/dp/0300103131> Our first meeting this fall will be the 4th Thursday (our normal meeting day) of September, the 25th, at 7 p.m. at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. Buy the book, start reading and join us!

## Serving at St. Paul

	This week 1st	Next week 8th
<b>Cantor</b>	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
<b>Reader</b>	Ken Waibel	Michelle Johnson
<b>Usher</b>	Ken Waibel	Bruce Staudinger
<b>Usher</b>	Jon Brooks	Paul Lubell
<b>Greeter</b>	Robbin Dungey	Irene Giguere

## Daily Readings

Sunday	June 1, 2025	Num 14:1–25, Luke 18:18–34
Monday	June 2, 2025	Num 14:26–45, Luke 18:35–19:10
Tuesday	June 3, 2025	Num 16:1–22, Luke 19:11–28
Wednesday	June 4, 2025	Num 16:23–40, Luke 19:29–48
Thursday	June 5, 2025	Num 16:41–17:13, Luke 20:1–18
Friday	June 6, 2025	Num 20:1–21, Luke 20:19–44
Saturday	June 7, 2025	Num 20:22–21:9, Luke 20:45–21:19

## Happening This Week

Monday June 2, 2025

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM AA Small Group Fellowship Hall

Tuesday June 3, 2025

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Day School Board Meeting Media Center

Wednesday June 4, 2025

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Choir Practice Sanctuary

Thursday June 5, 2025

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Study Pastor's Office

Friday June 6, 2025

Saturday June 7, 2025

Sunday June 8, 2025

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Bible Classes	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Asset Management Board Mtg.	Media Center
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Voters Meeting	Fellowship Hall
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)  
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**

Pastor Schafer for recovery from mobility issues and other health concerns  
Mary Hostetter's family after her passing (Renata O'Reilly's mom) 5/27  
Carroll Weyrich for patience and understanding (LaVerne Kyne's brother) 5/27  
William Swain for treatment of prostate cancer (friend of Bruce Staudinger) 5/21  
Chebito Swain recovering from stroke (friend of Bruce Staudinger) 5/20  
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)  
Eine Haasmaa hospitalized (Mom of Sari Nguyen) 3/11  
Frank Haar (Steve Haar's brother) diagnosed with melanoma. 1/28

## **THANKSGIVING TO GOD**

Jerry Tignall is cancer free (cousin of Karyn Borth)



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.

