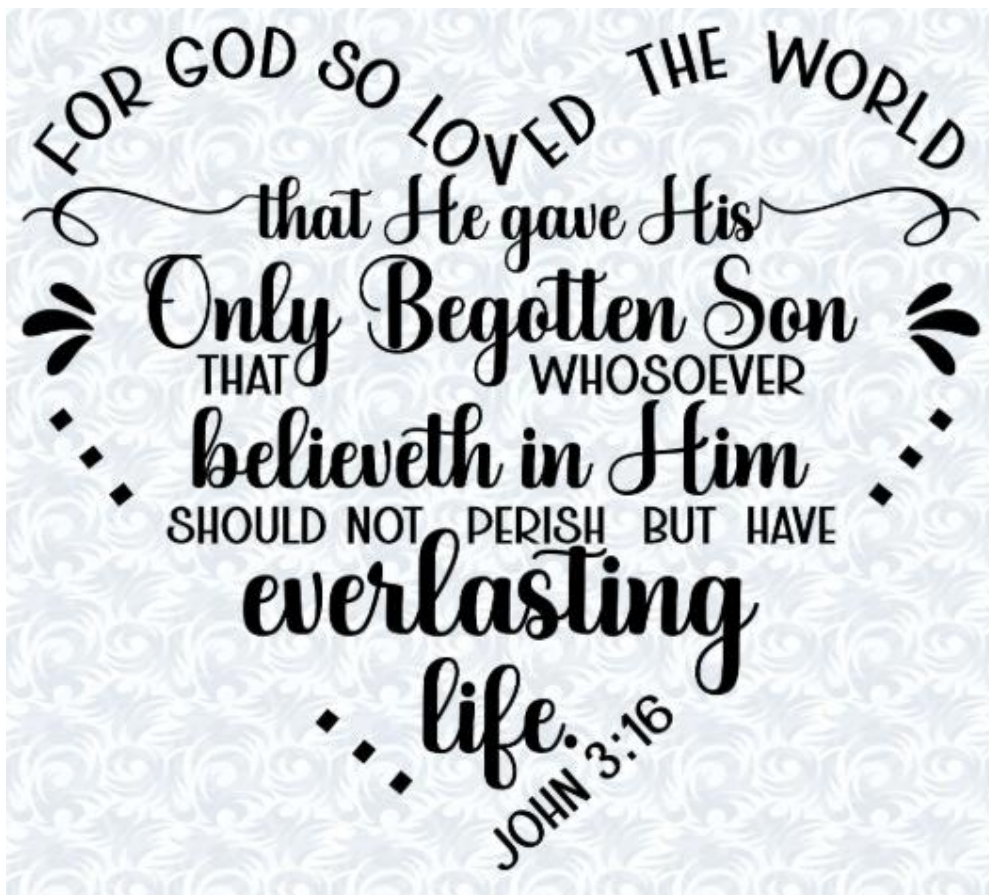


# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Second Sunday in Lent  
March 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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# Second Sunday in Lent

## March 1, 2026

Prelude:

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Robert Below  
(1934-2020)

*Stand*

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 610



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 365–c. 414; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–96, alt.  
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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

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### ***Kneel/Sit***

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

### **Confession of Sins**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

*[John 20:19–23]*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

### ***Stand***

## **Service of the Word**

### **Kyrie**

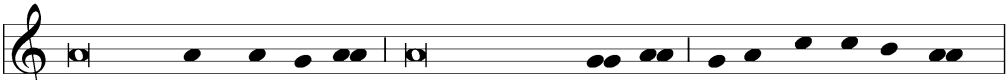
*Mark 10:47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



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



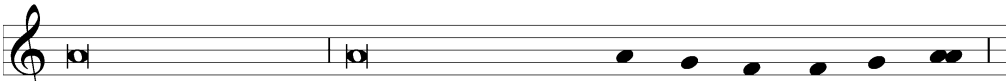
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



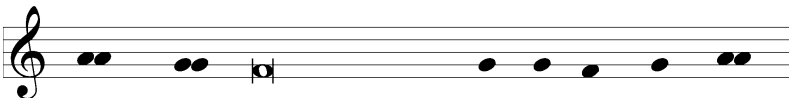
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

The Hymn of Praise is Omitted During Lent

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**Anthem:**

Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord

Thomas Mudd  
(1577-1590)

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of Thy humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please Thee;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–9

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 121; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is your | keeper; \*  
**the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.**

I lift up my eyes | to the hills. \*  
**From where does my | help come?**

My help comes | from the LORD, \*  
**who made | heaven and earth.**

He will not let your | foot be moved; \*  
**he who keeps you will not | slumber.**  
Behold, he who keeps | Israel \*  
**will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your | keeper; \*  
**the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.**  
The sun shall not strike | you by day, \*  
**nor the | moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all | evil;\*  
**he will | keep your life.**

The LORD will keep  
your going out and your | coming in\*  
**from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

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

The LORD is your | keeper;\*  
**the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.**

## Epistle

*Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Stand

### Verse (Lent)

Joel 2:13



**G** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except

he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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



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

*Sit*

**God Loved the World So That He Gave**

*LSB 571*



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all  
 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves your



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 soul from death; That is the firm - est ground of faith.

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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

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface


*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.




**C** And al-so 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.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

# All Depends on Our Possessing

LSB 732



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
 As God wills, so be it ever;  
 I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
 God my weary soul will strengthen;  
 All my trust in Him I place.  
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
 Like a stream away is gliding;  
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

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# Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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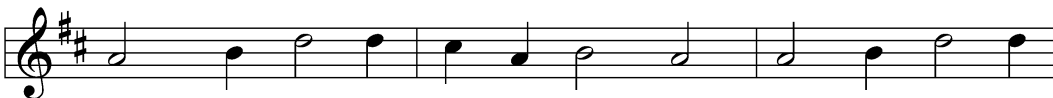
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77; (sts. 1, 4): tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; (sts. 2-3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
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# God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

LSB 877



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,  
△ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,  
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,  
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.  
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

Text (st. 1): Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.; (sts. 2, 4): William Mercer, 1811–73, alt.; (st. 3): Richard Whately, 1787–1863, alt.  
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## Stand

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray...



**C** A - men.

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
 △ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Text (sts. 1-2): James Quinn, 1919-2010; (st. 3): Henry V. Gerike, 1948-2025

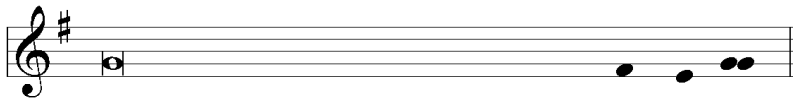
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# Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



**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.



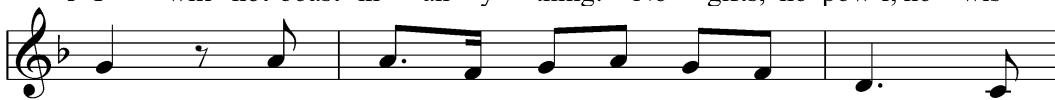
**C** A - men.

# How Deep the Father's Love for Us

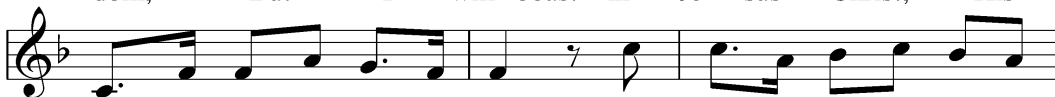
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1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, How vast be-yond all mea -  
 2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, My sin up - on His shoul -  
 3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis -



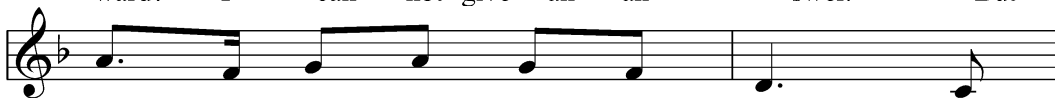
sure; That He should give His on - ly Son To  
 ders; A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice Call  
 dom; But I will boast in Je - sus Christ; His



make a wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear-ing  
 out a-mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re -



loss; The Fa - ther turns His face a - way As  
 there Un - til it was ac - com - plished. His  
 ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One Bring  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life; I  
 this I know with all my heart: His



man - y un - to glo - ry.  
 know that it is fin - ished.  
 wounds have paid my ran - som.

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## Postlude:

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau  
(1663-1712)



# LENTEN SERVICES

Lent Midweek Services Wednesdays -- 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Theme: “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

March 4, 2026  
March 11, 2026  
March 18, 2026  
March 25, 2026

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## News And Notes

### Altar Flowers

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

### Sunday School and Adult Bible Class!

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

### St. Paul Altar Care

At present, the month of April has no one signed up to provide for communion and prepare the altar. If you are interested in taking the month of April or if you are free to do a Sunday or two, contact Robbin Dungey.

### Lent Midweek Services: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

St Paul Lent Midweek services will use Martins Luther's hymn as a guide to our Lenten meditation. Luther traces the story of our salvation from the chains of Satan and sin to the heavenly treasure Christ wins for us by his suffering and death. Each week we will sing and consider one or two verses of the hymn. The order of service will be a simple spoken order of responsive prayer, catechism, Scripture, preaching and hymns. Dates and times are February 25 through March 25 at 11 am and 7 p.m.

### Short Term Missions With Faith And Work

We're excited to share the possibility of new short-term opportunities to serve with Faith in Work Enterprises right here in Baltimore! If you're interested in local mission work—whether in addition to or instead of joining Samaritan's Purse this summer—we'd love to connect with you. Contact Roy or Heather Krakat for more information.

### Food Drive for Faith and Work - Church and School

Faith and Work Enterprises is a Lutheran organization that provides hope, resources, and the good news of Christ in the Sandtown neighborhood of Baltimore. They focus on creating sustainable opportunities and change in a difficult neighborhood. One resource F/W provides is a food pantry. St. Paul Lutheran Church and School will host a canned food drive March 1 through 15th to benefit the F/W food pantry. The need that is most acute is canned protein: tuna, salmon, chicken, chili, Spam, beans, split pea soup, refried beans, etc. The school will collect items March 2nd through 13th and the church will accept items on Sundays March 1, 8, 15.

## Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Next week 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
<b>Reader</b>	Jay Barringer	Michelle Johnson
<b>Usher</b>	Roy Krakat	Jeffrey Hemmeter
<b>Usher</b>	Caleb Ferry	Kegan Guyett
<b>Greeter</b>	Irene Giguere	David Carnes

## Daily Readings

<b>Sunday</b>	Gen 16:1–9, 15—17:22, Mark 6:1–13
Monday	Gen 18:1–15, Mark 6:14–34
Tuesday	Gen 21:1–21, Mark 6:35–56
Wednesday	Gen 22:1–19, Mark 7:1–23
Thursday	Gen 24:1–31, Mark 7:24–37
Friday	Gen 24:32–52, 61–67, Mark 8:1–21
Saturday	Gen 27:1–29, Mark 8:22–38

## Happening This Week

Monday, March 2, 2026		
7:15 PM- 8:15 PM	ESL	Media Center
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 3, 2026		
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Day School Board Meeting	Media Center
Wednesday, March 4, 2026		
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Lent Midweek AM Service	
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Lent Midweek PM Service	
8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Choir Practice	
Thursday, March 5, 2026		
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	
7:15 PM- 8:15 PM	ESL	Media Center
Friday, March 6, 2026		
Saturday, March 7, 2026		
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM		
Sunday, March 8, 2026		
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM	Bible Classes	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Asset Management Board Meeting	
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Oromo Worship	Sanctuary
18:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Oromo Fellowship	Sanctuary



*Holy Week and Easter*

Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. with Lord's Supper

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Jim Kyne (recovering from knee replacement)  
Peggy Wise (heart valve replacement January 21st)  
Doris Schascheck (recovering from illness)  
Steve Hoffman (recovering from illness)  
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatment)  
Lindsey Gay (continued recovery)  
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)  
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## **SHUT-INS**

Dorothy Shifflett

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

James Hostetter, hospitalized (Renata O'Reilly's father) 2/10  
Rev. Arthur Baisch recovering from surgery for blood clots (friend of Ken Waibel) 2/15  
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 [pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org](mailto:pastoralms@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.