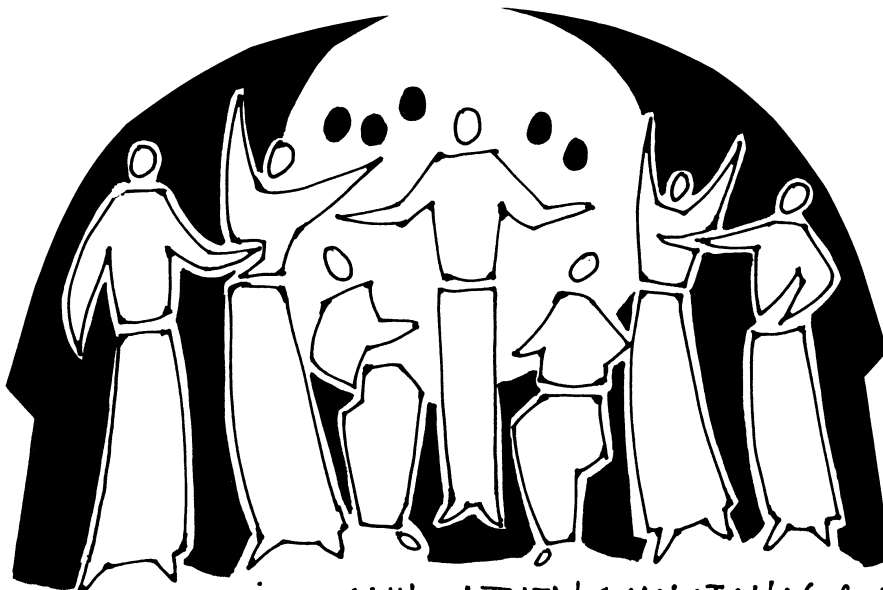


St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville

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Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 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. and gluten free wafers are also available.)

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Prelude:

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!

Anton Wilhelm Leupold
(1867-1940)

Stand

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490-1547 Text and tune: Public domain

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

A - - - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a melodic line for the word 'Amen'. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a harmonic accompaniment. The word 'Amen' is written below the notes with long dashes indicating the duration of the vowels.

Exhortation

Psalms 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C

R: Who made heaven and earth.

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Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C

R: Who made heaven and earth.

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P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C

R: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a melodic line for the words 'And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin'. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a harmonic accompaniment. The words are written below the notes.

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal-
vation—*

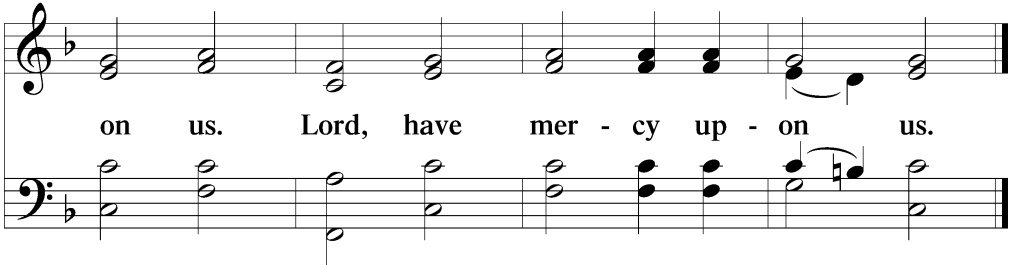
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



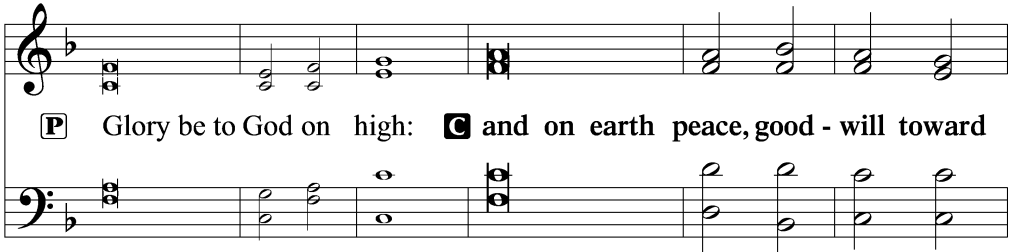
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



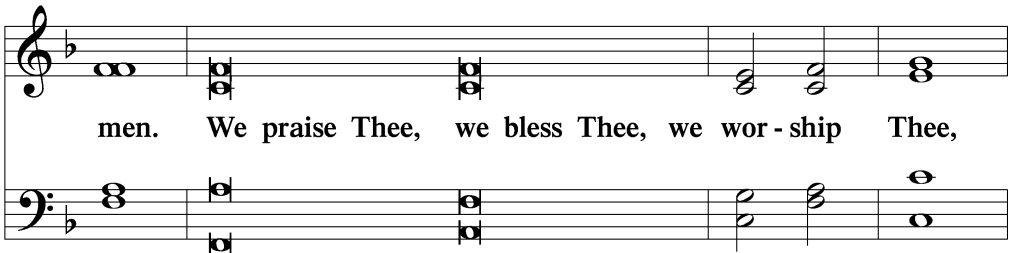
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

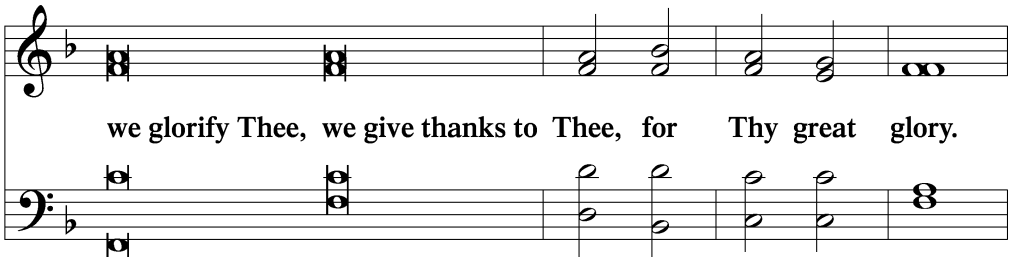
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



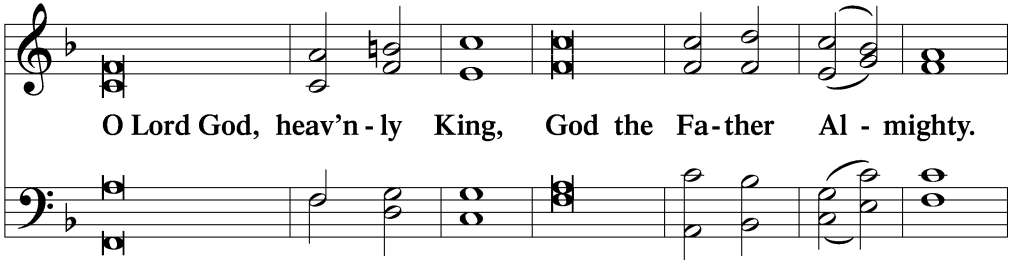
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



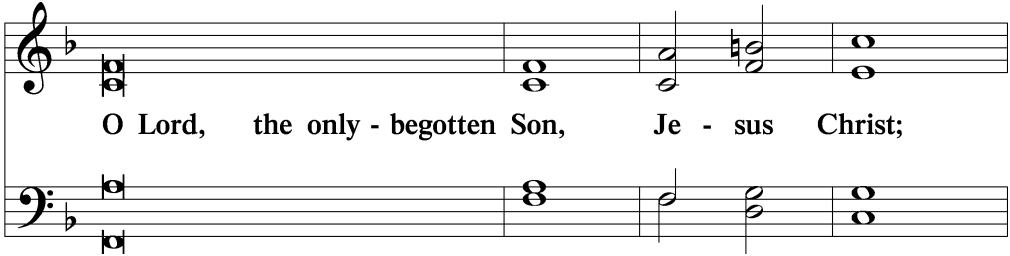
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



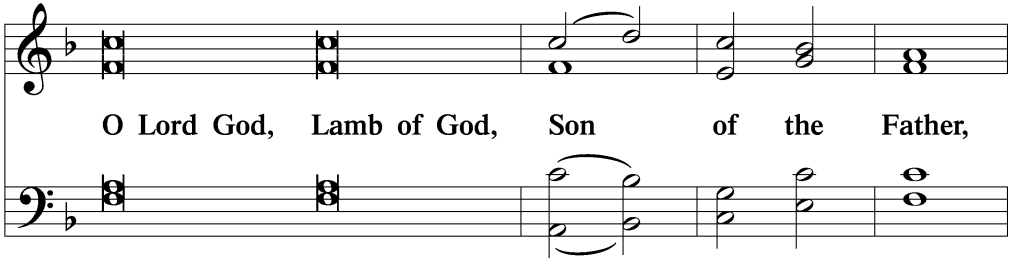
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



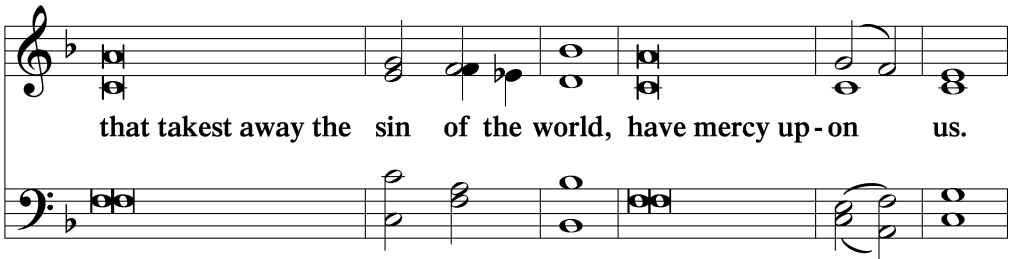
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.




O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;




O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



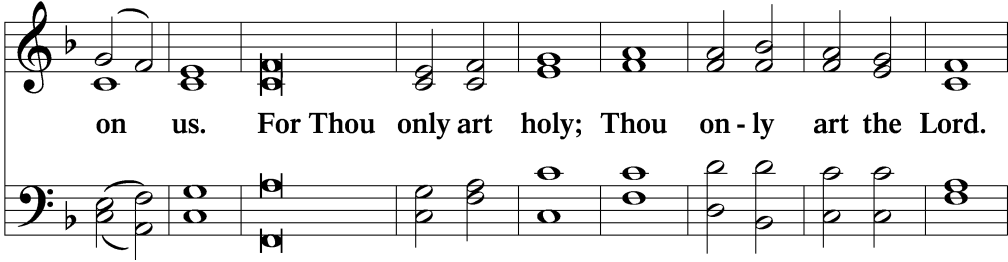
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



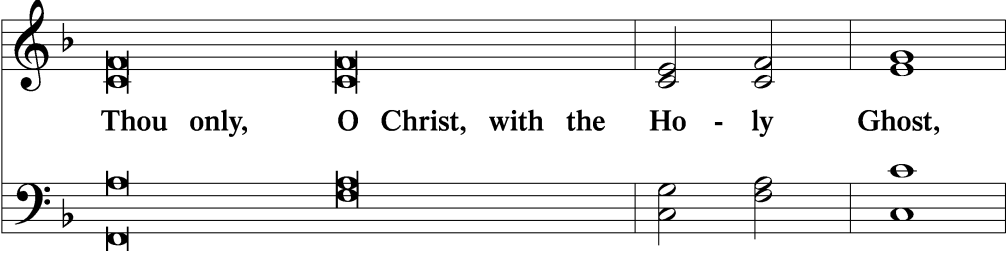
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.



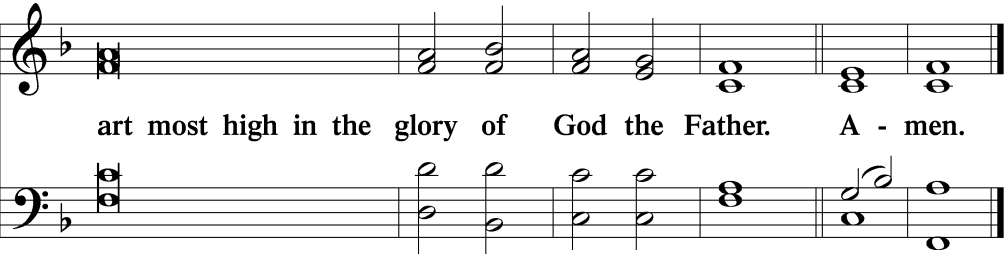
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

By: A - - - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them

alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

O, Sons and Daughters of the King

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Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!




1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the
The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the
Who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will
A - mong them came their mas - ter dear And said, "My

The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel

John 20: 19-31

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when

he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

O, Sons and Daughters of the King

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5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard
 6 “My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see,
 7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied;
 8 How blest are they who have not seen
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days



That they had seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed
 And look up - on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side; “You are my
 And yet whose faith has con - stant been, For they e -
 Be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise: To God your

The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord and God!" he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia!
hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

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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 \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 this QR code or through our website at 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 51:10–12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the first part of the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The treble staff contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the second part of the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The treble staff contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Musical notation for the third part of the Preface. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The treble staff contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

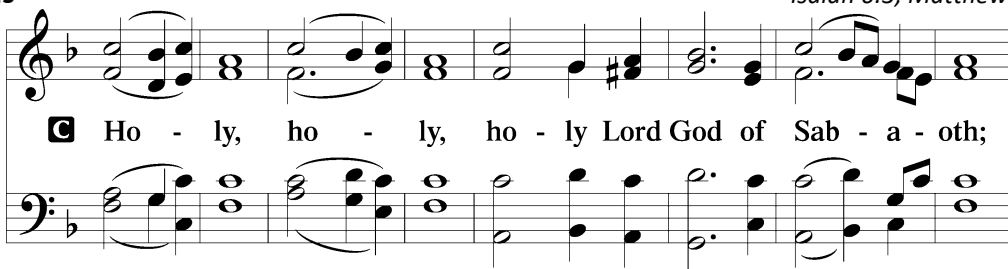
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

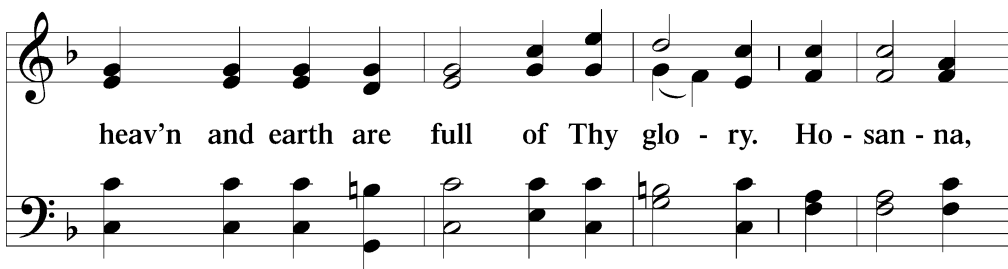
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

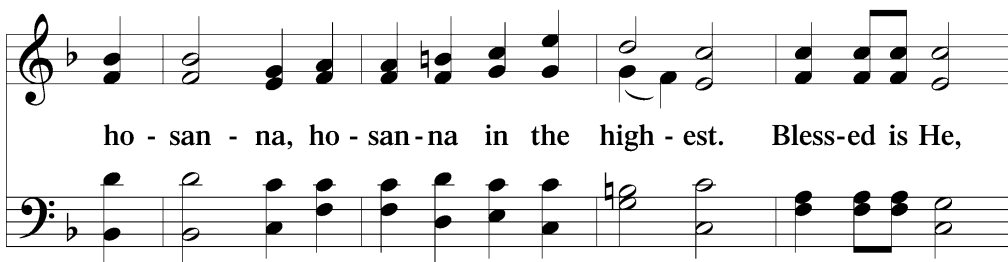
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



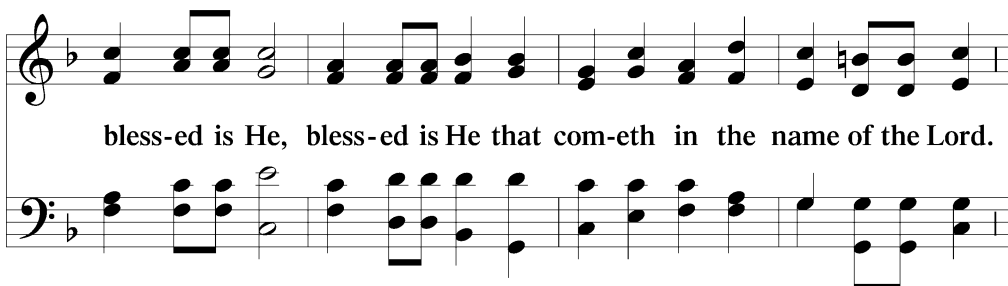
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



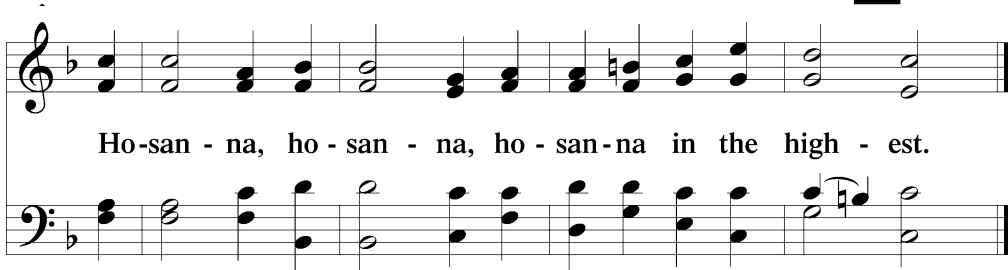
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

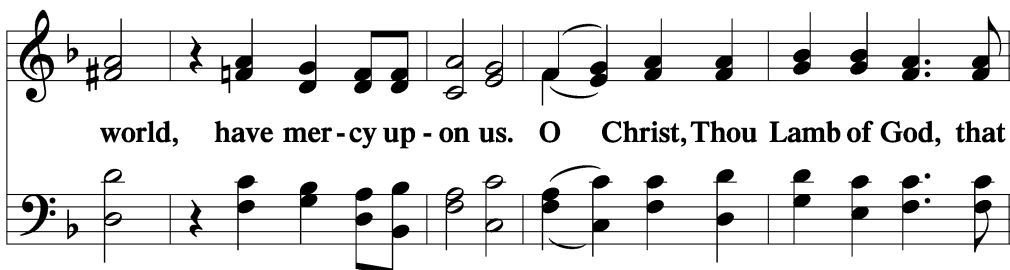
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Agnus Dei

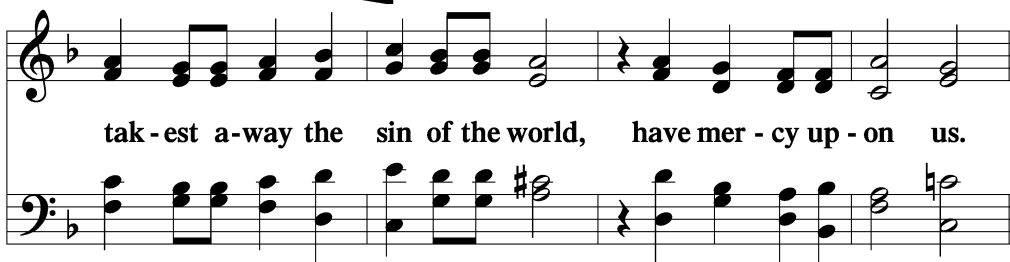
John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



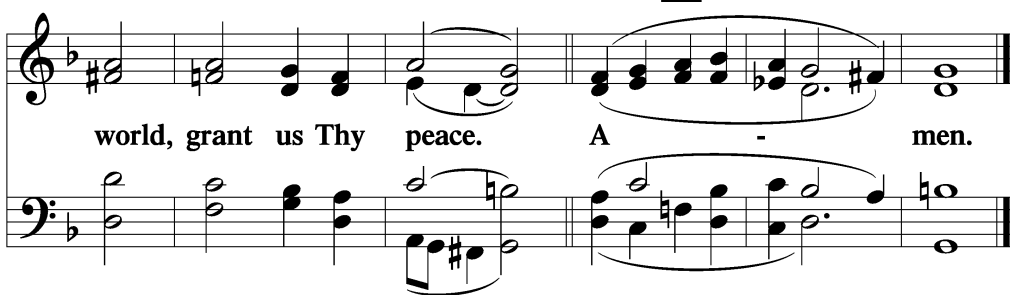
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Day of Resurrection

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79 Text and tune: Public domain

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

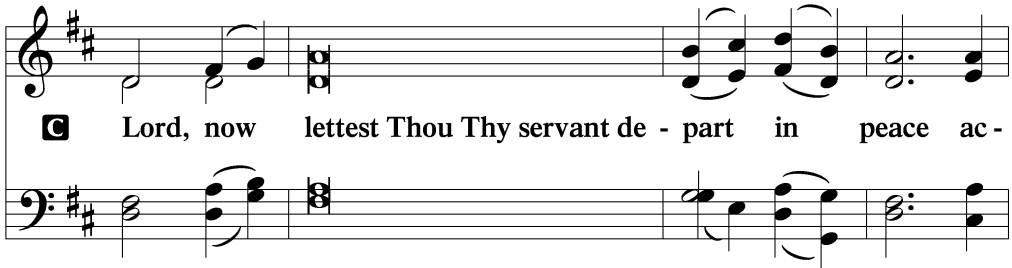
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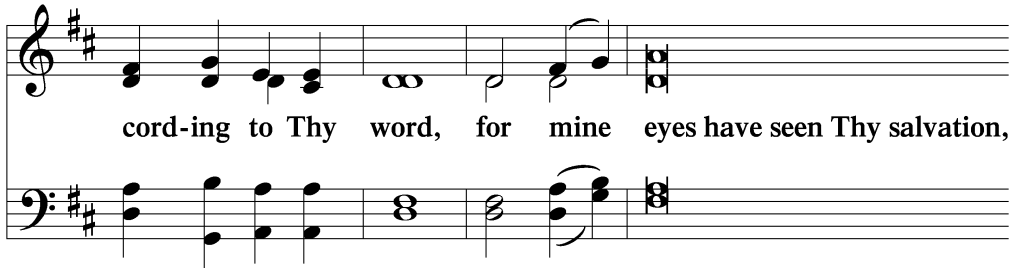
Post Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It contains a whole note chord (F#4, C#5), followed by a half note chord (F#4, C#5), and a half note chord (F#4, C#5). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps. It contains a whole note chord (F#2, C#3), followed by a half note chord (F#2, C#3), and a half note chord (F#2, C#3). The lyrics 'and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.' are written below the top staff, with hyphens under 'ev' and 'er'.

P Let us pray. . . .

C A - men.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps. It contains a whole note chord (F#4, C#5), followed by a whole note chord (F#4, C#5), and a whole note chord (F#4, C#5). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps. It contains a whole note chord (F#2, C#3), followed by a whole note chord (F#2, C#3), and a whole note chord (F#2, C#3). The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the top staff, with a hyphen under 'A'.

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps. It contains a whole note chord (F#4, C#5), followed by a whole note chord (F#4, C#5), and a whole note chord (F#4, C#5). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two sharps. It contains a whole note chord (F#2, C#3), followed by a whole note chord (F#2, C#3), and a whole note chord (F#2, C#3). The lyrics 'And with thy spir - it.' are written below the top staff, with a hyphen under 'spir'.

Psalm 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Musical notation for the first part of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' are written below the notes.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \dagger give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Musical notation for the second part of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the notes.

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a single staff.

- 1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a single staff.

- pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

Text: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, 1715–69; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text and tune: Public domain

Postlude:

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

David Schack
(b. 1947)



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News And Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given by Diane Jaeger in celebration of James Bruce Jaeger's 1st birthday.

Thank you to Pastor Meyer

Thank you for bringing us God's Word today. Pastor Alms will return to the office tomorrow.

Sunday School And Adult Bible Class!

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

Pastor Alms Will Be Away This Week

He will return to the office on April 13th.

Sermon Transcriptions And Sermon Audio

Ed Cohen transcribes the Sunday sermons from St. Paul and offers them to anyone who wishes to receive them. Contact him to be put on that email list. The audio for Pastor Alms' sermons is available on the St. Paul website here: https://stpaulcatonsville.org/information/sermon_audio/. The video streaming of each service is available here: <https://stpaulcatonsville.org/about-us/recent-online-services/>.

Adult Catechism Class Begins Thursday April 16th at 7 pm

If you are interested contact Pastor Alms.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to the many volunteers who made this year's event a success! It was an egg-cellent day at St Paul as we shared the Easter story with families and friends from church, school, and the surrounding neighborhood. All to the Glory of God!



VBS

Vacation Bible School is coming up in less than four months! Thank you so much for your help in previous years. You are encouraged to join the St. Paul team again this year as we explore the nature of God. Rainforest Falls VBS will run June 22nd-26th from 9am-12pm



If you are willing and able to serve or know someone who is, please reach out and/or fill out this [form](#) with detailed descriptions of all the volunteer opportunities available. <https://tinyurl.com/4bc59m2a>

2026 Mission Trip Opportunity July 12-17

We are going to Western NC to help with a Samaritan's Purse rebuild. Rebuild volunteers will work to rebuild and repair homes damaged during this event Beyond the physical help you will extend spiritual and emotional support. If you would like to receive more information about the trip, please contact Heather and Roy Krakat.

Joyce Meyer And Jehovah's Witnesses And Joel Osteen

What does these all have in common besides the letter "J"? They are topics we will be looking at in Sunday Morning Bible Class in the month of April and May. April 19 through May 17 Pastor Alms will lead a series on various religious organizations and movements. Yes, Joyce Meyer, Jehovah's Witnesses and Joel Osteen but also Yoga, Satanism, Near Death Experiences, Scientology and others. 8:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.



Concordia Preparatory School Theatre Department will be presenting *Newsies* on April 30 as a Dinner Theatre at 6:30 p.m. (show starts at 7:00 p.m.), on May 1-2 at 7:00 p.m., and at 2:00 p.m. on May 3. Tickets can be purchased at the door and will also be available at <https://gofan.co/app/school/MD9567> .

Science And Spaghetti!

The St Paul Elementary Science Fair is Friday, April 17. The students are getting their wonderful displays ready. The evening will begin at 5:15 with a spaghetti supper prepared by the Women's Guild. Adult tickets are \$12.00, children 3 to 12 years of age are \$6.00 and for a family of 4 tickets are \$30.00. We will begin serving at 5:15 ending at 6:30. The doors for the science fair open at 6 p.m. Science and spaghetti!



<https://stpaulcatonsville.breezechms.com/form/70df8966>

Spring Fest On May 2, 2026, From 11 Am To 3 Pm!

Spring Fest is a welcoming, family-friendly gathering that invites members of the surrounding community to have fun together with church members and school families. There will be all sorts of things to do!

- A sponsored health screening van,
- a visit from the Southeastern District comfort dog, Kezia,
- a bookmobile/book exchange,
- food trucks,
- children’s attractions,
- outdoor games
- a craft fair.
- And more! activities coming.



The event is sponsored in part by a generous grant from the SED. If you are interested in having a booth to sell your crafts, sign up here. <https://tinyurl.com/yc6dv8zc>

Daily Readings

Easter 2

Monday	Ex 20:1–24, Luke 4:1–15
Tuesday	Ex 22:20—23:13, Luke 4:16–30
Wednesday	Ex 23:14–33, Luke 4:31–44
Thursday	Ex 24:1–18, Luke 5:1–16
Friday	Ex 25:1–22, Luke 5:17–39
Saturday	Ex 31:1–18, Luke 6:1–19
	Ex 32:1–14, Luke 6:20–38

Serving at St. Paul

	This week 12 th	Next week 19 th
Cantor	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
Reader	Karen Eichelman	JB Jaeger
Usher	Don Easton	Jim Kyne
Usher	Ken Waibel	David Nguyen
Greeter	Karyn Borth	Betsy Mitchell

Happening This Week

Monday, April 13, 2026

7:15 PM- 9:00 PM

ESL

Media Center

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

AA Small Group

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Elder’s Meeting

Media Center

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Choir Practice

Thursday, April 16, 2026

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Adult Catechism

Room 203

7:15 PM- 9:00 PM

ESL

Media Center

Friday, April 17, 2026

All Day

Pastor’s Day Off

5:15 PM– 6:30 PM

Spaghetti Dinner

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 18, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Workday

Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

St. Paul Walk

Off Campus

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Jones Event

Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Young Adult Bible Study

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 19, 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

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Oromo Fellowship

Sanctuary

CHURCH MEMBERS

Pastor Carl Roemer (recovering from heart attack)
Diane Jaeger (recovering from oral surgery)
Matthew Harmon (recovering from appendicitis)
David Nguyen (treatment for sudden hearing loss)
Jim Kyne (recovering from knee replacement)
Steve Hoffman (recovering from illness)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatment)
Lindsey Gay (kidney stone)
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Dorothy Shifflett

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

David Smithson recovering from a fall (Friend of David Carnes) 3/22
Eine Haasmaa hospitalized (Sari Nguyen's mom) 3/22
Ron Sherch, diagnosed with ALS 3/15
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 or 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.



Sermon Notes

Morning
after
morning
he OPENS
my EARS
so that I
may LISTEN
to their
CONCERNS.



Isaiah 50:4. KG25