

**St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville**



**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 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:

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Wayne L. Wold  
(b. 1954)

Stand

To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

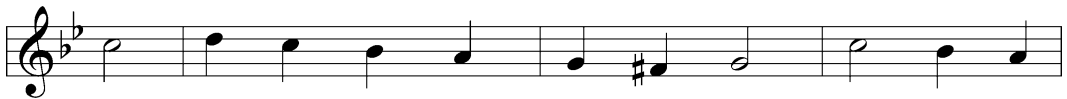
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1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I  
2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in  
3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,  
wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,



The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly  
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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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

*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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## *Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Kyrie

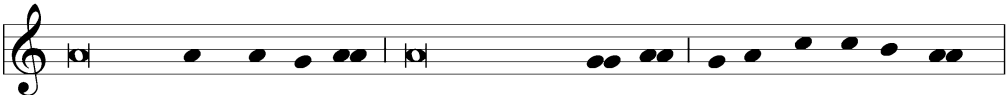
Mark 10:47



**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.



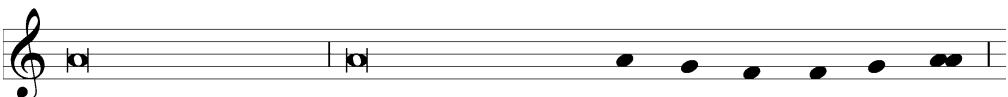
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



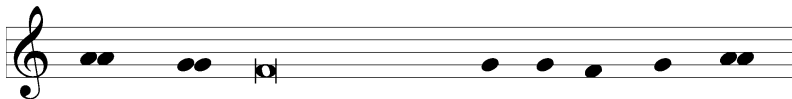
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



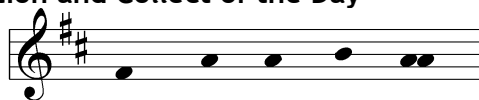
**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Sit

**Anthem:**

Lord for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

John Hilton  
(ca. 1599-1657)

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge;  
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;  
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk in an upright heart,  
before Thee this day and evermore.

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 17:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 95:1–9; antiphon: v. 6*

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down; \*  
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD; \*  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*

**let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a | great God,\*

**and a great King a- | bove all gods.**

In his hand are the depths | of the earth;\*

**the heights of the mountains are his | also.**

The sea is his, for he | made it,\*

**and his hands formed the | dry land.**

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

**let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!**

For he | is our God,\*

**and we are the people of his pasture,**  
**and the sheep | of his hand.**

**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.**

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

**let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!**

## Epistle

*Romans 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

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

## Stand

### Verse (Lent)

Joel 2:13



**C** 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 4:5–26

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



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

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."  
<sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

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



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

*Sit*

### When I Behold Jesus Christ

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1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;  
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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## Sermon

## Stand

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\dagger$  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

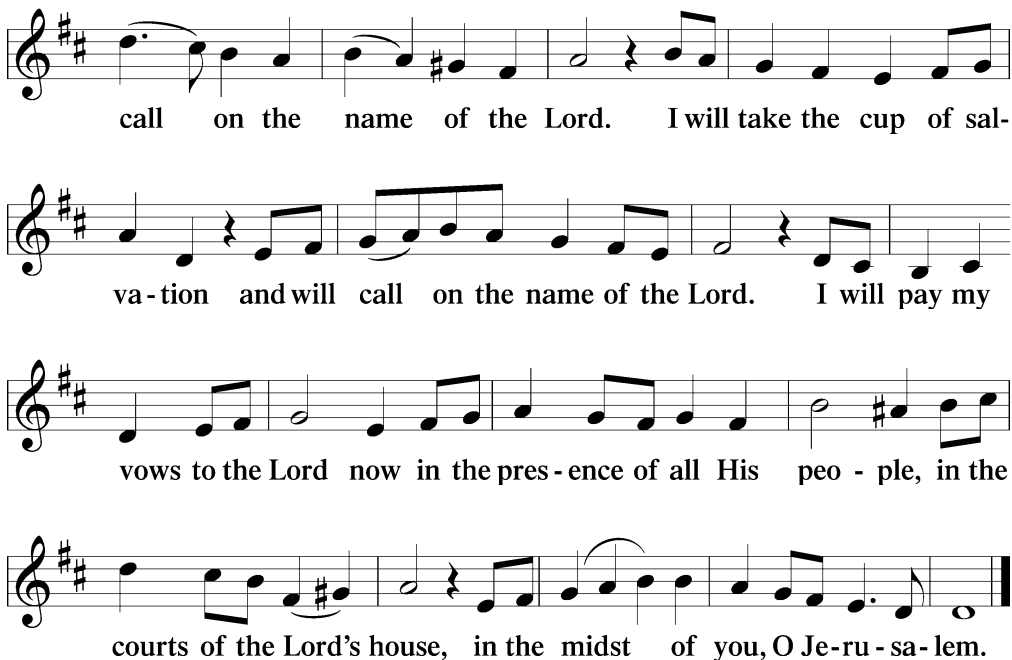
*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**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

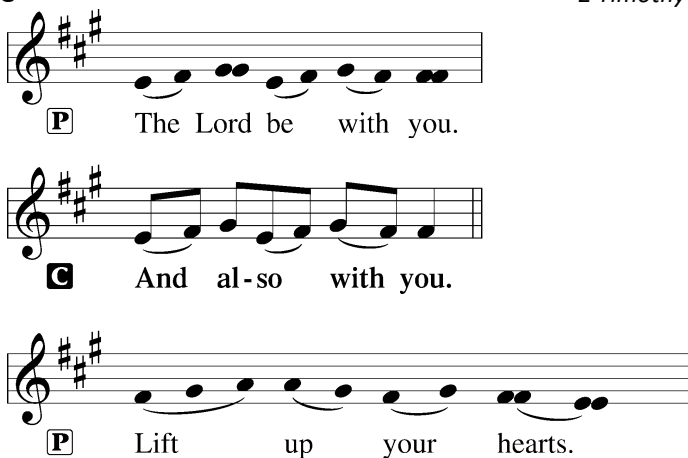


call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

## 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



### 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.

### Lord's Prayer

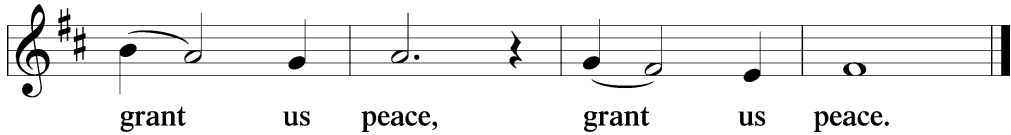
*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**





Sit

Distribution

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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## The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

LSB 624



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
 As at the rail on bended knee  
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
 The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
 A priestly food and priestly meat;  
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
 His quenching blood that life restores.

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## How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB 524



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In  
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And  
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My  
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing  
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.  
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.  
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.  
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

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# Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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# 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.

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## Post-Communion Collect

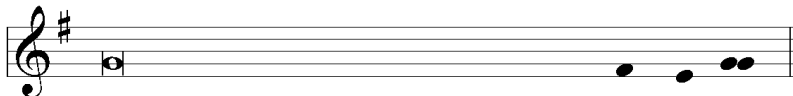
**A** Let us pray...



**C** A - men.

## 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.

# When Peace, like a River

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

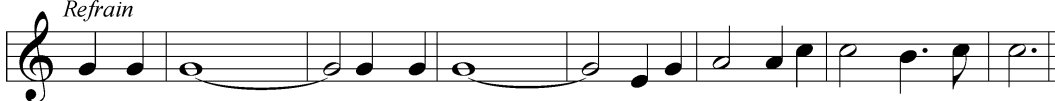


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## Postlude:

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Flor Peeters  
(1903-1986)

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## News And Notes

### Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Joyce and Ken Waibel in honor of our great-granddaughters—Rosea, Robbyn, Raechel, and Deveena.

### 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.

### 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.

### Help Wanted!

The Easter egg hunt is Saturday, April 4th, from 10:00 - 12 Noon. Please consider helping that day. It's a fun morning, and wonderful opportunity to share the Resurrection Story with our neighbors. You can sign up on the bulletin board or contact Keegan [Guyett](#)

**Candy Donations** - We need to fill 2,000 eggs for the Easter egg Hunt! Please take a list from the candy bin in the foyer so you know exactly what we need. Donations are being accepted through Sunday, April 29th.

## Daily Readings

March 8, 2026	Gen 27:30–45; 28:10–22, Mark 9:1–13
March 9, 2026	Gen 29:1–30, Mark 9:14–32
March 10, 2026	Gen 35:1–29, Mark 9:33–50
March 11, 2026	Gen 37:1–36, Mark 10:1–12
March 12, 2026	Gen 39:1–23, Mark 10:13–31
March 13, 2026	Gen 40:1–23, Mark 10:32–52
March 14, 2026	Gen 41:1–27, Mark 11:1–19

## Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Next week 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Jim Baeder	Jim Baeder
<b>Reader</b>	Michelle Johnson	Pastor Roemer
<b>Usher</b>	Jeffrey Hammeter	Bill Oldhouser
<b>Usher</b>	Keegan Guyett	Cole Peterson
<b>Greeter</b>	David Carnes	Pat Wesselman

## Happening This Week

Monday, March 9, 2026		
7:15 PM- 8:15 PM	ESL	Media Center
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	AA Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 10, 2026		
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Elder’s Meeting	Media Center
Wednesday, March 11, 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 12, 2026		
10:00 AM- 11:00 PM	Bible Study	Pastor’s Office
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	
7:15 PM- 8:15 PM	ESL	Media Center
Friday, March 13, 2026	Pastor Alms’ Day off	
Saturday, March 14, 2026		
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM		
Sunday, March 15, 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**

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  
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.

# LENTEN SERVICES

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

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



*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>, 6:45a.m.

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