

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



LENTEN SERVICE

Lent Midweek Evening

March 11, 2026

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Prelude

Stand

My Song is Love Unknown

LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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Common Versicles

Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1

L O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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

Psalmody: Psalm 68:1-10,17-18 (spoken responsively; as below)

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!
**As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;
as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!**
But the righteous shall be glad;
they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!
**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;**
his name is the Lord;
exult before him!
**Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.**
God settles the solitary in a home;

he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
**O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.**
Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;
you restored your inheritance as it languished;
**your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**
The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
thousands upon thousands;
the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.
**You ascended on high,
leading a host of captives in your train
and receiving gifts among men.**
**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.**

Sit

The Small Catechism: The Creed: The Third Article

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Readings

First Reading: Galatians 4:1-7

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Mark 10: 32-45

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever

would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8

- L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
L In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556 (v. 1, 6)



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joyce, With ex - ul - ta - tion
6 The Son o - beyed His Fa-ther's will, Was born of vir - gin



spring-ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis-guised He bore; A



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.

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Sermon: A Servant's Form He Wore

Stand

Magnificat (Mary's Song): Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

#935



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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Responsive Prayer

L Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

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.**

L Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C **and grant us Your salvation.**

L Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

C **and let Your saints shout for joy.**

L Lord, keep this nation under Your care,

C **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

L Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C **for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.**

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C **let all the peoples praise You!**

L For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

C **and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.**

L Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

L Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **let my cry come to You.**

L Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.**

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
 C Amen.

The Day Thou Gavest

LSB #886

1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un-sleeping
 3 As o'er each con-tinent and is-land
 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak-ing
 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev-er,
 The dark-ness falls at Thy be-hest;
 While earth rolls on-ward in-to light,
 The dawn leads on-an-oth-er day,
 Thy saints be-neath the west-ern skies,
 Like earth's proud em-pires, pass a-way;
 To Thee our morn-ing hymns as-cend-ed,
 Through all the world her watch is keep-ing,
 The voice of prayer is nev-er si-lent,
 And hour by hour, as day is break-ing,
 Thy king-dom stands and grows for-ev-er,
 Thy praise shall sanc-ti-fy our rest.
 And nev-er rests by day or night.
 Nor dies the strain of praise a-way.
 Fresh hymns of thank-ful praise a-rise.
 Till all Thy crea-tures own Thy sway.

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Prelude

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LENTEN SERVICES

Lent Midweek Services Wednesdays -- 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Theme: "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice"

March 18, 2026

March 25, 2026



Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 29th 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 2nd 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3rd, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 5th, 7 a.m.

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

