

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville

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BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL  
FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN

MERCY

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 1, 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:

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Wayne L. Wold  
(b. 1954)

Stand

O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;  
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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.

# 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 God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

*Micah 6:1–8*

- <sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:  
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.
- <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.
- <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!
- <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.
- <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”
- <sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 15; antiphon: Psalm 16:1*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

**He who walks blamelessly and does what is right  
and speaks truth in his heart;**

who does not slander with his tongue  
and does no evil to his neighbor,  
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

**in whose eyes a vile person is despised,**

**but who honors those who fear the LORD;**

who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

**who does not put out his money at interest  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.**

He who does these things shall never be moved.

**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.**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### 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



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:1–12*

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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

# Beatitudes

## Matthew 5:1-10

# Jesus Sat with His Disciples

LSB 932



1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a  
 2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the  
 3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing



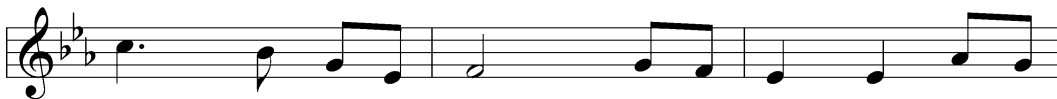
moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple  
 earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be  
 peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -



gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:  
 ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.  
 cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;



"Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's  
 Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy  
 Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the



king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and  
 will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are  
 king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My



mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.  
 bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.  
 suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love."

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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](http://stpaulcatonsville.org/donation). If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)



## Offertory

LSB 894

1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
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  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

## 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



## Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

LSB 560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might

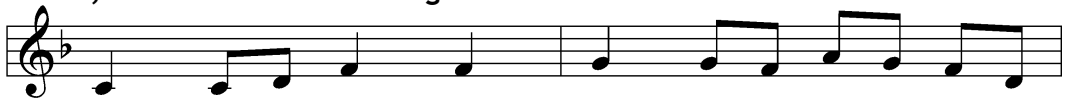


life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855-1928 Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838-96 Text and tune: Public domain

## Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
 △ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

*LSB 427*



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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# Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870 Text and tune: Public domain

## Stand

### Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



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.

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717-91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722-96, alt.; (sts. 2-3): tr. William Williams, 1717-91  
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## Postlude:

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

Setting by Donald Hustad (1918-2013)

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## News And Notes

### Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Jeffrey Hemmeter in celebration of Michael's 16th

### 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. 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>



### 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.

## **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."

## **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.

## **St Paul 2030 Strategy Presentation and Voters Meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## **Newsletter**

The February Newsletter is available in the narthex.

## Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Next week 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Cantor</b>	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
<b>Reader</b>	Ken Waibel	Karyn Borth
<b>Usher</b>	Jim Kyne	Kevin Dungey
<b>Usher</b>	David Nguyen	Taylor Dungey
<b>Greeter</b>	Karyn Borth	Robbin Dungey

## Daily Readings

Feb 1, 2026	Zech 11:4–17,	2 Tim 4:1–18
Feb 2, 2026	Zech 12:1—13:9,	Titus 1:1—2:6
Feb 3, 2026	Zech 14:1–21,	Titus 2:7—3:15
Feb 4, 2026	Job 1:1–22,	John 1:1–18
Feb 5, 2026	Job 2:1—3:10,	John 1:19–34
Feb 6, 2026	Job 3:11–26,	John 1:35–51
Feb 7, 2026	Job 4:1–21,	John 2:1–12

## Happening This Week

Monday, Feb 2, 2026

7:15 PM- 8:15 PM

ESL

Media Center

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

AA Small Group

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Feb 3, 2026

Wednesday, Feb 4, 2026

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Choir Practice

Thursday, Feb 5, 2026

7:30 PM-9:00 PM

Bell Choir Practice

7:15 PM- 8:15 PM

ESL

Media Center

Friday, Feb 6, 2026

Pastor Alms' Day off

Saturday, Feb 7, 2026

Sunday, Feb 8, 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**

Prayer of comfort for the family of Janet Conklin who died last week.  
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)  
Marilyn Blomster (recovering)  
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## **SHUT-INS**

Dorothy Shifflett

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Faith & Work Enterprises and LeChelle Redd (Mission Brunch speaker) 1/25  
Laura Staroneck recovering from surgery (mother of 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
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 [pastorals@stpaulcatonsville.org](mailto:pastorals@stpaulcatonsville.org) or [linda.jones@spiscatonsville.org](mailto: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.