

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 18, 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.)

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Prelude:

O Jesus Christ Thy Manger Is

Arranged by Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

Diane Jaeger, Guest Organist

Stand

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt. Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89 Text and tune: Public domain

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 Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
 and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
 from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
 in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
 and my recompense with my God.”
⁵And now the LORD says,
 he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
 and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
⁷Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
 the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,**

and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

**He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.**

Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.

**Blessèd is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,**

who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!

**You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!**

I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

**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.**

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that

you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

The musical notation consists of three measures of a melody in G major, common time. The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia" are repeated three times.

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.

The musical notation consists of two measures of a melody in G major, common time. The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." are sung.

Alleluia



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

The musical notation consists of three measures of a melody in G major, common time. The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia" are repeated three times.

Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but

for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na-tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless-ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun-tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans-gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun-tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532-c. 1601

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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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

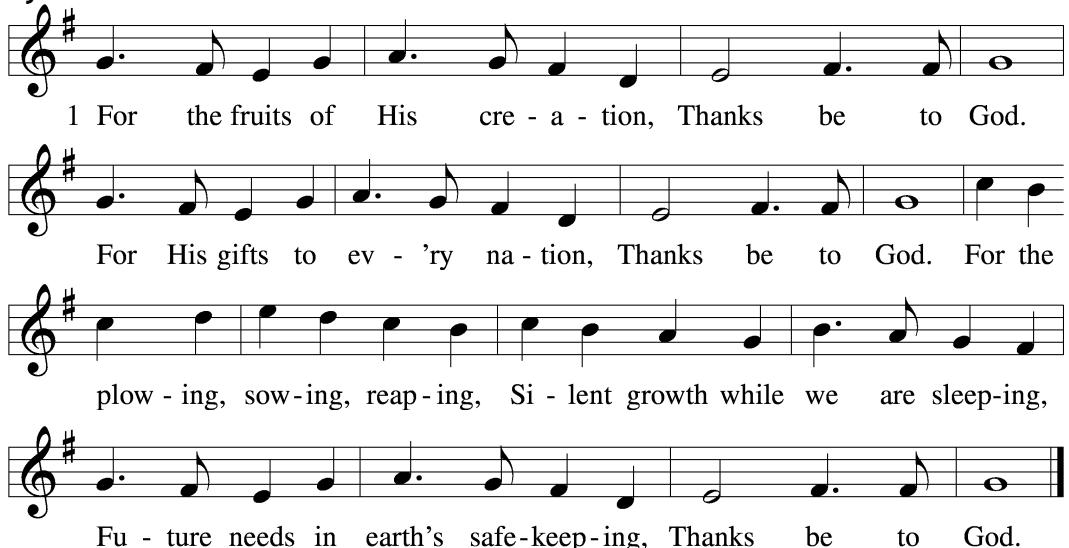
Offering

(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. 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
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.

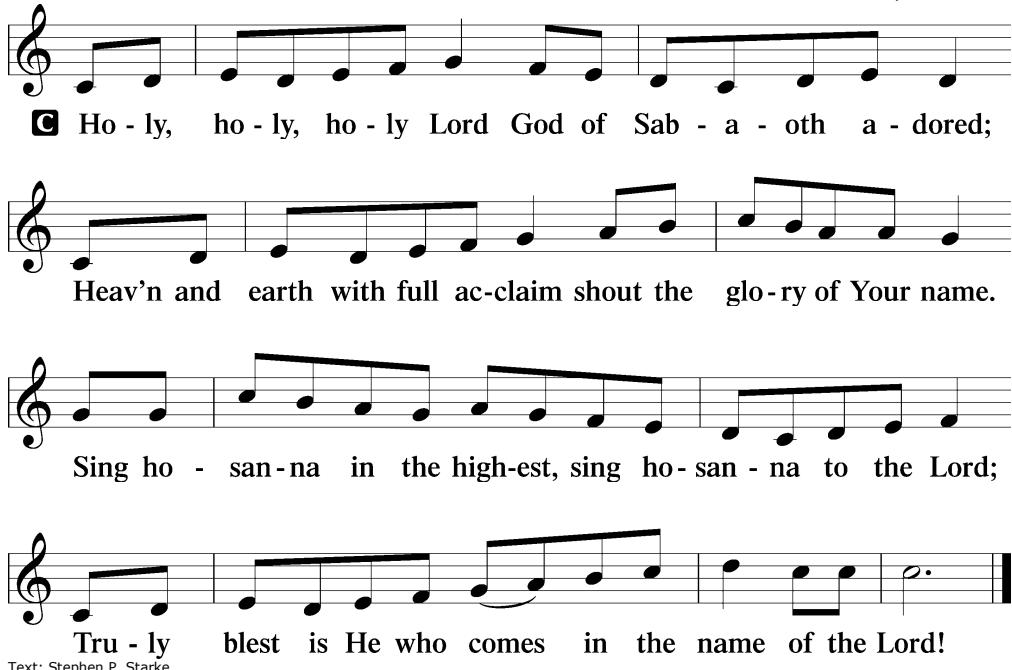
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

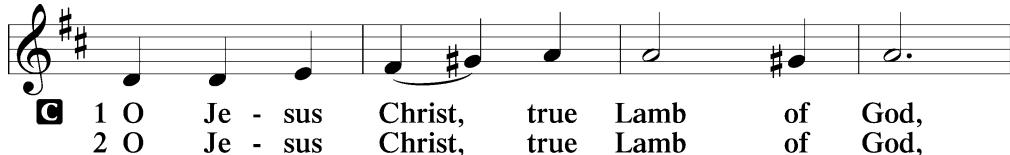
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \ddagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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,

Music notation for three staves in G major, 2/4 time, featuring a treble clef and two sharps. The lyrics are as follows:

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

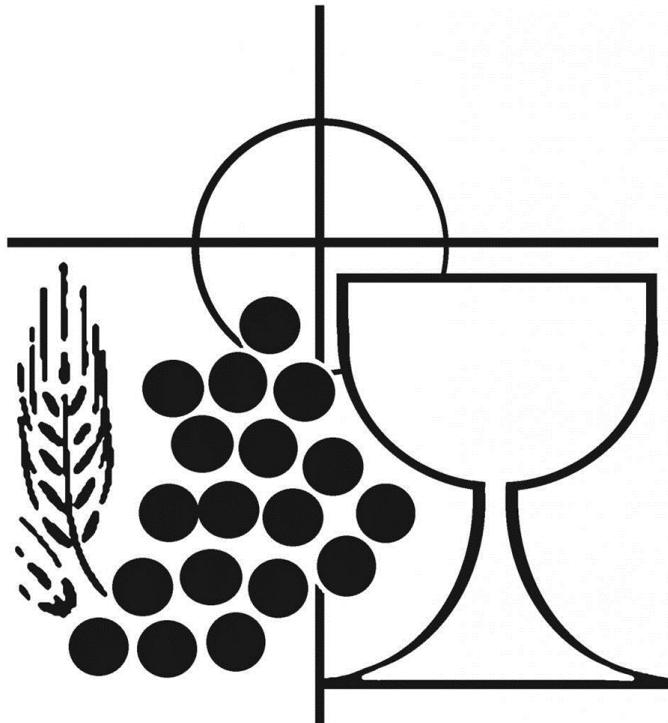
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution



Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth-ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.
 lu - - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.

Tune: French, 17th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain



Lamb of God

LSB 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre- cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text and tune: Twila Paris, 1958

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 702



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87 Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872 Text and tune: Public domain

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.

Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79 Tune: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77 Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant go.
All glory to the peace, For I have seen the glo-ry of the Son, All glo-ry to the glo-ry of the Three in One;
Spir- it, For ev-er re-deem-ing grace: One;
A For light to lead the be- gin-ning, Un-is to the glo-ry of Your God's tri-une name re-peo- ple, Your cho-sen Is-rael.
sound- ing Through all e- Is-ter-ni-ty.

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.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Postlude:

Old English Diapason Movement

John Keeble (1711-1786)

Diane Jaeger, Guest Organist

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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

MISSION BRUNCH TODAY! - All are invited and welcome to join us immediately after worship for a congregation meal and guest speaker presentation. There will be plenty of food and room for everyone. Even if you haven't signed up, please plan to stay. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall.

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 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. Confirmation ages through high school are invited. Parents and kids should attend. Please let the Vicar know if you plan to attend via email (thomas.malmstrom@stpaulcatonsville.org).

Lutheran Books and Beer

We will meet at the Rathskellar in Elkridge and discusses Lutheran theology. Current book is Luther: Man between God and the Devil. Fourth Thursday every month at 7 p.m. Next meeting is January 22nd. Contact Pastor Alms for information.

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 Is Underway!

Vicar Malmstrom will be doing a Bible study for members of the congregation between the ages of 20 and 30. We will study Philippians and have plenty of time for visiting and fellowship. 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.

Thank You!

Thank you to Diane Jaeger for filling in for Renata this morning.

February Newsletter

Articles are requested for the February Newsletter by January 26th.

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 for more information.

Practical Needs Opportunity

A St. Paul Lutheran School employee is looking for housing in Catonsville. If you have a spare room that you are interested in renting out, this single older woman can pay \$600/month. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about this known need within our community. Thank you."

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 18 th	Next week 25 th
Cantor	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
Reader	Pastor Roemer	Kate Baeder
Usher	Paul Lubell	Don Easton
Usher	Brian Erwin	Ken Waibel
Greeter	Bruce Staudinger	Betsy Mitchell

Daily Readings

Jan 18, 2026	Ezek 40:1–4; 43:1–12, Rom 8:18–39
Jan 19, 2026	Ezek 44:1–16, 23–29, Rom 9:1–18
Jan 20, 2026	Ezek 47:1–14, 21–23, Rom 9:19–33
Jan 21, 2026	Joel 1:1–20, Rom 10:1–21
Jan 22, 2026	Joel 2:1–17, Rom 11:1–24
Jan 23, 2026	Joel 2:18–32, Rom 11:25—12:13
Jan 24, 2026	Joel 3:1–21, Rom 12:14—13:14

Happening This Week

Monday, Jan 19, 2026

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Council Meeting	Room 203
7:15 PM- 8:15 PM	ESL	Media Center
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Jan 20 2026

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan 22, 2026

6:000 PM-7:15 PM

Bell Choir Practice

7:00PM – 8:00 PM

Books and Beer

7:15PM – 8:30 PM

ESL Media Center

Friday, Jan 23, 2026

Pastor Alms' Day off

Saturday, Jan 24, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Work Day

Sunday, Jan 25, 2026

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

Bible Classes

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sunday Worship

Sanctuary

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Oromo Worship

Sanctuary

18:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Oromo Fellowship

Sanctuary



CHURCH MEMBERS

Renata O'Reilly (recovering from procedure)
Peggy Wise (heart valve replacement January 21st)
Doris Schascheck (recovering from illness)
Steve Hoffman (recovering from illness)
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

Laura Starsonneck recovering from surgery (mother of 1st grade student) 1/13
Jack Wedeking, pneumonia (son of Jim Wedeking) 1/13
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
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 or 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.