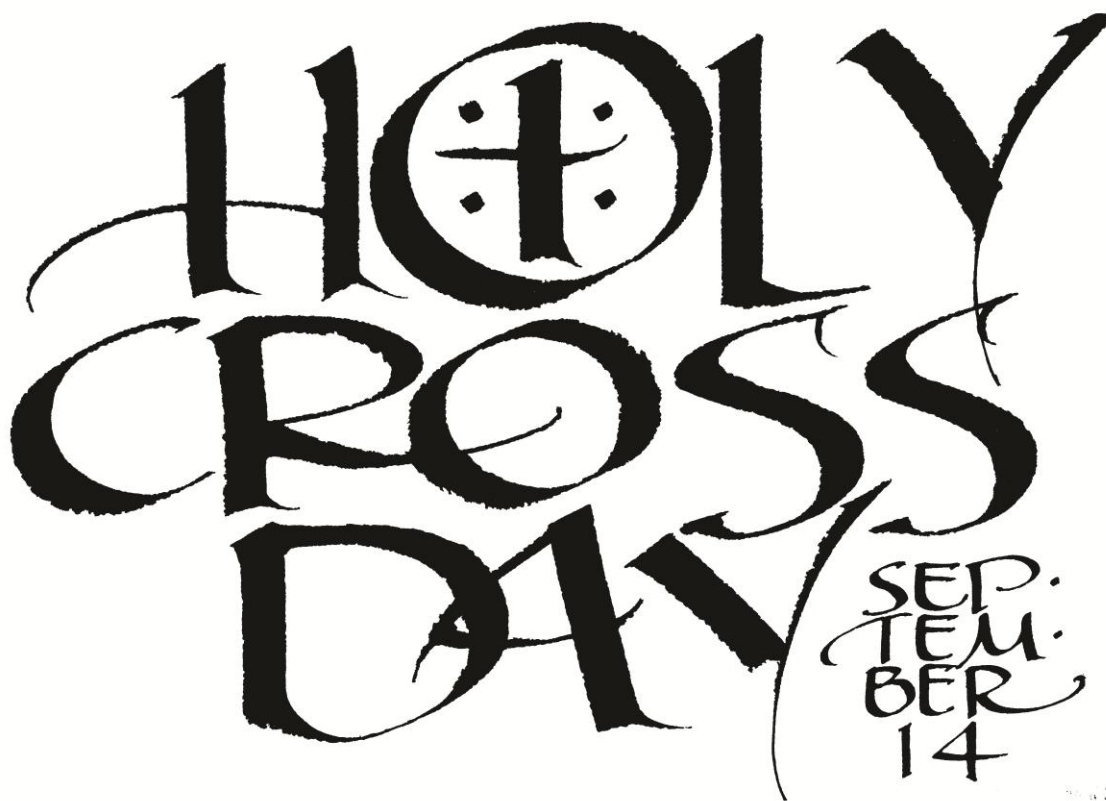


# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Holy Cross Day  
September 14, 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 Cross Day

## September 14, 2025

**Prelude:** In the Cross of Christ I Glory setting by Lynn L. Petersen  
(b. 1962)

**Stand**

### Lift High the Cross

LSB 837



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
- 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
- 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
- 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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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** Amen.

## Exhortation

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

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## *Kneel/Sit*

### Confession of Sins

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## *Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2*

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\*

**make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!**

**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.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



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



# Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Sit

**Anthem:** O Lord, I Love the Habitation of Thy House

Mark Bender  
(b. 1951)

O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where Your glory dwells.  
Forever, O Lord, your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

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

## Gradual

*Isaiah 49:22a; John 3:14b–15*

“Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations,  
**and raise my signal to the peoples,” [says the Lord.]**  
So must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
**that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to

those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**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.

Verse

*John 20:31*



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia



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

Holy Gospel

*John 12:20–33*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his

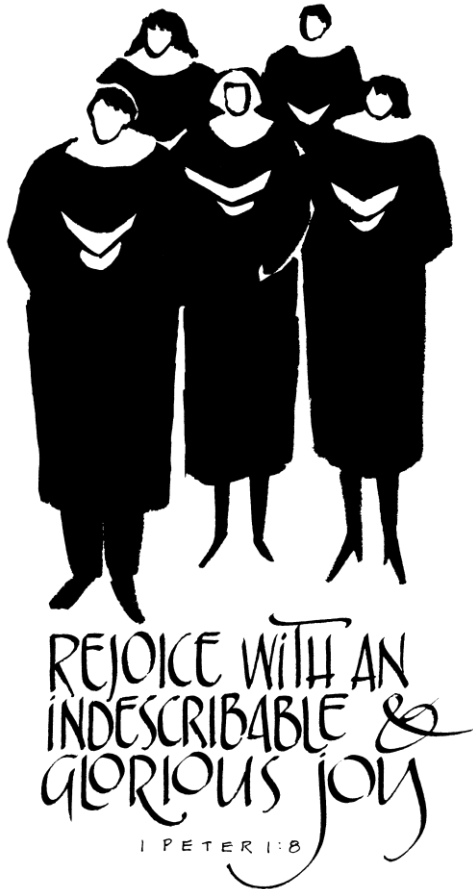
life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

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

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

*Sit*



# Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

LSB 454



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!

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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

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the  
 Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_ Je - sus  
 Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give  
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_  
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am  
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of  
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the  
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am  
 rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.  
 Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

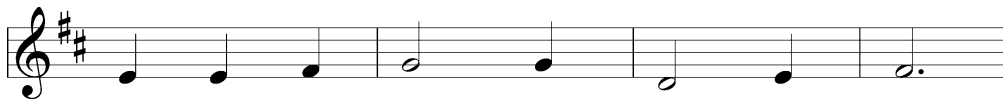
*John 1:29*



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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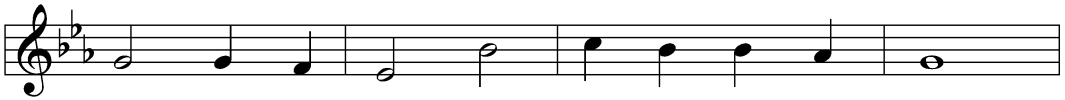
*Sit*

Distribution



# Abide with Me

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

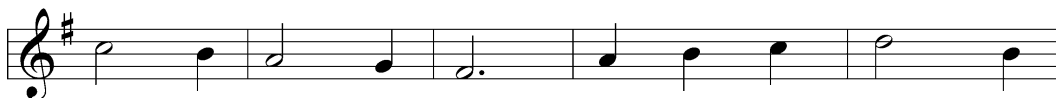
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## Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

LSB 560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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## Stand

## Post Communion Blessing

## Nunc Dimittis

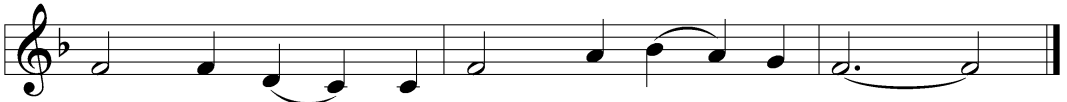
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1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
 △ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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### Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray...
- C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

- 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** Amen.



R E V E L A T I O N 2 2 : 1 4

# God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

LSB 877



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,  
△ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,  
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,  
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.  
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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## Postlude:

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me Johann Gottfried Walther  
(1684-1748)

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## News And Notes

### Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Faith and David Carnes in celebration of Jennifer and Ethan Kumm's 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary.

### Sunday School Has Begun for The Fall!

Classes are Nursery (2 yrs old-Kindergarten); Elementary (1st –4th Grade); Middle School (5th – 8th Grade) and High School.

### 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 letter to the Corinthians this September through November.

### Game Night for High School Youth!!!!

On Saturday, September 20th, 6-8pm, there will be a game night for the St. Paul High School Youth in the Fellowship Hall. If there are any games you would like to bring and play, please bring them. Otherwise, games will be provided from our game library. If interested, please let the Nelsons know at church between now and the 20th.

### Church Choir

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

### Women's Guild

Ladies mark your calendars! Our 1st meeting after the summer break will be held on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the home of Pat Wesselman. Meeting begins at 10AM. Bring a bag lunch and plan on staying for some fellowship. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

### Lutheran Books and Beer

Our new book is Luther: Man between God and the Devil, a biography of Martin Luther written by Heiko Oberman available here. Our first meeting this fall will be the 4th Thursday (our normal meeting day) September 25th, 7 p.m. at the Rathskellar in Elkridge. Start reading and join us!

### Installation of 2025-2026 Church Officer and Boards

will be next Sunday, September 21st.

## October Newsletter

Newsletter articles are due on Monday, September 22.

### Our Online Directory: Breeze

Did you know St. Paul has an online directory called Breeze? You can find members phone numbers, email, address and pictures. It is a closed, members only directory. Only St. Paul members have access. It is available online at <https://stpaulcatonsville.breezechms.com> or as an app on your phone. (search for "Breeze"). You must create an account to gain access. Instructions are below.

We are in the process of updating our database for our members. Listed below is a link for you to follow to set up an online account with Breeze. Once you click on the link it will ask you for your name. Enter your name and email. Breeze will send you an email to create a login. Follow the instructions to finish your login. <https://stpaulcatonsville.breezechms.com/login/create>

### You Can Give to St. Paul Electronically:

1. You can use our website at <https://stpaulcatonsville.org/donation>
2. You can also give via text: simply text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.
3. Other options are also available at <https://stpaulcatonsville.org/offerings-ways-to-give/>

### St. Paul Will Be Ordering Offering Envelopes Soon For 2026

Offering envelopes will be available as usual. However, if you give your offerings entirely electronically or online and have no use for envelopes, you may contact the church office by October 15th and opt out of a set of envelopes. Email Linda at [linda.jones@splscatonsville.org](mailto:linda.jones@splscatonsville.org)

### Lutheran Witness Subscriptions Are Now All Online

Subscribe to the Lutheran Witness here: <https://www1.cph.org/witness/default.aspx> The Lutheran Witness is the official magazine of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and a free sample issue is available at the above website. The St Paul Church office is no longer involved in handling subscriptions. All subscriptions can be made individually online.

### Today!

The Rev. Charles Ferry, Associate Regional Director of LCMS International Mission in Eurasia will be at St. Paul. Rev. Ferry is the father of Caleb Ferry who with his wife Katrina has been attending worship here. Rev Ferry will give short presentation after worship during the fellowship hour and will answer questions about mission work around the world being done by the LCMS, especially in Eurasia.

## Help Provide Fresh, Nutritious Food For The Hungry

Please join us at Harvest Help at First Fruits Farm, hosted by your local Thrivent Community. Work with us to gather the harvest at First Fruits Farm, then enjoy lunch --our treat! Space is limited. RSVP to (443) 860-6700 or LibertyTeam@Thrivent.com by October 3. First Fruits Farm is not affiliated with Thrivent. Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location: First Fruits Farm, 20431 Middletown Rd, Freeland, MD

### Daily Readings

Sept 14, 2025	1 Sam 24:1–22, 1 Cor 1:26–2:16
Sept 15, 2025	1 Sam 25:1–22, 1 Cor 3:1–23
Sept 16, 2025	1 Sam 25:23–44, 1 Cor 4:1–21
Sept 17, 2025	1 Sam 26:1–25, 1 Cor 5:1–13
Sept 18, 2025	1 Sam 28:3–25, 1 Cor 6:1–20
Sept 19, 2025	1 Sam 31:1–13, 1 Cor 7:1–24
Sept 20, 2025	2 Sam 1:1–27, 1 Cor 7:25–40

### Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week 14th</b>	<b>Next week 21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
<b>Reader</b>	Karen Eichelman	Pastor Roemer
<b>Usher</b>	Brian Erwin	Cameron Jones
<b>Usher</b>	Jeffrey Hammeter	Chris Meyer
<b>Greeter</b>	Bruce Staudinger	Debbie Oldhouser

### Happening This Week

Monday Sept 15, 2025

7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Council Meeting

Room 203

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

AA Small Group

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Sept 16, 2025

Wednesday Sept 17, 2025

7:30 PM- 9:00 PM

Choir Practice

Thursday Sept 18, 2025

Friday Sept 19, 2025

Pastor Alms' Day off

Saturday Sept 20, 2025

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Work Day

Sunday Sept 21, 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

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Eryn Donahey (recovering from surgery)  
Debbie Frech (pneumonia, cancer, new chemotherapy treatment)  
Jim Kyne (vision problem)  
Sally Foks (recovering from a tibial fracture)  
Lindsey Gay (continued recovery)  
Merilyn 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).8/10  
Jack Pearce, cancer diagnosis (friend of the Kyne's)8/31  
The aging parents of Claudia Kyne (DIN of the Kyne's) 8/31  
Karen, open heart surgery (friend of the Kyne's) 8/31  
John Halloran, recovering from surgery (Kate Baeder's father)8/4  
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.