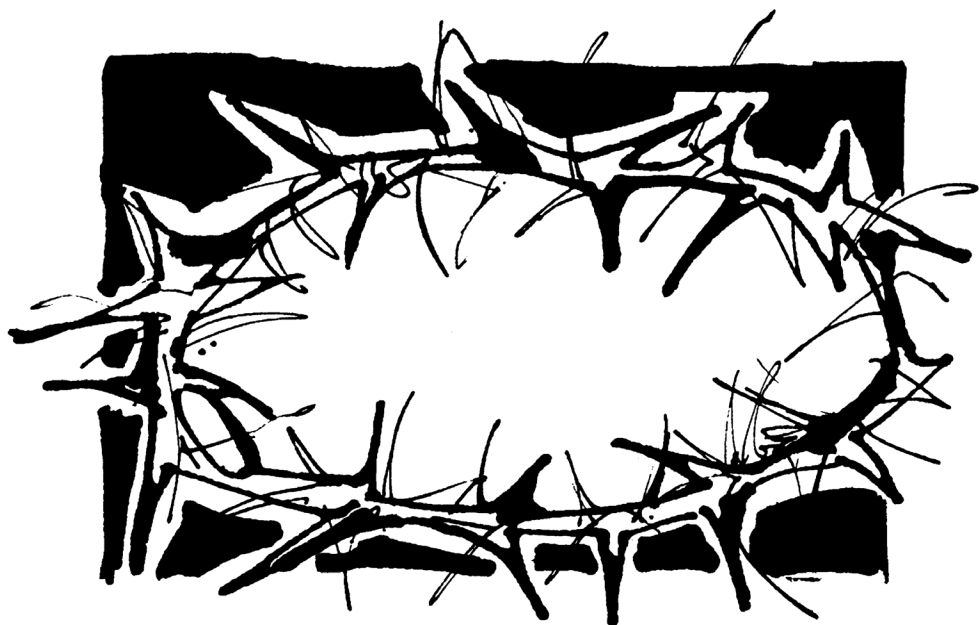


St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



LENTEN SERVICE

Lent Midweek Evening

March 18, 2026

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Prelude

Stand

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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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 40:1-10 (spoken responsively; as below)

I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,**

and set my feet upon a rock,

making my steps secure.

**He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.**

Many will see and fear,

and put their trust in the Lord.

**Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,**

who does not turn to the proud,

to those who go astray after a lie!

**You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!**

I will proclaim and tell of them,

yet they are more than can be told.

**In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering

you have not required.

**Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

I delight to do your will, O my God;

your law is within my heart."

**I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;**

behold, I have not restrained my lips,

as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

**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: Holy Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

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.

Readings

First Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of

you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: John 14:1-7

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

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, 7-8)



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
8 "Though he will shed My pre-cious blood, Me of My life be -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.

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Sermon: Your Ransom I Myself Shall Be

Stand



Magnificat (Mary's Song): My Soul Rejoices

#933



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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.**

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

#883



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
 2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that
 3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
 4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
 I this day have done, That with the world, my -
 lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that
 sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
 self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.
 vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

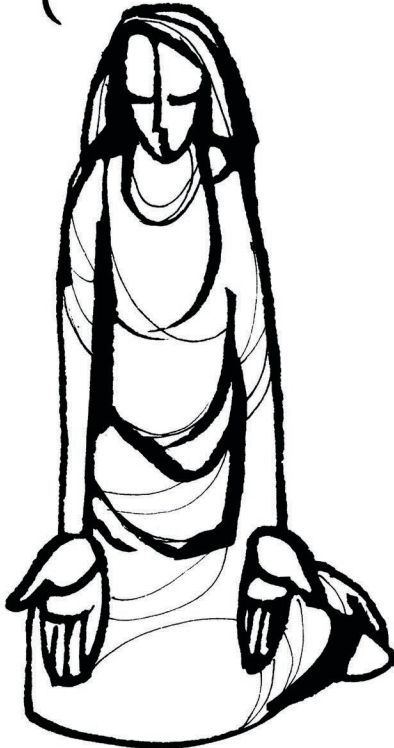
5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
 My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
 Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
 No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

D 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Postlude

I will go
LORD. if
you lead me



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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 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.