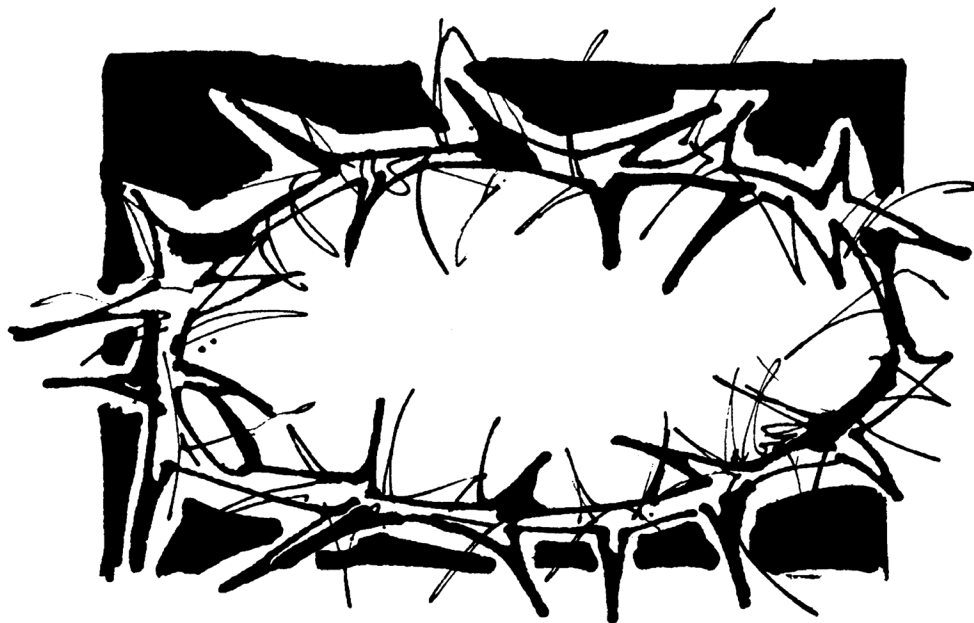


# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



## LENTEN SERVICE

Lent Midweek Evening

March 25·2026



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March 25<sup>th</sup>

Prelude

Stand

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

LSB #575



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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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 143:1-9 (spoken responsively; as below)**

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.**

For the enemy has pursued my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

**Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.**

I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all that you have done;  
I ponder the work of your hands.

**I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

Answer me quickly, O Lord!  
My spirit fails!

**Hide not your face from me,  
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.**

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,  
for in you I trust.

**Make me know the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!  
I have fled to you for refuge.

**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.**

## The Small Catechism: Holy Baptism

How can water do such great things?

**Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)**

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

**It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

Where is this written?

**St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)**

## Readings

### First Reading: Romans 8: 1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the

flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: John 16:4-15**

But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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  
9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -  
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly  
teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And  
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.  
heav'n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

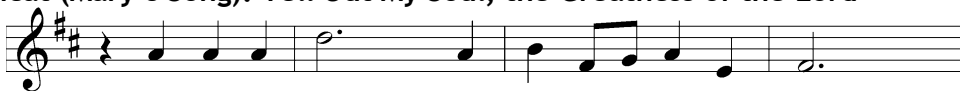
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## Sermon: This Final Word I Leave You

*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.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 end - ed,  
 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un - sleep - ing  
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent 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 - a - 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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## Postlude

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# LENTEN SERVICES

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



## 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.

