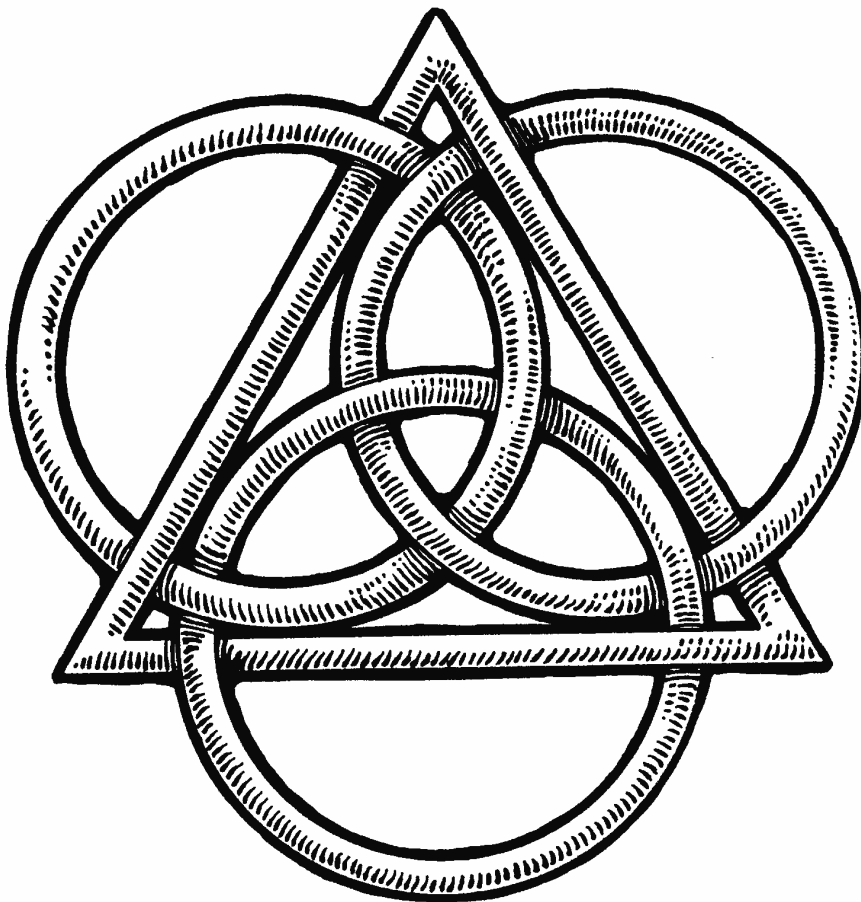


St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



**Holy Trinity
June 15, 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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Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025

Prelude: Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay: *Gott der Vater wohn uns bei*

Samuel Scheidt
(1587-1654)

Stand

I Bind unto Myself Today

LSB 604



1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
 2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By
 3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
 4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The
 Δ 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The



strong name of the Trin - i - ty By
 pow'r of faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His
 pow'r of God to hold and lead, His
 vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The
 strong name of the Trin - i - ty By



in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The
 Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His
 eye to watch, His might to stay, His
 nat - ural lusts that war with in, The
 in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The



Three in One and One in Three.
 cross of death for my sal - va - tion,
 ear to hear - ken to my need,
 hos - tile foes that mar my course;
 Three in One and One in Three,

Repeat after st. 1 only.



(2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His
 (3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His
 (4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In
 (5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -



rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His
 hand to guide, His shield to ward, The
 ev - 'ry place and in all hours, A -
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise



com - ing at the day of doom,
 Word of God to give me speech,
 gainst their fierce hos - til - i - ty,
 to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;



I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.
 Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

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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

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

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

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Sit

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.
 I have set the LORD always be- | fore me; *
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices; *
my flesh also | dwells secure.
 For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol; *
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
 You make known to me the | path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Gloria Patri




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




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

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



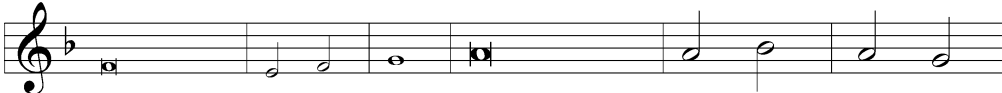
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

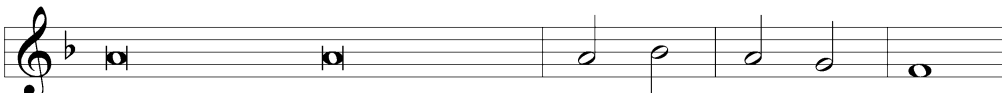
Luke 2:14; John 1:29




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



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



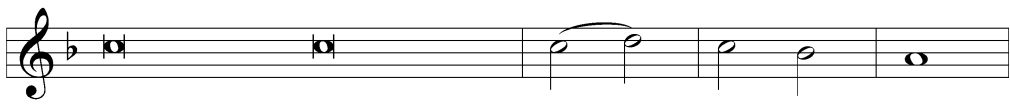
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



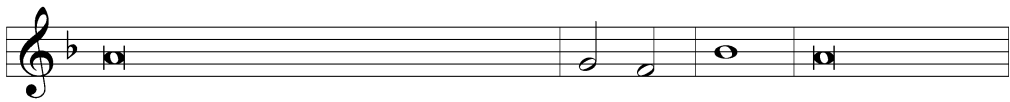
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



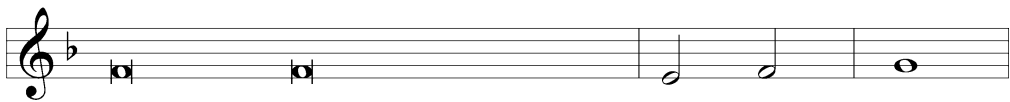
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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



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



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

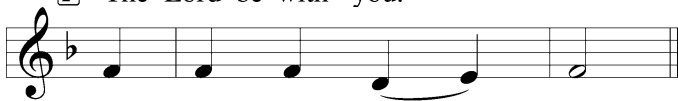


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

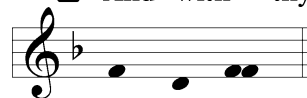
Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

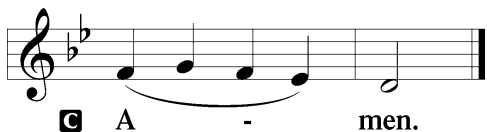


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

C Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Anthem: O Blessed Holy Trinity W.J. Kirkpatrick
(1838-1921)

O blessed Holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity, God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
be Thou this day my Guide and Host.
My Maker, strengthen Thou my heart, O my Redeemer, help impart,
Blest Comforter, keep at my side that faith and love in me abide.
Lord, bless and keep Thou me as Thine; Lord, make Thy face upon me shine;
Lord, lift Thy countenance on me and give me peace, sweet peace, from Thee.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

- ¹Does not wisdom call?
Does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
⁴“To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .
²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,

or the first of the dust of the world.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 10:8b, 10

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,
the word of faith that we proclaim.
For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .
²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God
with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as
you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and
foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God
raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held
by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,
“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

Stand

Alleluia



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

Holy Gospel

John 8:48–59

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you

make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

LSB 498



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,
 3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
 the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
 al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of
 Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. Edward
 aswall, 18178, alt. Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert,
 1533, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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5 Drive far away our wily foe,
And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.

Sermon

Athanasian Creed - located at the end of the bulletin

Stand

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.)



Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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

Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

LSB 960



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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

The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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



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



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



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



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.
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Christ Is the World's Redeemer

LSB 539



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,
 2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,
 3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,
 △ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,
 Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.
 And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.
 All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
 Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done
 And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



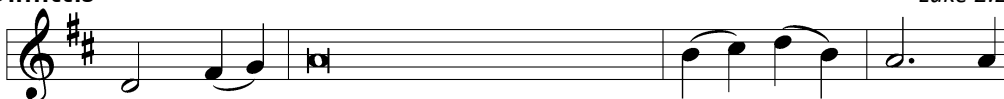
Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.
 And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.
 Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.
 Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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



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



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



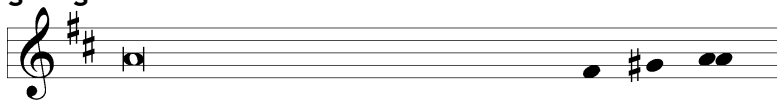
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



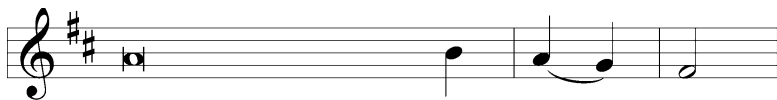
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect



A Let us pray...

C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



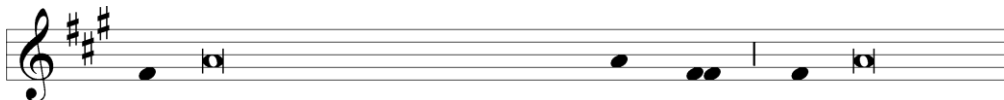
A Bless we the Lord.



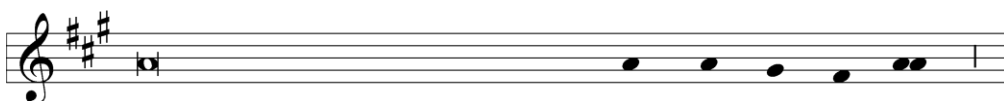
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

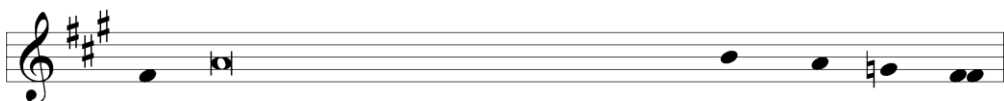
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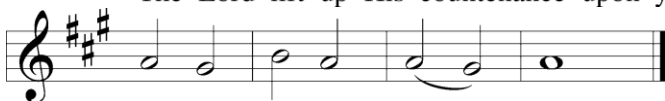
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



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

Thy Strong Word

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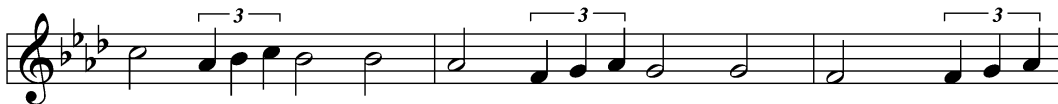
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
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5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Postlude: All Glory Be to God on High: *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)
Andreas Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1734)



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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The Athanasian Creed

The Church's Confession of the Holy Trinity

Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.

Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the catholic faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.

- L: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic* faith.
C: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- L: And the catholic faith is this,
C: **That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- L: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
C: **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- L: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
C: **The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
L: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
C: **The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- L: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
C: **Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- L: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
C: **And yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**
- L: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
C: **And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

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*universal, Christian

- L: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
C: **And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- L: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,
C: **So also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**
- L: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
Men: **The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**
Women: **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- L: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
Men: **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
Women: **But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**
- All: **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- L: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C: **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
Men: **He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;**
Women: **And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:**
All: **Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- L: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
Men: **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
Women: **One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;**
All: **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- L: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
C: **Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- L: Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
C: **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- L: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
C: **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

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News And Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Carolyn Loudon in memory of John Neubert, her father, on Father's Day.

Sunday School

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

Book of Daniel June, 15-29

The book of Daniel in the Old Testament is a book of visions, visions that end with a description of the end times as John reported in Revelation and that contain a clear description of the resurrection of the dead. The name Daniel means "God is judge" and indeed God shows the kings of the earth who is in charge and who will redeem humanity, Jesus Christ. In the time we have, we will do our best to discuss these visions and their relevance to our Christian life.

Graduate Recognition is June 29th at St. Paul

Any students graduating from high school, college or graduate school, please contact the church office so you may participate.

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@splscatonville.org



Lutheran Books and Beer Preview for Fall 2025

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!

Thank you

Thank you to Pastor Meyer for leading worship this morning.

Pastor Alms is away this week. He will return next Sunday. Pastoral emergencies, please contact Kevin Dungey.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 15th	Next week 22nd
Cantor	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
Reader	Kevin Dungey	Rik Johnsson
Usher	Jim Kyne	Roy Krakat
Usher	David Nguyen	Ed Kester
Greeter	Sari Nguyen	Pat Wesselman

Daily Readings

Holy Trinity Sun.	Num 35:9–30, Luke 24:28–53
June 16, 2025	Song 1:1—2:7, John 5:1–18
June 17, 2025	Song 2:8—3:11, John 5:19–29
June 18, 2025	Song 4:1—5:1, John 5:30–47
June 19, 2025	Song 5:2—6:3, John 6:1–21
June 20, 2025	Song 6:4—7:5, John 6:22–40
June 21, 2025	Song 7:6—8:14, John 6:41–59

Happening This Week

Monday June 16, 2025

7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Council Meeting

Room 203

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

AA Small Group

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday June 17, 2025

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Wednesday June 18, 2025

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Thursday June 19, 2025

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Bible Study

Pastor's Office

Friday June 20, 2025

Pastor Alms' Day Off

Saturday June 21, 2025

9:00 AM- Noon

Work Day

Sunday June 22, 2025

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

Bible Classes

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)
Linda Cook (recovering from surgery)
Sally Foks (recovering from a tibial fracture)
Debbie Frech (cancer, new chemotherapy treatment)
Lindsey Gay (continuing treatment)
Merilyn 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
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

Happy Father's Day to all the dad's today. Have a wonderful day in the Lord!

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.