



Second Sunday of Lent— February 28, 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.

VIRTUALLY SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Susan Hayes
Organist.....Jeff Gentry

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trisha Valcarcel
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHURCH BELL RUNG

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

C: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you

C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN.....*God Loved the World*.....ELW 323

1 God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.

5 All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

**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 (Sung by Cantor)*

C: **Print thine image, pure and holy, On my heart, O Lord of Grace. So that nothing, high or lowly, Thy blest likeness can efface. Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, And the Lord of all creation, Be my refuge and salvation**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

P: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

L: *The Word of the Lord*

C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 22

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

**Let those who seek the Lord give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord,

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the Lord,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

SECOND READING: *Romans 4:13-25*

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*ELW 151*)

C: **Return the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth 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....., *the Very Thought of You*.....ELW 754

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt

1 Jesus, the very thought of you
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view
and rest within your light.

4 O Jesus, be our joy today;
help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say:
"Come, share my home above."

***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.*

***OFFERTORY HYMN: Sung by Cantor**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **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: Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen**

1 Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

3 O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

***SENDING HYMN.....Our Father, We Have Wandered.....ELW 606**

**DISMISSAL*

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

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated until dismissed by an usher)

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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*

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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*

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Dr. Heather DeVincentis, *Friend of Sue and Lin Snyder*

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Libbianna LeDuff, *Family of Hope Donati*

Sharon Crayton, *Friend of Betsy Galliher*

Betsy Galliher, *Member*

Ronald Zeimen, *Father of Amy Mildenstein*

Sam Purswell, *Member*



- +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*******

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.
<https://youtu.be/ok5Jpy0zXVw>

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*******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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,825.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:\$360.00

Actual/Electronic Income
February 14, 2021:

Weekly Contributions: \$1,819.05

Property Loan Fund: \$ 425.00

ATTENDANCE:

February 21, 2021

In-person: 18

Virtually: 36

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, February 28th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am
Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 1st

FEC 8am-4pm

Tuesday, March 2nd

Congregational Life 7pm

Wednesday, March 3rd

Lenten Service 7pm

Thursday, March 4th

Gathered at the Table Noon
FEC Open House 6pm-8:30pm

Saturday, March 6th

Council Retreat at MarluRidge 9am-1pm

Sunday, March 7th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am
Third of Sunday of Lent

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College and Military care packages to go out in March. If you wish to have a package sent please get the full address to Belinda by this Sunday, February 28th so sufficient supplies can be purchased.

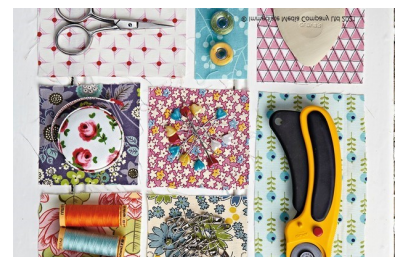
Thank you!!

One way we observe Lent is by not having flowers on the altar during this season of austerity and simple reflection. We hope this absence of flowers during Lent will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter flowers when they arrive!



Since we know many of you like to honor loved ones by dedicating flowers on special days, and some of those days may fall during Lent, we are letting you know in time to consider other ways of showing your respect and affection. You could make a donation to **ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving**. Commit to a giving goal for the Lenten season in support of ELCA World Hunger, set aside a portion each day, or make your gifts throughout the season as part of your regular Lenten practice or perhaps you would consider one of the options highlighted in the **ELCA Good Gifts Catalog**. The money you would spend on one bouquet of altar flowers, you could buy six water jugs for carrying clean water in remote areas of Asia or Africa, or a Bible and hymnal in the local language of a new congregation.

Congregational Life Committee needs quilting supplies for Lap Quilt Ministries. Please contact Kate Stottlemeyer through the Parish office if you are able to help!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help us decorate for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily. They are available for \$10.00 each. Sign up on line or call the Parish Office to purchase with a check or cash.

Remember, you don't have throw these beautiful lilies away, they can be planted in your garden for next year's blooming!



March 27th is the final date to order!



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 mrus-samy@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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