

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



*For Us  
and With Us*

Romans 8:31-39

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 05, 2025**



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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# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## October 05, 2025

**Prelude:**

For All the Faithful Women

Finnish, 19th cent.  
setting by Sam Eatherton

**Stand**

**Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

LSB 616



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -  
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y  
 3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing  
 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd  
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy  
 bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him  
 to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can  
 speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now  
 hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
 all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
 form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.  
 stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
 strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## *Kneel/Sit*

## Confession of Sins

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

## Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

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

**C** Amen.

## *Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166*

I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\*  
and I do your com- | mandments.  
I rejoice | at your word\*  
like one who | finds great spoil.  
Seven times a day I | praise you\*  
for your just and righ- | teous decrees.  
Great peace have those who | love your law;\*,  
nothing can make them | stumble.  
My soul keeps your testi- | monies;\*,  
I love them ex- | ceedingly.  
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.  
I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,\*  
and I do your com- | mandments.

## Kyrie

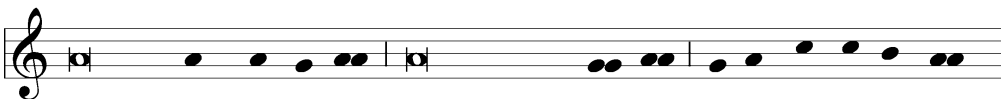
*Mark 10:47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



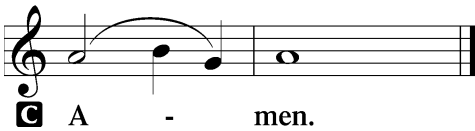
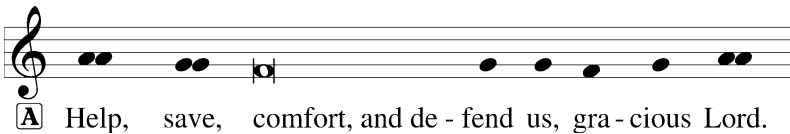
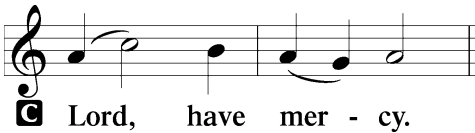
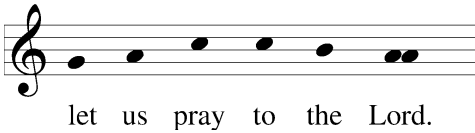
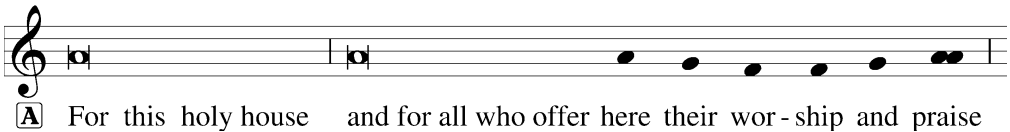
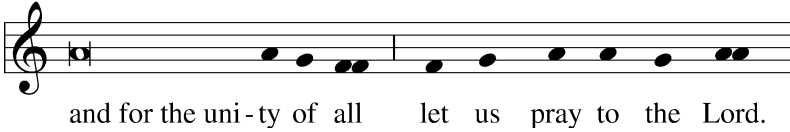
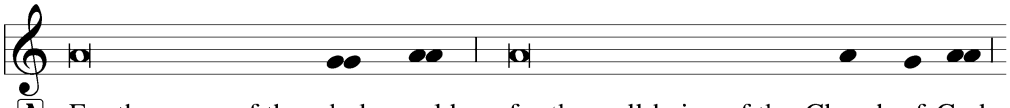
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



## This Is the Feast

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



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



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



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*



**Anthem:**

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them from Messiah George F. Handel  
Heather Krakat, Soprano (1685-1759)

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,  
and bring glad tidings of good things.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4*

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.

<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

## Epistle

*2 Timothy 1:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

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



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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

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



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

## By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

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| <p>5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,<br/>         In tribulation's furnace tried,<br/>         By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,<br/>         The Father's heart is open wide.<br/>         Where could I help and strength secure<br/>         If grace were not my anchor sure?</p> | <p>6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;<br/>         In Jesus' promise I rejoice;<br/>         For though I know my heart's condition,<br/>         I also know my Savior's voice.<br/>         My heart is glad, all grief has flown<br/>         Since I am saved by grace alone.</p> |
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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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## A Litany for Mission and Evangelism For LWML Sunday

Leader: "Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations," (Luke 24:47).

**People: We are called to speak in the name of Jesus.**

Leader: "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15).

**People: We hear the call to mission. Here am I, Lord. Send me.**

Leader: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

**People: We are empowered to testify of God's mercy.**

Leader: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Matthew 9:37).

**People: We are called to the fields ripe for harvest. Here am I, Lord. Send me.**

Leader: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

**People: The message of salvation is for all.**

Leader: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18).

**People: We are called to follow Jesus and proclaim good news. Here am I, Lord. Send me.**

Leader: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

**People: God promises to be with us in the mission. Here am I, Lord. Send me.**

## Prayer of the Church

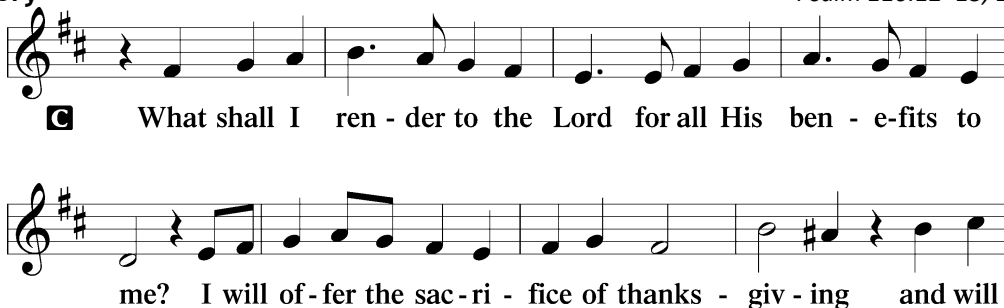
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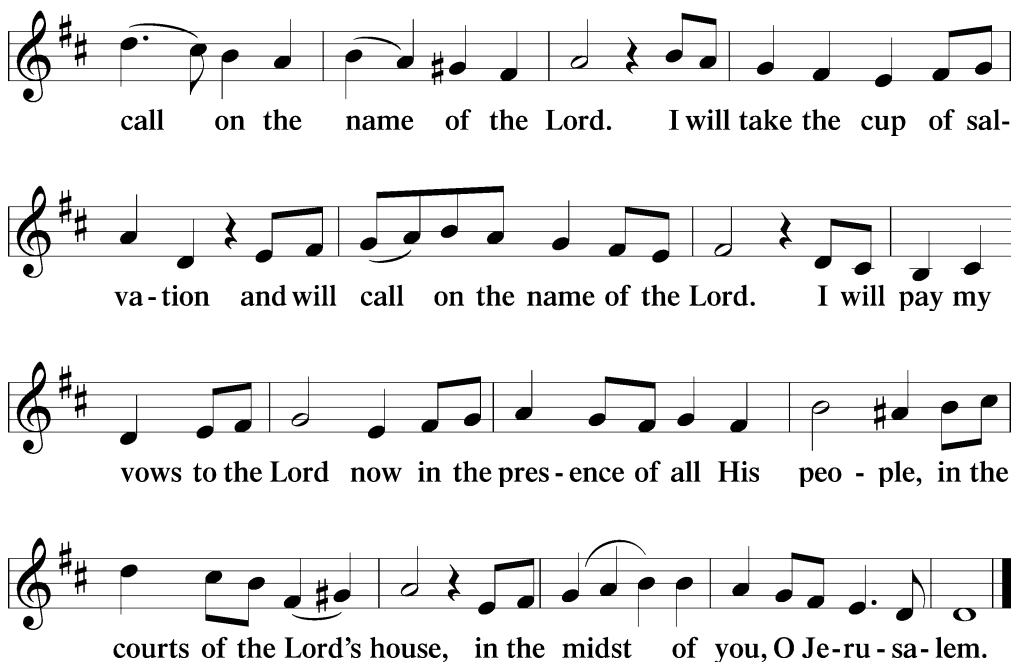
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### Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



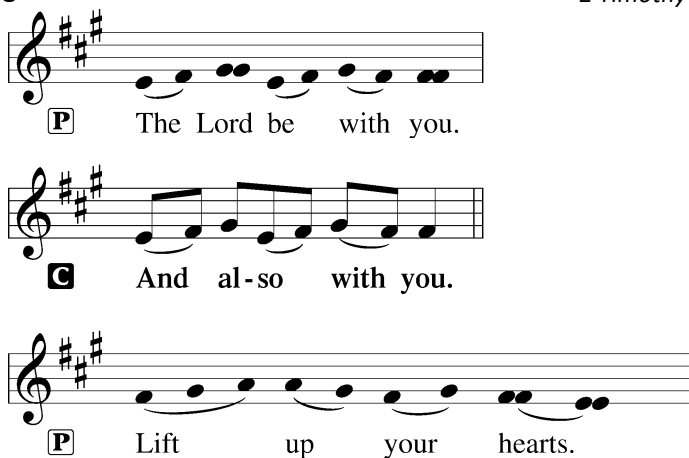


call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va- tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres- ence of all His peo- ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru- sa- lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al-so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

### Proper Preface

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

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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



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



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



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



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



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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."

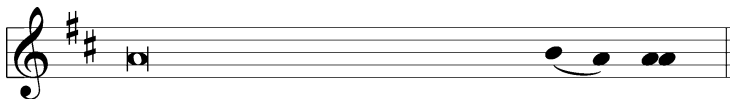
## Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



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



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



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

Distribution

# God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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## Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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## For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB 894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our  
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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## Stand

## Post Communion Blessing

### Thank the Lord

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



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



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

## Post-Communion Collect

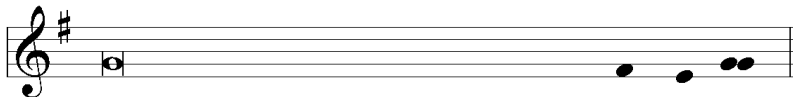
**A** Let us pray...



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*



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

The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

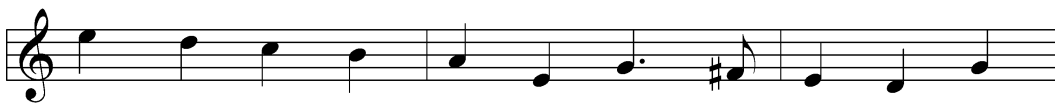
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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.  
 Tune: John Stainer, 1840–1901  
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**Postlude:**

So Send I You

Mrs. C. H. Morris  
 (1862-1929)



Our *hearts*  
 in HIS *hand*

*Above all, keep loving one  
 another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).*

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## **News And Notes**

### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given by LaVerne Kyne in celebration of Jim's birthday, granddaughter Haley's birthday and Claudia's birthday.

### **Sunday School And Adult Bible Class!**

Classes meet every Sunday at 8:45 AM. Come and join us.

### **Conflict and Community: A Look at 1 Corinthians**

Pastor Alms leads a study of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians this September through November.

### **St. Paul Men's Group: October 11th**

The men of St. Paul will meet again on October 11th at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall for food, prayer and Bible study. All confirmed men and friends of St. Paul are welcome! Let Jim Baeder if you plan to attend. We will also start planning for raking leaves in November and the Ladies Tea this spring. We will also meet on November 8th and December 13th!

### **St. Paul Prayer Chain**

The St. Paul Prayer Chain began and exists to inform St. Paul members of the prayer concerns of our members, family, and friends via email. At this point, there are 46 members of the Prayer Chain. If you would like to join and receive these prayer requests, please contact me in church to be added to the distribution list. This is a powerful ministry of St. Paul. It is a profound blessing to be linked together in praying to our loving God for others.

### **We Need Treats**

We need treats for coffee/fellowship hour. Open dates are October 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 23 and 30. Sign up on the bulletin board.

### **St. Paul Lutheran School Open House**

We will sponsor an Open House located at 2001 Old Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228 on Thursday, November 6, from 9AM – 11:30 AM. Come tour the school, meet our teachers, review the curriculum. Join us!



## **All Saints Sunday And Remembrance Of The Faithful Departed**

All Saints will be observed at St. Paul on November 2nd. If you have names of any Christian family or friends who have passed away \_since All Saints Sunday 2024\_ you can submit them to the church office. We will mark each name with a toll of the bell and a Scripture verse. Please email [linda.jones@splscatonsville.org](mailto:linda.jones@splscatonsville.org) by October 27<sup>th</sup> with the name and relation of the departed or call the church office at 410-747-1897.

## **Trunk Or Treat Is Going To Be Great!**

All members are invited to join us on Saturday, October 25, 3:00 – 4:30, in the parking lot. Support St. Paul as we welcome the neighborhood to this very popular community event! Last year we had 22 decorated trunks, and over 268 children. We hope to have even more this year.



Consider hosting a trunk...it's easy and fun! Or consider other ways to help. If you would like to be involved, contact Kirsten Hall ([kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org](mailto:kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org)). Candy donations are accepted all month in the foyer collection bin. Watch News & Notes for more weekly updates!

## **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)

## **ESL (English As A Second Language)**

Our English class is a ministry to the immigrants in the Catonsville area. We provide a place to learn the language, interact with Americans, learn culture, and be introduced to Jesus. We meet every Monday and Thursday nights, from 7:15 – 9:00 pm. Volunteers assist with the lessons by reinforcing the concepts presented in small groups. You can volunteer on both nights, one night only, or come in occasionally when a helper is absent. If interested, talk with Irene Giguere.

## **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.

## Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week 5th</b>	<b>Next week 12th</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
<b>Reader</b>	Jay Barringer	Ed Cohen
<b>Usher</b>	Jeffrey Hemmeter	Bruce Staudinger
<b>Usher</b>	Jon Brooks	Paul Lubell
<b>Greeter</b>	Karyn Borth	Joy Brooks

## Daily Readings

Oct 05, 2025	Deut 5:1–21, Matt 8:18–34
Oct 06, 2025	Deut 5:22—6:9, Matt 9:1–17
Oct 07, 2025	Deut 6:10–25, Matt 9:18–38
Oct 08, 2025	Deut 7:1–19, Matt 10:1–23
Oct 09, 2025	Deut 8:1–20, Matt 10:24–42
Oct 10, 2025	Deut 9:1–22, Matt 11:1–19
Oct 11, 2025	Deut 9:23—10:22, Matt 11:20–30

## Happening This Week

Monday Oct 06, 2025

7:15 PM- 9:00 PM

ESL

Media Center

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

AA Small Group

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Oct 07, 2025

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Day School Board Meeting

Wednesday Oct 08, 2025

7:30-9:00

Choir Practice

Thursday Oct 09, 2025

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Bible Study

Pastor's Office

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Bell Choir Practice

7:15 PM- 9:00 PM

ESL

Media Center

Friday Oct 10, 2025

Pastor Alms' Day off

Saturday Oct 11, 2025

Sunday Oct 12, 2025

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

Bible Classes

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sunday Worship

Sanctuary

11:30 AM- 12:30 PM

Asset Management Board Mtg.

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Oromo Worship

Sanctuary

18:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Oromo Fellowship

Sanctuary

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Fred Shifflett (Heart valve replacement)  
Eryn Donahey (recovering from surgery)  
Debbie Frech (pneumonia, cancer, new chemotherapy treatment)  
Jim Kyne (vision problem)  
Lindsey Gay (continued recovery)  
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)  
Laurie Dungey (continued improvement)  
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## **SHUT-INS**

Dorothy Shifflett and Janet Conklin.

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Carroll Weyrich, patience, perseverance (brother of LaVern Kyne) 9/28  
Joyce Shaffer, that she come to faith in Christ (sister of Ed Cohen) 9/28  
Nancy Miller, broken leg (neighbor of Ed Cohen) 9/28  
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.



## Sermon Notes

I WILL TAKE MY  
STAND AT MY  
WATCHPOST AND  
STATION MYSELF  
ON THE TOWER,  
AND LOOK OUT TO  
SEE WHAT HE

WILL  
SAY TO  
ME, AND  
WHAT I  
WILL  
ANSWER  
CONCERNING  
MY  
COMPLAINT.

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HABAKKUK 2:1

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