

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



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The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 11, 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.

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**Prelude:** Please use the prelude as a time for quiet prayer and meditation before worship.

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## **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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# The Baptism of Our Lord

## January 11, 2026

Prelude:

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Anton Wilhelm Leupold

(1868-1940)

*Stand*

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



tre a - sures man - y? I have one worth  
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -

more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized

va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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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

*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** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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

Anthem:

Kind Joseph

K. Lee Scott  
(b. 1950)

Kind Joseph was a good man who lived in Galilee;  
he had promised to marry Mary; his wife she was to be.  
Before they came together she was found to be with child:  
a most gentle holy baby, our Savior, sweet and mild.  
As Joseph thought things over, an angel to him said in a dream  
while he lay sleeping, an angel of the Lord:  
"Fear not to marry Mary; her blest child will be a son;  
He is from the Holy Spirit the Everblessed One."  
"You shall call His name, 'Jesus', our Savior and our friend;

this child will save His people from their sorrow and their sin.”  
This fulfills the ancient promise: God comes down with us to dwell;  
a Son to us is given, the Lord, Immanuel.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
    till he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
    I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
    a light for the nations,  
    <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
    nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
    I tell you of them.”

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

May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

**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 the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**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 3:13-17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

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

*Sit*

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - drous sound Came God's own

heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
 God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 voice with words pro - found: “This is My Son,” was

Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
 Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
 His de - cree, “The one I love, who pleas - es Me.”

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
 To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
 This man is Christ, our substitute!  
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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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  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

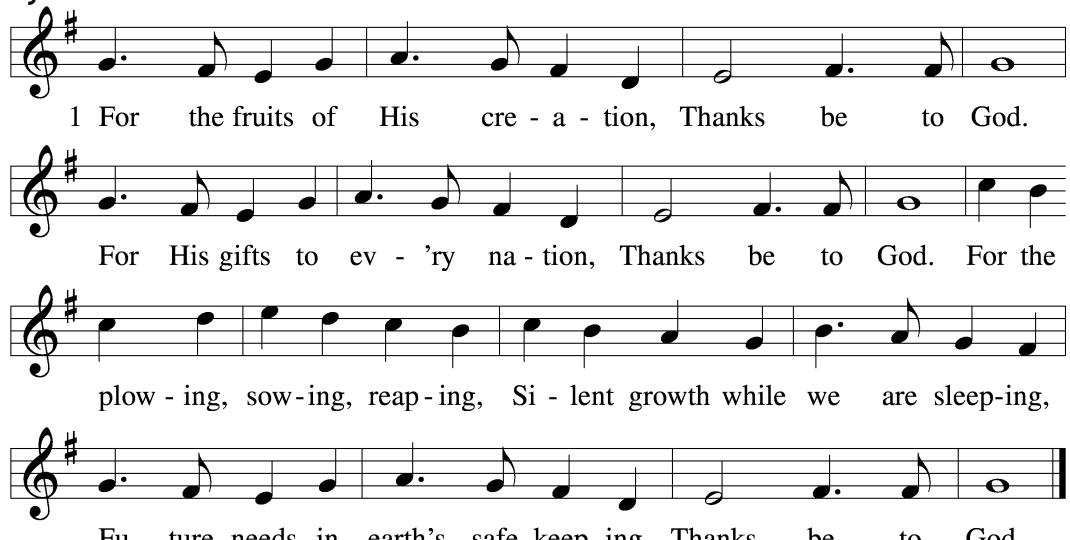
### Offering

*(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 creation, Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev-ry na-tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, Si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,  
Fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, Thanks be to God.

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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.

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.  
**F**or 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  $\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

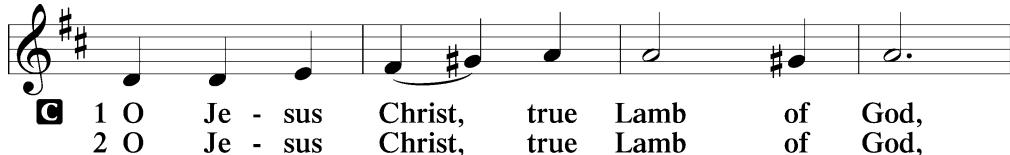
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\ddagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in G major (one sharp) and the bottom staff is in C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are as follows:

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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Father Welcomes**

*LSB 605*

*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*

Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

Text and tune: Robin Mann, 1949

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## Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the body 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.

Text: Latin, 7th Cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with patience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Father.  
 We shall know the joy of Jesus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
 The night and the day are both alike.  
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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## Beautiful Savior

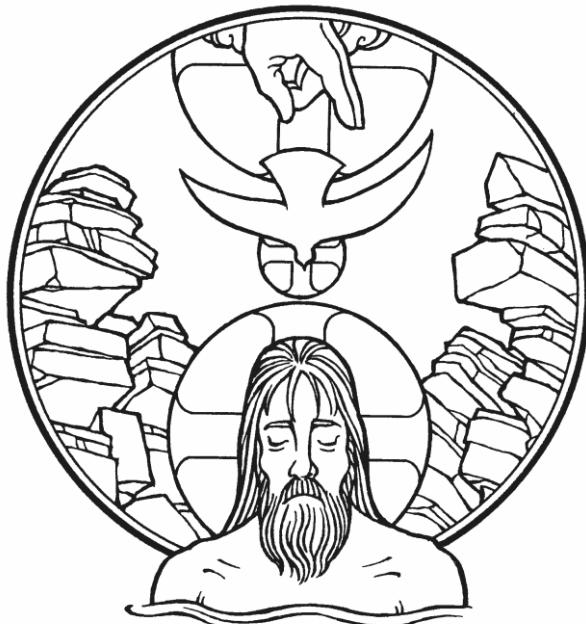
LSB 537

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo-ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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**Stand**

## Nunc Dimitis

*Luke 2:29-32*

1. O Lord, now let Your servant go.  
2. All glory to the Son, For All glory to the Three in One;  
3. Spirit of the Father, For ever and ever,  
4. A light to lead the beginning,  
5. To now, Your holy hill, The God's triune name,  
6. People, Your chosen, Israely.

## 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 <sup>☩</sup> give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 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

**Postlude:**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Bruce Neswick

(b. 1956)



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## News And Notes

### Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by The Women's Guild. Thank you!

### 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.**

### English Classes

Our free winter session English classes start on Monday, January 19. It's a wonderful volunteer opportunity to reach out to others with God's love. No special experience needed- just a warm smile and a willingness to help others. Talk with Irene Giguere if you can give some time to this ministry.

### St. Paul Altar Care

If you are interested in helping prepare our altar for services and setting up for communion, please contact Robbin Dungey at [marthadungey@gmail.com](mailto:marthadungey@gmail.com) or speak to her in church. At present, the month of April has no one signed up to provide for communion and prepare the altar. Contact Robbin if you are interested in taking the month of April or if you are free to do a Sunday or two. April 5 is Easter.

### 2026 Mission Trip Opportunity

Join Samaritan's Purse in Buncombe County, NC to help rebuild homes and offer hope after Hurricane Helene's devastating impact in 2024. Volunteers will provide both physical restoration and meaningful emotional and spiritual support. To receive trip details and indicate your preferred dates, please complete the form by February 4, 2026.

<https://forms.gle/2FUEK9k7nDF33TdFA>



## **January Youth Group**

Vicar Malmstrom will be leading several youth group activities over the coming months. We will be meeting Saturday, January 31 at 5:00 p.m. to plan some of these outings and come up with ideas. Please let the Vicar know if you plan to attend via email ([thomas.malmstrom@stpaulcatonsville.org](mailto:thomas.malmstrom@stpaulcatonsville.org)).

## **Back to I Corinthians!**

Adult Bible class has returned to our study of 1 Corinthians. We will finish up the epistle with good stuff on the Lord's Supper, spiritual gifts, and the Resurrection.

## **Young Adult Bible Study**

Starting January 10, Vicar Malmstrom will be doing a Bible study for members of the congregation between the ages of 20 and 30. We will be meeting downstairs at St. Paul at 5:00 p.m. For our first session, please bring a Bible. The plan is to go through St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, incorporating any particular interests that may arise. Please let Vicar Malmstrom know if you plan to attend.

## **Sunday Sweets and Treats**

It's so nice to share a sweet treat after church as we gather for fellowship. There is a regular group of people who donate delicious snacks and treats, but there are times when no one signs up. Emily Kolenda and Lynette Frech are coordinating the Sweets and Treats sign up which is located on the volunteer board at the top of the stairs.

If you wish to make a monetary contribution or supply a snack, just let us know. We will provide set up and clean up. It would be our pleasure to serve your cakes, cookies, cheese and crackers, or fruit. Whatever you'd like to donate is greatly appreciated. The drinks and paper products are provided. So grab your partner and start baking.

## **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

If you have any policies with Thrivent you can designate money from Thrivent to be given to the Non-Profit of your choice. St Paul Lutheran Church and St Paul Lutheran School are eligible. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) for more information.

## Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Next week 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
<b>Reader</b>	Michelle Johnson	Pastor Roemer
<b>Usher</b>	Bruce Staudinger	Paul Lubell
<b>Usher</b>	Chris Meyer	Brian Erwin
<b>Greeter</b>	Debbie Oldhouser	Bruce Staudinger

## Daily Readings

Jan 11, 2025	Ezek 33:1–20, Rom 3:1–18
Jan 12, 2025	Ezek 34:1–24, Rom 3:19–31
Jan 13, 2025	Ezek 36:13–28, Rom 4:1–25
Jan 14, 2025	Ezek 36:33—37:14, Rom 5:1–21
Jan 15, 2025	Ezek 37:15–28, Rom 6:1–23
Jan 16, 2025	Ezek 38:1–23, Rom 7:1–20
Jan 17, 2025	Ezek 39:1–10, 17–29, Rom 7:21—8:17

## Happening This Week

Monday, Jan 12, 2026

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM AA Small Group Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Jan 13 2026

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Elder's Meeting Media Center

Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan 15, 2026

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Bible Study Pastor's Office

7:30 PM-9:00 PM Bell Choir Practice

Friday, Jan 16, 2026

Pastor Alms' Day off

Saturday, Jan 17, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Work Day

Sunday, Jan 18 2026

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM Bible Classes

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Sunday Worship Sanctuary

11:00 AM - 12:00 AM Mission Brunch Fellowship Hall

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@splicatonsville.org](mailto:linda.jones@splicatonsville.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.