



## Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 29, 2020

*“A Time of Lament and Contemplation”*

### ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793



#### **Worship Service LIVE—9:30 a.m.**

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We, the people of St. Paul's, are a community for spiritual health, centered in Christ.

We challenge ourselves to share and live Christ's love  
within the congregation, within the community and to the larger world.

#### **VIRTUALLY SERVING TODAY**

Ministers.....Vicar Phil Beck

Lector.....Phil Smith

#### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President—Trisha Valcarcel  
Vice-President—Sheila Kahler  
Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein  
Secretary—Patty Rimel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

#### \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### GREETING (ELW, p.147)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

#### KYRIE (ELW, p. 147)

Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: **Lord, have mercy**

Cantor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy**

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**P:** Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14*

*PSALM: Psalm 130*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

**I cry to you, O Lord;**

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice  
of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,  
**O Lord, who could stand?**

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness,  
**in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;  
**in your word is my hope.**

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those  
who keep watch for the morning,

**more than those who keep watch for  
the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord  
there is steadfast love;

**with the Lord there is plenteous re-  
demption.**

<sup>8</sup>For the Lord shall redeem Israel  
**from all their sins.**

*SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (ELW, p.151)



**\*GOSPEL: John 11:1-45**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P: The Gospel of our Lord**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** .....Vicar Phil Beck

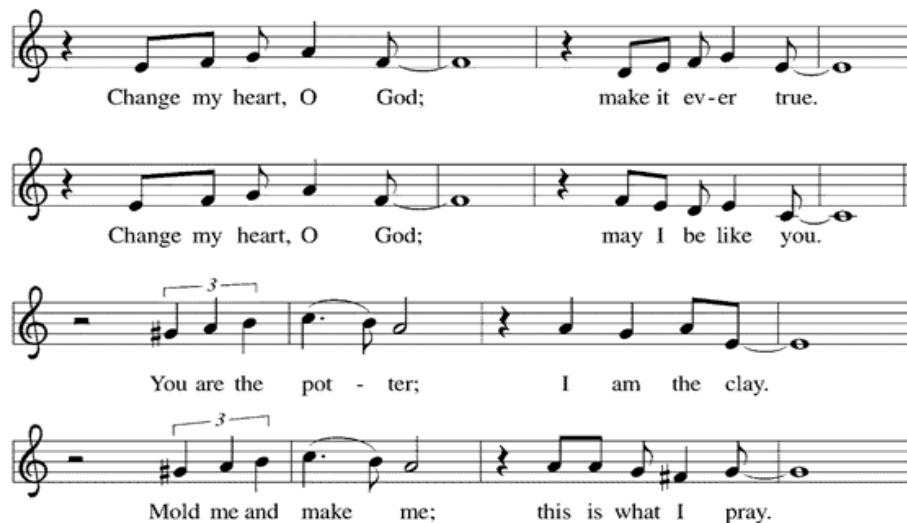
*\*THE APOSTLES' CREED*

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*OFFERING Please mail your gifts to the church office or consider online giving.*

*\*OFFERTORY HYMN*

Change My Heart, O God



Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953  
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa  
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*\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:*

**P:** God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH*

**P:** ... Hear us O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

*\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:*

**P:** Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

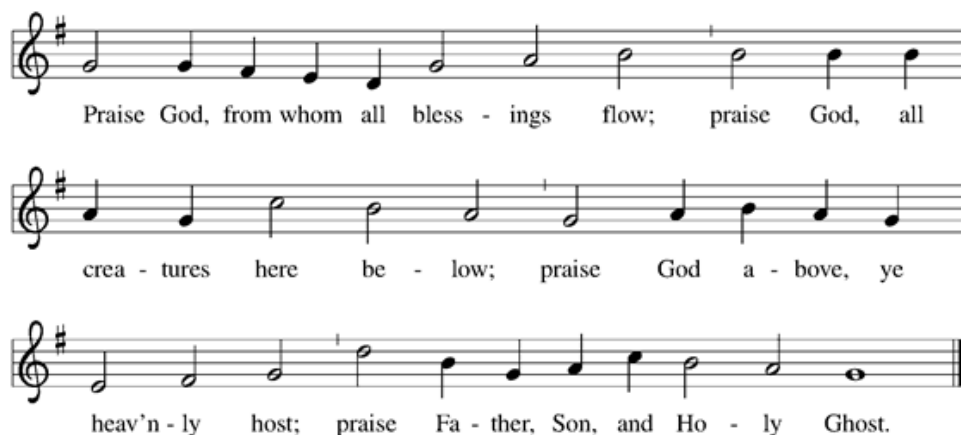
**C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**\*SENDING HYMN.....Doxology.....ELW 885**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

**GO IN PEACE , CHRIST IS WITH YOU,  
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

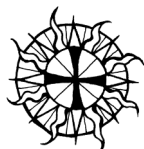
**Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses**

**One thing I see in your light:**

**this will, which you have given us as free, seems to receive its strength from the light of faith, for by this light we come in your light to know your eternal will, and we see that your will wants nothing else but that we be made holy.**

**You, light, are also the fuel for the fire, since it is you that makes the fire grow in the soul.**

**—Catherine of Siena**



*Catherine of Siena, The Prayers of Catherine of Siena, ed. Suzanne Noffke, OP (NY: Paulist, 1983), 121*

**Sermon Notes:**

### Prayer List

Ellen Hatgi

**The Lawrence Family**

**Katrina Pank**

**Loretta Iorfido**

Marie Purswell's cousins **Annie James**  
**Pisner, Tommy Sorge**

Marion Forrest

Rick Fischler

Kevin Ferry

Ned Kadoura

**The Cavell Family**

The Knoebel Family

**The Stuck Family**

Dawn Knoebel

Milton & Dolores Denn

Heather Anderson & Lexi Anderson

**Karen White**

Audrey McDougall

**Erica Hoff**

Shirley Eyler

**Alice Peters**

**Lauren Kay Miller**

Don Anton

Heather

Jack James

**Vivian Brashears**

Cindy Smith

### Military List

+David Burriss, U.S. Army, S. Korea  
+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,  
Europe, niece to Linwood Snider  
+Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,  
grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas  
+U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,  
grandson of Sam Purswell  
+Dan Beck, 1st Lt., U.S. Army, son of  
Vicar Phil & Susan Beck  
+Nick Parker, U.S. Marines, grandson  
of Peggy and Ed Chaney  
+Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law  
of Marcia & Raj Gupta

***\*\*Please remember all the names on our  
prayer list, and especially those that are  
bold.***

*They have specific current need for Christian  
love and support.*

### Missionaries

Liz Dawson, Ed Chaney's granddaughter  
in the Peace Corps volunteering in  
Malawi  
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey ELCA  
Congregation & Pastor Rose Mary  
Sanchez

*Do you have need for prayer?  
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?  
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at St. Paul's that is ready to help.  
Simply contact the Church Office.  
All requests are confidential.*

**Please use this prayer as a way to feel connected to your church family  
and know that the living water is ever present in our lives—**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.  
Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen

# ALL IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!*

Notice of a *Special Congregational Meeting* to Call a Pastor

**POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 3RD**

***Stay in touch for updates!!***

Your leadership is thankful for all the prayers and support during this journey and we are excited about what this next chapter may hold for St. Paul's as a community centered in Christ.

## **OFFERINGS**

As we are still maintaining the everyday activities of the church, please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:**

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,715.00  
Actual Income:

Property Renovation Loan Fund  
Need: \$360.00  
Actual Income:

Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
Actual Income:

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday, March 22, 2020 (Virtual): 39  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020 (Virtual)

### **This Week at St Paul's**

#### **Sunday, March 29th**

Choir (Cancelled)	8:00am
Worship (Livestream)	9:30am

#### **Monday, March 30th**

FEC School (Cancelled)	8am-4pm
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#### **Wednesday, April 1st**

Lenten Devotion (Live stream)	Noon
FEC School (Cancelled)	8am-4pm

#### **Sunday, April 5th**

Choir (Cancelled)	8:00am
Worship (Livestream)	9:30am

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### \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*

For those without Facebook please tune into our Youtube channel for live streams of last week's service.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKaftCfZIEg&t=5s>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and youtube videos at  
St. Paul's Official Youtube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7\\_-Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q)



## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



The next Strawberry Festival meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6:30pm Monday, March 30th in the Parish Hall. We will follow our Pandemic Response plan and will be following the guidelines and government orders that are changing daily. We will be monitoring discussing and making arrangements as necessary. Please stay in touch for updates!

### GVCS Food Bank

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

**Items of need are** soup, cereal, canned fruit, crackers,  
shampoo/conditioner and toilet paper.

Please bring them to Parish Office between 9am and 1pm  
Ed Chaney delivers the donated items the first Thursday of every month.

### Staff

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