

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville

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AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
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Matthew 4:19

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 25, 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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Vicar Thomas Malmstrom

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Prelude:

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Wayne L. Wold
(b. 1954)

Stand

The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

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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 Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

Anthem:

O Holy Child

Bohemian Carol

Arranged by Carl Frederick Halter (1915-1989)

O holy Child, we welcome Thee, with happy lays Thy birth we praise.
Sleep softly I Thy bed, sweet Child, the night is bright with heavenly light.
O Child divine, our Savior dear, lead us in love to heaven above.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Bell Choir:

Awake, My Soul

Tune: G.F. Handel

Text: Phillip Dodderidge 1701-1751

Arranger: Sharon and Elery Rogers

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve
And press with vigor on,
A heavenly verse demands thy zeal
And an immortal crown

Psalm

Psalm 27:1-5; antiphon: v. 1a

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
**my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
**though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,**
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

**For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;**
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

**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.**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand


Alleluia



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

Verse

John 20:31



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



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

Alleluia



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

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

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

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ 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. 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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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



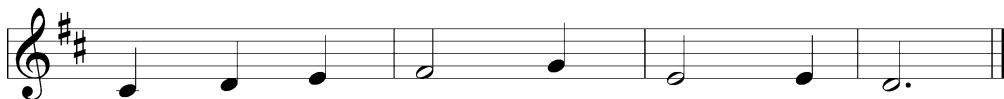
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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



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



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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

they will
be done

Come, Let Us Eat

LSB 626



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.
Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.

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O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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O God of God, O Light of Light

LSB 810



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His



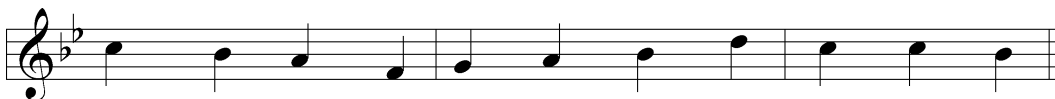
King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of
wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for-ev-er rings. To Him who sits up-on the throne,
saw their com-ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju-de-an night
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates!
earth, your an-them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin-ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry
Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first-born
So sang that host be-yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
For-ev-er let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb, en-



He has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, a-men.
sons of light, It ech-oes now, "Good-will!" A-men.
King a-waits. We lift them up. A-men, a-men.
throned to reign, All glo-ry, pow'r! A-men, a-men.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly 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 - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - 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.

Father, We Praise Thee

LSB 875



1 Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our
△ 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.
where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

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Postlude:

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven: *Lauda Anima*

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News And Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Jim and LaVerne Kyne in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

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.

English Classes

Our free winter session English classes started 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.

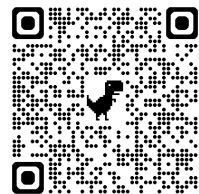
St. Paul Altar Care

If you are interested in helping prepare our altar for services and setting up for communion, please contact Robbin Dungey 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).

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.

Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild will meet on Tuesday January 28th at the home of Pat Wesselman. Meeting begins at 10, bring a bag lunch and plan on staying for some fellowship after the meeting.

February Newsletter

Articles are requested for the February Newsletter by tomorrow, 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."

In Home Help Needed

The family of an older woman in our area is in need of someone to look after her, make sure meals are prepared and eaten and be with her for a few hours a week. This would be a paid opportunity. Please contact Pastor Alms if you know of anyone.

St Paul 2030 Strategy Presentation and Voters Meeting on February 8th

St Paul will hold a voters meeting on Sunday Feb 8th following worship to vote on

- 1) Nominations LCMS national President and Vice-Presidents for the 2026 LCMS convention
- 2) To select a congregational lay representative to cast the lay vote for Synodical President in June. The LCMS President is elected triennially directly by congregations each of which has one pastoral vote and one lay vote.

Following that voters meeting there will be a presentation of the “St. Paul 2030” strategy five-year plan along with goals that accompany that strategy. The strategy and goals will be emailed to the congregation prior to the 8th.

Free Will Offering for Faith and Works Enterprises

Following our Mission Brunch where we heard Lachelle Redd outline her work and the work of Faith and Work Enterprises in the Sandtown neighborhood of Baltimore, there will be a free will offering today and the next two weeks to support that mission. There is a basket in the Narthex. Please make out any checks directly to “Faith and Works Enterprises”. If you want to give cash, please use the envelopes in the narthex marked “Faith and Works”. Also, look out in the future for more opportunities to volunteer and help at Faith and Work.

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 25th	Next week 1st
Cantor	Steve Haar	JB Jaeger
Reader	Kate Baeder	Ken Waibel
Usher	Don Easton	Jim Kyne
Usher	Ken Waibel	David Nguyen
Greeter	Betsy Mitchell	Karyn Borth

Daily Readings

Jan 25, 2026	Zech 1:1–21, Rom 14:1–23
Jan 26, 2026	Zech 2:1—3:10, Rom 15:1–13
Jan 27, 2026	Zech 4:1—5:11, Rom 15:14–33
Jan 28, 2026	Zech 6:1—7:14, Rom 16:17–27
Jan 29, 2026	Zech 8:1–23, 2 Tim 1:1–18
Jan 30, 2026	Zech 9:1–17, 2 Tim 2:1–26
Jan 31, 2026	Zech 10:1—11:3, 2 Tim 3:1–18

Happening This Week

Monday, Jan 26, 2026		
7:15 PM- 8:15 PM	ESL	Media Center
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Jan 27, 2026		
Wednesday, Jan 28, 2026		
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Choir Practice	
Thursday, Jan 29, 2026		
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study	Pastor’s Office
7:30 PM-9:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	
7:15 PM- 8:15 PM	ESL	Media Center
Friday, Jan 30, 2026	Pastor Alms’ Day off	
Saturday, Jan 31, 2026		
Sunday, Feb 1, 2026		
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Bible Classes	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 AM- 12:15 PM	Horlebein Expense Committee meeting	Media Center
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Oromo Worship	Sanctuary
18:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Oromo Fellowship	Sanctuary

CHURCH MEMBERS

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Layla Beth to Jon and Carolyn Haar, son and daughter-in-law of Barb & Steve.

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

LeChelle Redd, of Faith & Work Enterprises (Mission Brunch speaker)

Laura Staroneck 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 pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org or linda.jones@spiscatonsville.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.