

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



THEY  
SHALL  
BRING  
GOLD and  
FRANK-  
INCENSE  
and  
SHALL  
PROCLAIM  
the PRAISE  
of  
THE LORD

ISAIAH 60:6



The Epiphany of Our Lord  
January 4, 2026

# 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.)

---

## St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

---

2001 Old Frederick Road Catonsville, Maryland 21228

Church: 410-747-1897 School: 410-747-1924

[www.stpaulcatonsville.org](http://www.stpaulcatonsville.org) [email: secretary@stpaulcatonsville.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulcatonsville.org)

Pastor Gregory Alms

Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

Vicar Thomas Malmstrom

The Epiphany of Our Lord  
January 4, 2026

Prelude: Diane Jaeger, Guest Organist

*Stand*

**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

LSB 395

1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls

own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!  
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls

ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo-ri-ous, All vic - to - rious,  
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!

Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

# 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

*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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

## Confession of Sins

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Prayer for Forgiveness

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## Stand

# Service of the Word

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him!

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!

**May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice!**

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!**

May they fear you while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth!**

In his days may the righteous flourish,  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him!

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

<sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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

*Stand*

**Alleluia**



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**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been

born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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

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

*Sit*

### Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

LSB 400



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'lings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

## 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  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 the 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

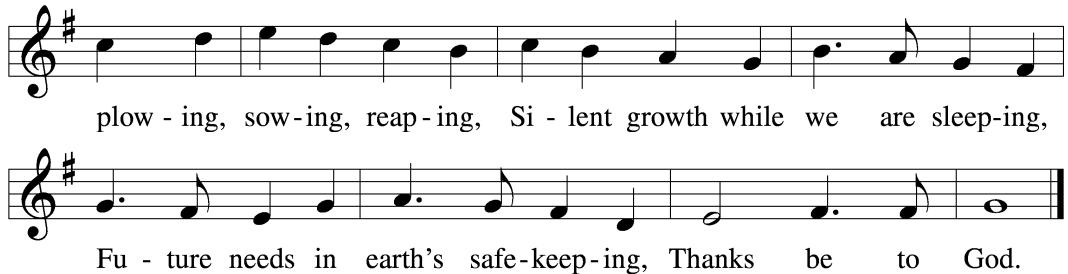
LSB 894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the



## Service of the Sacrament

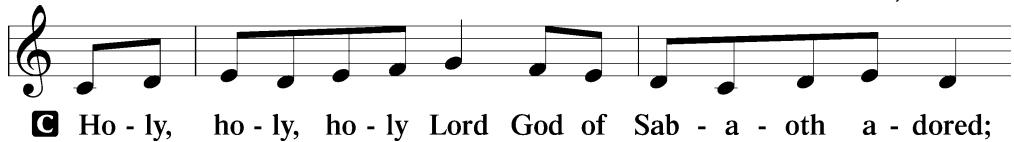
### Preface

*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*





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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

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  $\text{\tfrac{X}{+}}$  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  $\text{\tfrac{X}{+}}$  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.

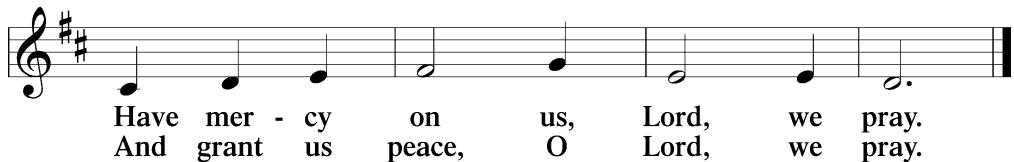
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The first staff begins with a quarter note. The second staff begins with a quarter note. The third staff begins with a quarter note. The lyrics are arranged in three columns under each staff, corresponding to the notes. The first column contains the first line of the hymn. The second column contains the second line. The third column contains the third line. The lyrics are as follows:

<b>C</b> 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
You	take	the	sin	of	the	world
O	Je - sus	Christ,	true	Lamb	of	God,
Have	mer - cy	on	us,	Je -	sus	Christ,



Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Sit**

**Distribution**

**As with Gladness Men of Old**

*LSB 397*



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.  
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.  
All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.  
There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt. Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872 Text and tune: Public domain

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93 Text and tune: Public domain

**BLESSED**  
 To be a  
**BLESSING**

GENESIS 1:2:2

## Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

LSB 374

1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There He lay, the Un - de-filed, To the world a strang - er.  
 Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
 He is still the Un - de-filed But no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
 Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859-1933 Tune: Piae Cantiones Ecclesiasticae, 1582, Griefswald Text and tune: Public domain

## Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es  
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scand with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793 Text and tune: Public domain

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29-32*

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant go;  
 2 All glo - ry to the peace, For I have seen the glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the glo - ry of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For Three in One;  
 A light to lead the be - gin - ning, Un -  
 to now, Your ho - ly tri - une name re -



### 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.

### O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

*LSB 395*

4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when  
 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all  
 6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love  
  
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!  
 with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!  
 is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!  
  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him  
 For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -  
 He will one day, oh, glo-rious grace, Trans-port us to

here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.  
row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!  
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing  
Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!  
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad-ness!

Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!  
Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!  
We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

Text: tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt. Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608 Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB  
Hymn License no. 110002320 Tune: Public domain

**Postlude:**

title  
Diane Jaeger, Guest Organist

composer

**Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.

## News And Notes

### Altar Flowers

Flowers were given by Robbin and Kevin Dungey on 12/21, in celebration of our daughter Marty's birthday.

### Flower Calendar for 2026 is up!

Please note: There is a new 2026 sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers on the bulletin board.

Sign up to honor and to celebrate people in your life and to beautify our sanctuary for worship.

### Sunday School And Adult Bible Class!

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

### Mission Brunch Sign-up 2026

Our 4th annual Congregation Mission Brunch will be held on Sunday, January 18th. We'll have a meal together after worship, and welcome guest speaker LeChelle Redd from Faith & Works Enterprises. Join us as we learn more about their mission and opportunities to impact Baltimore with the Gospel. **Sign-up on the bulletin board in the stairwell.**

**January Newsletter is available today in the Narthex.**

### Serving at St. Paul

	This week 4 <sup>th</sup>	Next week 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cantor</b>	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
<b>Reader</b>	Jay Barringer	Michelle Johnson
<b>Usher</b>	Jeffrey Hemmeter	Bruce Staudinger
<b>Usher</b>	Matthew Harmon	Chris Meyer
<b>Greeter</b>	Ed Cohen	Debbie Oldhouser

### Daily Readings

4 Jan	Is 63:15—65:2, Luke 2:41–52
5 Jan	Is 65:8–25, Luke 3:1–20
6 Jan	Is 66:1–20, Luke 3:21–38
7 Jan	Ezek 1:1–14, 22–28, Rom 1:1–17
8 Jan	Ezek 2:1—3:11, Rom 1:18–32
9 Jan	Ezek 3:12–28, Rom 2:1–16
10 Jan	Ezek 18:1–4, 19–32, Rom 2:17–29

## Happening This Week

Monday, Jan 05, 2026

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

AA Small Group

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Jan 06 2026

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Day School Board Meeting

Media Center

Wednesday, Jan 07, 2026

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan 08, 2026

7:30 PM-9:00 PM

Bell Choir Practice

Friday, Jan 09, 2026

Pastor Alms' Day off

Saturday, Jan 10, 2026

Sunday, Jan 11 2026

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 Shifflet (Heart valve replacement)

Debbie Frech (pneumonia, cancer, new chemotherapy treatment)

Jim Kyne (vision problem)

Lindsey Gay (continued recovery)

Merilyn Blomster (recovering)

Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## **SHUT-INS**

Dorothy Shifflett and Janet Conklin.

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Ellie Hroblak, broken hip (Carolyn Louden daughter's Mother-in-Law) 12/23

Steven Dombrowski, testing (father of Joy Brooks) 12/9

Kelly Kolenda, recovering from surgery (mother of Emily Kolenda) 12/9

Heidi Krenzke, rare muscle cancer (wife of OGT volunteer) 12/9

Tommy Stigdon, recovering (Dana Stigdon's son) 11/30

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

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email [pastoralm@stpaulcatonsville.org](mailto:pastoralm@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

MAY ALL  
KINGS  
BOW  
DOWN  
BEFORE  
HIM

