

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 31, 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: Deal Thou With Me In Mercy, Lord Johann Gottfried Walther  
(1684-1748)

Stand

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**

A - - - men.

## Exhortation

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**

R: Who made heaven and earth.

## Confession of Sins

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

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

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**

R: Who made heaven and earth.

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

**C**

R: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

## Kneel/Sit

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**




**R:** A - - - men.

## Stand

## Service of the Word

## 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.

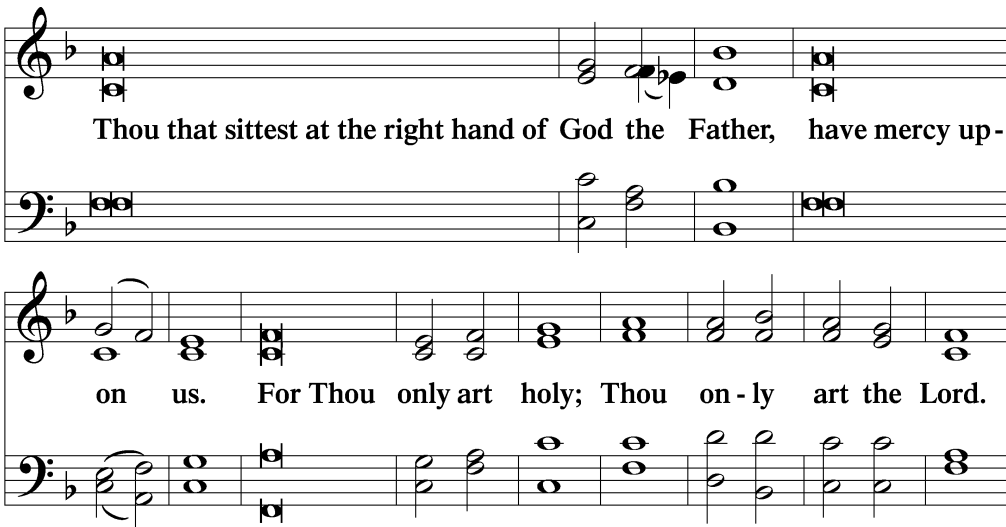
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

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.

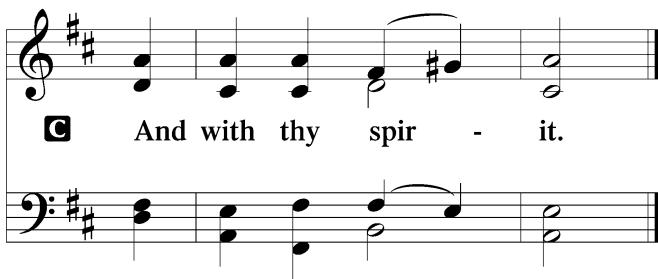
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



By: A - - - men.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2–10

but the glory of kings is to search things out.  
<sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.  
<sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;  
<sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.  
<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.  
What your eyes have seen  
<sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,  
when your neighbor puts you to shame?  
<sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
and do not reveal another's secret,  
<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 131; antiphon: v. 2

<sup>3</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD  
**from this time forth and forevermore**  
O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;  
**my eyes are not raised too high;**  
I do not occupy myself with things  
**too great and too marvelous for me.**  
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
**like a weaned child with its mother;**  
**like a weaned child is my soul within me.**  
**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.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD  
**from this time forth and forevermore.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 13:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?”

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Stand**

## The Triple Hallelujah

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

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple, repetitive sequence of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff, with a square box containing a 'C' symbol at the beginning of each phrase.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 14:1–14*

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

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor,

the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and

truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us

Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your

glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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## Sermon

### *Stand*

## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

*(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically via this QR code or through our website at [stpaulcatonsville.org/donation](http://stpaulcatonsville.org/donation). If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)*



### Offertory


*Psalm 51:10–12*

**C** 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 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.



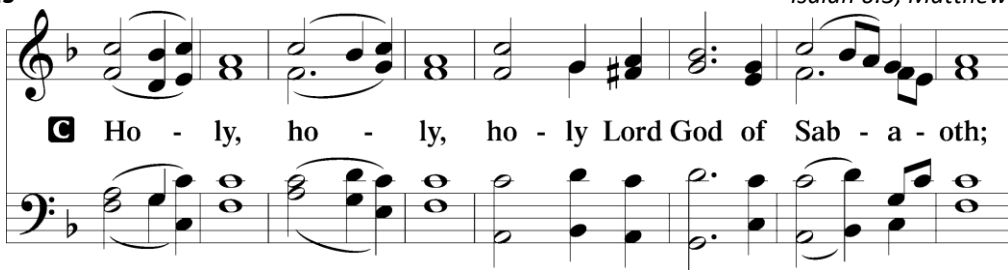
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

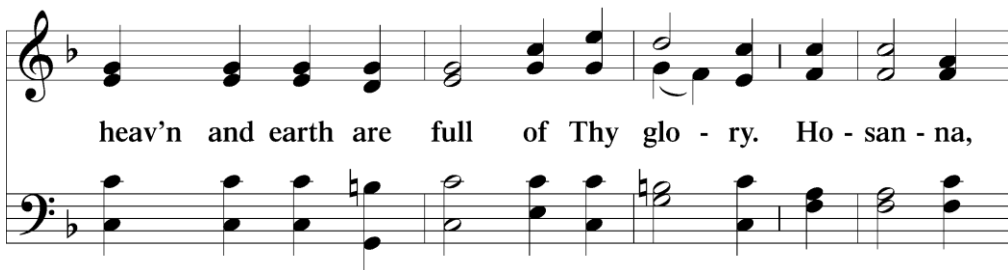
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

# Sanctus

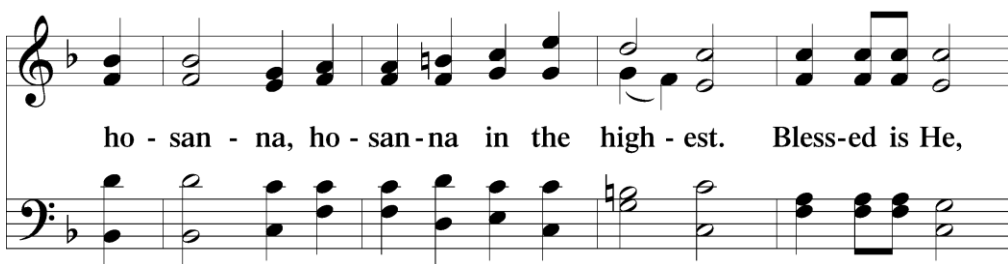
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



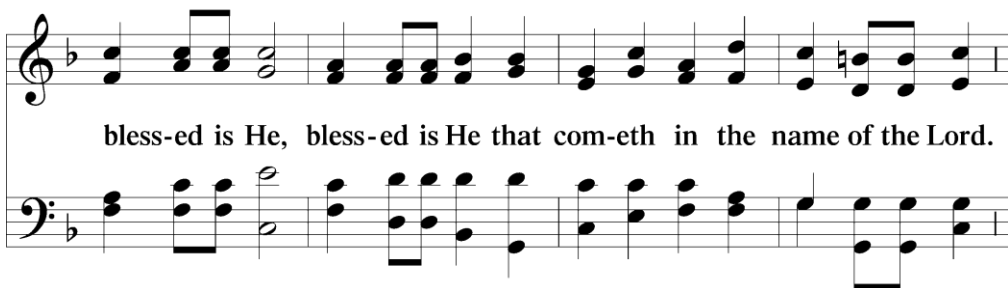
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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



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



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

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.' It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the notes.

## 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 always.

 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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761

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

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

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

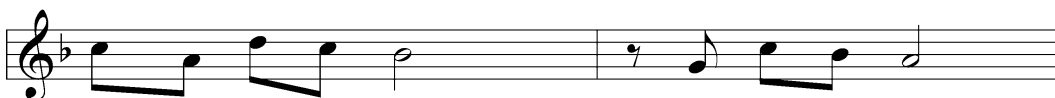
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# What Is This Bread

LSB 629



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
live	and	He	should	die	Un -	der
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
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.

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# Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830



1	Spread	the	reign	of	God	the	Lord,	Spo -	ken,	writ -	ten,	might -	y	Word;
2	Tell	how	God	the	Fa -	ther's	will	Made	the	world,	up -	holds	it	still,
3	Tell	of	our	Re -	deem -	er's	grace,	Who,	to	save	our	hu -	man	race
4	Tell	of	God	the	Spir -	it	giv'n	Now	to	guide	us	on	to	heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few  
For the work there is to do!

6 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See Your light and heed Your call.

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## Stand

### Post Communion Blessing

#### 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,

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

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray...

**C** A - men.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

*Psalm 103:1*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

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

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

## On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



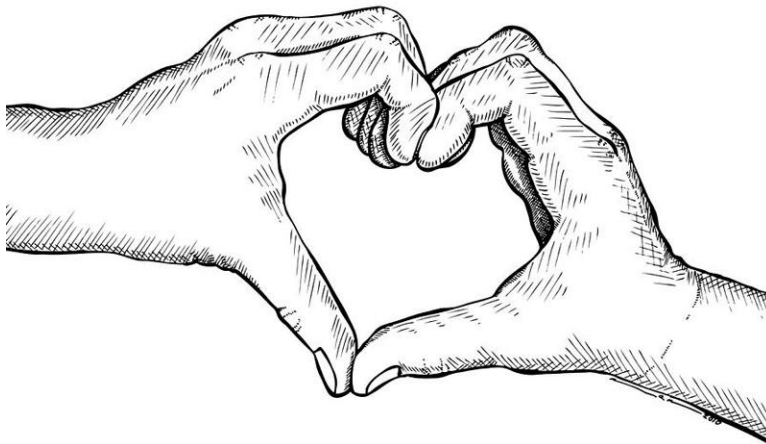
in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89 Text and tune: Public domain

**Postlude:**

**My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker**

**Johann Gottfried Walther  
(1684-1748)**



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# News And Notes

## Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by John, Christine, Alex and Victoria Beacham in thanks for all His blessings.

## Sunday School Starts September 7th

Sunday School starts for the fall! Classes are Nursery (2 yrs old-Kindergarten); Elementary (1st – 4th Grade); Middle School (5th – 8th Grade) and High School. We will see you on the 7th starting at 9 am!

## Coming in September: Conflict and Community: A Look at 1 Corinthians

You think life for churches is challenging today! The Corinthian church had to navigate being a new church plant, deep divisions, sexual immorality, idol worship, bizarre worship practices, speaking in tongues and more. Pastor Alms leads a study of Paul's first to the Corinthians beginning on September 7th at 8:45 am.

## Thank you!

Thank you to Rev. Tom Foelber for filling in this morning! Pastor Alms will return to the office Tuesday morning.

## Newsletter

Copies of the September newsletter is available on the credenza in the Narthex.

## ESL Flyers

There are flyers in the Narthex about our English class. They are on the Ministry credenza. Please take one to share if you know of someone who is interested. Thanks!

## Happening This Week

Monday Sept 8, 2025		
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday Sept 9, 2025		
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Elders Meeting	Media Center
Wednesday Sept 10, 2025		
Thursday Sept 11, 2025		
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study	Pastor's Office
Friday Sept 12, 2025	Pastor Alms' Day off	
Saturday Sept 13, 2025		
Sunday Sept 14, 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 Meeting	
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Oromo Worship	Sanctuary
18:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Oromo Fellowship	Sanctuary

## Daily Readings

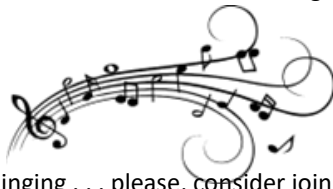
Aug 31, 2025	1 Sam 9:1–27, Acts 21:37—22:16
Sept 1, 2025	1 Sam 10:1–27, Acts 22:17–29
Sept 2, 2025	1 Sam 12:1–25, Acts 22:30—23:11
Sept 3, 2025	1 Sam 13:1–18, Acts 23:12–35
Sept 4, 2025	1 Sam 14:47—15:9, Acts 24:1–23
Sept 5, 2025	1 Sam 15:10–35, Acts 24:24—25:12
Sept 6, 2025	1 Sam 16:1–23, Acts 25:13–27

## Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Next week 7<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Cantor</b>	JB Jaeger	Jim Baeder
<b>Reader</b>	Michelle Johnson	Ken Waibel
<b>Usher</b>	Ben Haberl	Kevin Dungey
<b>Usher</b>	Jim Baeder	Taylor Dungey
<b>Greeter</b>	Ed Cohen	Debbie Oldhouser

## Church Choir

Next to the Word of God, Music deserves the highest praise! – Martin Luther



If you enjoy singing . . . please, consider joining the Church Choir!  
Youth and Adults are welcome!

We will be happy to see you face and hear our voice!  
Rehearsals are from 7:30 pm – 9 pm in the Choir Loft and resume on the  
Wednesday after Labor Day Weekend, September 3rd.

We begin singing the following Sunday, and continue singing Anthems through Holy Trinity Sunday.

Christmas, Holy Week and Easter are exciting highlights for each year.

If you are interested, please, contact Organist/Choir Director, Renata O'Reilly.

Soli Deo Gloria

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Debbie Frech (pneumonia, cancer, new chemotherapy treatment)

Jim Kyne (vision problem)

Sally Foks (recovering from a tibial fracture)

Lindsey Gay (continued recovery)

Marilyn Blomster (recovering)

Laurie Dungey (continued improvement)

Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## **SHUT-INS**

Dorothy Shifflett and Janet Conklin.

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Gavin Portnoy, recovering from brain surgery (Son-in-law of Rich and Sally Fochs)

Dwayne Sharpe, heart attack (Amanda McKay and Michelle Johnson's brother-in-law).

Jack Pearce, cancer diagnosis (friend of the Kyne's)

The aging parents of Claudia Kyne (DIN of the Kyne's)

Karen, open heart surgery (friend of the Kyne's)

John Halloran, recovering from surgery (Kate Baeder's father)

Betty Sanford, hospitalized with a broken foot (Ken Waibel's neighbor) 7/13

Kaylee Mayr, 14 yr old diagnosed with lupus (friend of Giguere's) 7/13

Arnold Holz back/mobility issues (friend of Betsy Mitchell) 7/6

Walt O'Reilly for recovering (Renata O'Reilly's husband)

Eine Haasmaa hospitalized (Mom of Sari Nguyen) 3/11

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.

