



Second Sunday After Epiphany—January 17, 2021

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.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Sam Purswell
Organist.....Jeff Gentry

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trisha Valcarcel
Vice-President—Sheila Kahler
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Secretary—Patty Rimel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Loving God,

we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children.

Amen.

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you

C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN.....*This Little Light of Mine*.....ELW 677

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| 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. | 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine |
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Text: African American spiritual

**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)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy

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

C: Lord, have mercy

L: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW, p. 149)*

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

Sung by Cantor: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

P: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20

L: *The Word of the Lord*

C: Thanks be to God

¹Lord, you have searched me out;
O Lord, you have known me.
²You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
¹⁵My body was not hid- den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.
¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: (spoken, p. 151) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY.....*Here I am Lord*.....ELW 574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

****THE NICENE CREED***

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH*

*P: ... Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:*

P: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW, p.152)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**THE PREFACE:*

P: "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

SUNG BY CANTOR: (ELW, p.153) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

***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.**

HOLY COMMUNION: Communion will be received as we exit the sanctuary during the Postlude—
All are welcome

*P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***COMMUNION CANTICLE: (ELW, p.204) (SPOKEN)**

C: **Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **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.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN.....Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise.....ELW 310**

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Please remember to keep safe physical distance while participating in Communion)

PRAYER LIST

Ellen Hatgi, *Member*
Katrina Pank, *Member*
 Tommy Sorge, *Nephew of Marie Purswell*
 Marion Forrest, *Friend of the Ports*
 Rick Fischler, *Friend of the Ports*
 The Stuck Family, *Friends of Amy Mildenstein*
 Milton & Dolores Denn, *Members*
 Heather & Lexi Anderson, *Family of Merle & Kelly Anderson*
 Karen White, *Friend of Tammy Snurr*
 Audrey McDougall, *Member*
 Erica Hoff, *Daughter of Betty Walker*
Sharyl Mildenstein, *Family of Russ & Amy Mildenstein*
 Robb Port, *Member*
 Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
 Dr. Heather DeVincentis, *Friend of Sue and Lin Snyder*
 The Wynne Family, *Friends of Sue Snyder*
 The Foster Family, *Friends of the Ports*
Libbianna LeDuff, *Family of Hope Donati*
Sharon Crayton, *Friend of Betsy Galliher*

*******The Prayer List is being updated for the new year.*******
If you have a loved one you would like to remain on the prayer list,
please notify the office.



+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,
 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
 Pastor 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
 +1st LT Patrick Campion, US Army, son
 of Michelle and Michael Harrod

*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 remember all the names on our prayer list,
 and especially those that are **bold**.
 They have a specific current need for
 Christian love and support.**

*******IMPORTANT REMINDER*******

Please remember, it is imperative that you completely fill out the **PINK** sign in sheets located on the bulletin board in the Church and on the table inside the door in the Parish Hall if you are entering either building at a time other than a scheduled meeting or service. **Please** remember to check in with the Office **before** entering the Church building or the Parish Hall.

OFFERINGS

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times.

It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community.

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/>

Please Note: We are not currently making a deposit each week due to the limited number of checks being sent into the office on a weekly basis.

Typically we have been making a deposit mid-month and prior to the end of the month.



Preparing for 2021, if you are currently utilizing your giving envelopes and would like to receive them again in the new year, please contact the office so that we can make arrangements for pick up. If you attend church on Sunday they will be available in the overflow area for pick up.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: TBD

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:\$360.00

Actual/Electronic Income

December 6, 2020

Renovation Fund: \$ 550.00

Weekly Contribution: \$4,518.05

ATTENDANCE:

January 10, 2021

In person: 26

Virtual: 22

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, January 17th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Monday, January 18th

FEC 8am-4pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 20th

FEC 8am-4pm

Thursday, January 21st

Gathered at the Table 12 Noon

Sunday January 24th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of Gary and Kay Wachter's
47th Wedding Anniversary*

Would you like to schedule a date to sponsor Altar flowers?
Our goal is to re-open for in person worship October 18, 2020.
Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if
you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 31, 2021 After the service

You can attend virtually or in-person. Meeting details will be available in the weekly email. If you do not receive the emails please contact the office for link.

*Please plan to participate and be a part of the decisions
being made for the new year.*

Blood Drive at St Paul's

February 12th 10:30am to 4pm in the Parish Hall

Able to volunteer to help donors check in?

Please contact the office.

Able to donate blood?

Consider signing up early through our website and Facebook page.

**GIVE BLOOD.
SAVE LIVES.**



*******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=ApaY6Nsewkc>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

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We are looking for volunteers to help shovel snow around the church buildings if necessary. We do have a snowblower for the majority of it. It will mostly be cleaning around the doors and the ramp at the parish hall. If interested you can email or text Russ at 301-646-3306 or mrussamy@gmail.com. Thanks.

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



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