



## **Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 17, 2020**

### **“A Time to Rejoice”**

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

**Worship Service LIVE—9:25 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.....Deb Loso

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE

\*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

GATHERING HYMN.....*What Wondrous Love Is This*.....ELW 666

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| 1 What wondrous love is this,<br>O my soul, O my soul!<br>What wondrous love is this, O my soul!<br>What wondrous love is this<br>that caused the Lord of bliss<br>to bear the dreadful curse<br>for my soul, for my soul,<br>to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? | 2 When I was sinking down,<br>sinking down, sinking down,<br>when I was sinking down, sinking down,<br>when I was sinking down<br>beneath God's righteous frown,<br>Christ laid aside his crown<br>for my soul, for my soul,<br>Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. |
| 3 To God and to the Lamb<br>I will sing, I will sing;<br>to God and to the Lamb I will sing;<br>to God and to the Lamb,<br>who is the great I AM,<br>while millions join the theme,<br>I will sing, I will sing,<br>while millions join the theme, I will sing.       | 4 And when from death I'm free,<br>I'll sing on, I'll sing on;<br>and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;<br>and when from death I'm free,<br>I'll sing God's love for me,<br>and through eternity<br>and through eternity<br>and through eternity I'll sing on.     |

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 Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

*FIRST READING: Acts 7:22-31*

*L: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God**

*PSALM: Psalm 66*

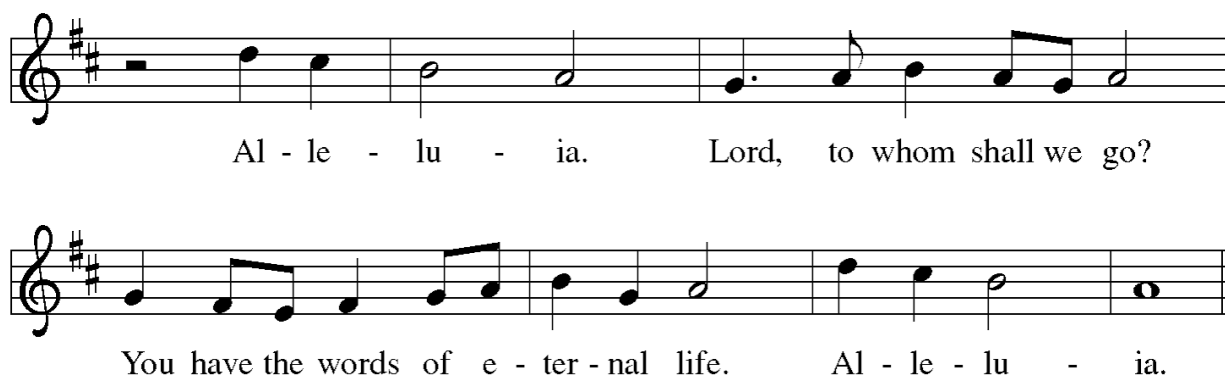
<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; <b>let the sound of praise be heard.</b>	<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips <b>and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.</b>
<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living <b>and has not allowed our feet to slip.</b>	<sup>15</sup> I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; <b>I will give you oxen and goats.</b>
<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; <b>you have tried us just as silver is tried.</b>	<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe, <b>and I will tell you what God has done for me.</b>
<sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net; <b>you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.</b>	<sup>17</sup> I called out to God with my mouth, <b>and praised the Lord with my tongue.</b>
<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, <b>but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.</b>	<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart, <b>the Lord would not have heard me;</b>
<sup>13</sup> I will enter your house with burnt offerings <b>and will pay you my vows—</b>	<sup>19</sup> but in truth God has heard me <b>and has attended to the sound of my prayer.</b>
	<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, <b>nor withheld unfailing love from me.</b>

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



\*GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

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

P: *The Gospel of our Lord*

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

SERMON .....Vicar Phil Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY.....*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*.....ELW 763

1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

Refrain  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? Refrain

3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. Refrain

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? Refrain

**\*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

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It begins with a 'Refrain' label above the first measure. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.' The second line of music ends with an 'End' label. The third line of music begins with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.' The fourth line of music begins with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.' The fifth line of music ends with a 'Refrain' label. The lyrics are: 'Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.'

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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

**P:** Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** ... Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**\*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 One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN.....O God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses1-4).....ELW 632**

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

### Prayer List

Ellen Hatgi

**The Lawrence Family**

**Katrina Pank**

**Loretta Iorfido**

Marie Purswell's cousins Annie James

Pisner, Tommy Sorge

Marion Forrest

Rick Fischler

Ned Kadoura

The Cavell Family

The Knoebel Family

The Stuck Family

Dawn Knoebel

Mark Forrest

Milton & Dolores Denn

Heather Anderson & Lexi Anderson

Karen White

Audrey McDougall

**Erica Hoff**

Shirley Eyler

Lauren Kay Miller

**Sharyl Mildenstein**

**Robb Port**

Nick Cordero

The Family of Kellie Randall

**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.*

# ALL IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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\* *The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God* \*  
\* *and in honor of Vicar Phil and Sue's 27th Wedding Anniversary as well* \*  
\* *as their appreciation to the congregation of St. Paul's for its support.* \*  
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## Calling all our knitters and crochet people!!!

Are you wondering what you can do to keep yourself busy while in isolation?

One of our projects at St. Paul's has been the making of prayer shawls for shut-ins, hospital patients, etc.

We want to continue this worthwhile ministry for those in need.

These are fairly easy to do while watching TV and hanging out with your family.

If you have a bit of yarn, please consider making one or two for our blanket chest at church.

Need a pattern or yarn, we will put you in touch with Marie Purswell to get you going.

Contact the Office for additional information.

## ATTENTION SENIORS!!!

College or High School Seniors, your Saint Paul's Family  
wants to acknowledge you!

Please send in the name of your graduate with a short bio to the Parish Office  
([Officeadmin@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org](mailto:Officeadmin@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org))



## ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to sponsor flowers please contact Patty Rimel to schedule a date!

### LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,715.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

#### Actual Income

May 3, 2020: Renovation Fund: \$ 370.00  
Weekly Contribution: \$1,729.00  
May 7, 2020: Renovation Fund: \$ 460.00  
Weekly Contribution: \$3,824.00  
May 10, 2020: Renovation Fund: \$ 135.00  
Weekly Contribution: \$1,038.25

### ATTENDANCE:

Virtual May 10, 2020: 44

### This Week at St Paul's

#### Sunday, May 17th

Choir (Cancelled)	8:00am
Worship (Livestream)	9:25am

#### Monday May 18th

Worship and Arts	7:00pm
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#### Sunday, May 20th

Choir (Cancelled)	8:00am
Worship (Livestream)	9:25am



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **\*\*\*\*\*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)

## **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.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

## **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 the donation bin on the side of Town Hall



## **Staff**

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Music Coordinator .....	Nancy Cochran
Flower Coordinator.....	Patty Rimel
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Sexton .....	Larry Beard
Stephen Ministry.....	Linda Yopp
Property Coordinator.....	Russ Mildenstein
Financial Secretary.....	Artie Fauble