

Second Sunday after Christmas—January 2, 2022

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—9:25 a.m.

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SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHURCH BELLS RUNG

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you

C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN.....*O Come, All Ye Faithful*.....ELW 283 .

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:

2 The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Refrain

Venite adoremus,
venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

**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) (Sung)

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.

C: **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: O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Choir.....Once in Royal David's City.....ELW 269

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

L: *The Word of the Lord*

C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 147

¹²Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
¹³who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.
¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.
¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.

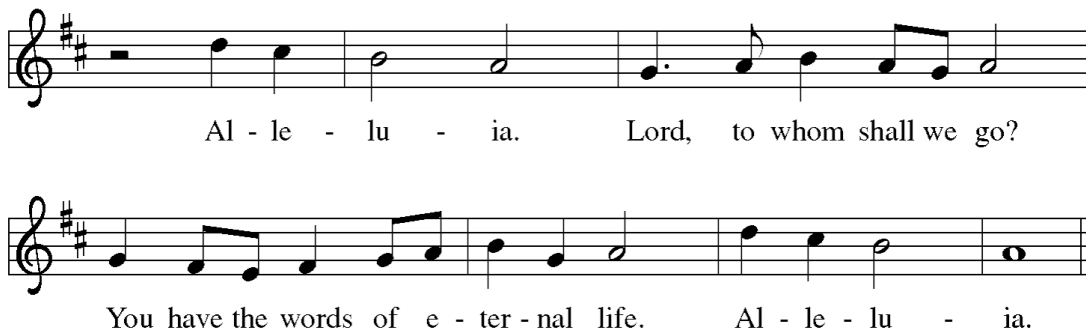
¹⁷God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?
¹⁸The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.
²⁰The Lord has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 151)



The Holy Gospel according to John the first chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)**

*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

C: **Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)**

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

- 1 Cold December flies away
at the rose-red splendor.
April's crowning glory breaks
while the whole world wonders
at the holy unseen pow'r
of the tree which bears the flow'r.
On the blessed tree
blossoms the reddest flow'r.
On the tree blossoms the rose
here in love's own garden,
full and strong in glory.
- 2 In the hopeless time of sin
shadows deep had fallen.
All the world lay under death.
Eyes were closed in sleeping.
But, when all seemed lost in night,
came the sun whose golden light
brings unending joy,
brings the endless joy
of our hope, highest hope,
of our hope's bright dawning,
Son belov'd of heaven.
- 3 Now the bud has come to bloom,
and the world awakens.
In the lily's purest flow'r
dwells a wondrous fragrance.
And it spreads to all the earth
from the moment of its birth;
and its beauty lives.
In the flow'r it lives,
in the flow'r, and it spreads
in its heav'nly brightness
sweet perfume delightful.

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.***

OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

***OFFERTORY HYMN: (ELW 801)**

Change My Heart, O God

Refrain



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

End



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



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



Refrain

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:** God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
- 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.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- P:** ... Merciful God,
- C:** **receive our prayer.**

***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."

**C: (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.

**C: (ELW, p.154) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's Table.

***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, 204)*

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: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN.....Go Tell It on the Mountain.....ELW 290**

Refrain

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| Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born! | 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. <i>Refrain</i> | 3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. <i>Refrain</i> |

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

***Dismissal**

**GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD,
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE (*Please remain seated until the postlude concludes.*)

Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul's social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry.



PRAYER LIST

Tommy Sorge, Nephew of Marie Purswell

Milton & Dolores Denn, Members

Erica Hoff, Daughter of Betty Walker

Sharyl Mildenstein, Family of Russ & Amy Mildenstein

Joe Collins, Cousin of Joann Valainis

Dr. Heather DeVincentis, Friend of Sue and Lin Snyder

Libbianna LeDuff, Family of Hope Donati

Sharon Crayton, Friend of Betsy Galliher

Ronald Zeimen, Father of Amy Mildenstein

Thelma Powell, Member

Robert Hoff, III, Member

Family of Barbara Miller, Relative of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider

Dennis and Regina Cavell, Members

Eric and Anna Cavell, Son and Daughter-in-law of Dennis and Regina Cavell

Debbie O'Brien & children, Matthew Lokos, Benjamin & Dorothy Cavell, Family of Dennis & Regina Cavell

Barb Callow, Close friend of Marie Purswell

Peggy E., Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider

Lin Snider

Sue Snyder

Ron Layman, Friend of Betsy Galliher

Bob Schmidt, Brother of Dottie Titmas

Gail Carlson, Friend of Shirley Merando

Irene Matthews, Mother of Tammy Snurr

Jacob Dietzel, Grandson of Merle Anderson

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

+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
+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.*

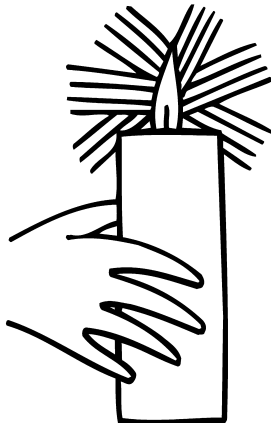
*****Please remember all the names on our prayer list,
and especially those that are **bold**.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.***

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

Then I saw a most splendid light, which is without beginning and to whom nothing can be wanting: this splendid light means the Father; and in a figure of a man of a sapphire color, without any spot of the imperfection of envy and iniquity, is declared the Son, born of the Father, according to the divinity before all time, but afterwards incarnate according to humanity, in the world, in time; and the whole of this burns in a most beautiful, shining fire, which fire shows the Holy Spirit, by whom the Son poured forth the light of true brightness upon the world.

—*Hildegard of Bingen*

[Hildegard of Bingen, trans. Francesca Maria Steele, in *Medieval Women's Visionary Literature*, ed. Elizabeth Alvilda Petroff (New York: Oxford, 1986), 153.]



*******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/>

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,825.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:\$360.00

Electronic/Mail ins Income
December 26, 2021:

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,641.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$
Total:	\$2,641.00

In Worship Offerings
December 26, 2021:

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,753.06
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 170.00
Total:	\$2,923.06

ATTENDANCE:
December 24, 2021

In person: 45
Virtual: 45

December 26, 2021

In person: 32
Virtual: 24

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, January 2nd

Second Sunday After Christmas	
Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Fellowship Sunday	

Tuesday, January 4th

Media and Technology	10:00am
Refugee Presentation	6:30pm
Executive Council	7:00pm

Thursday, January 6th

Gathered at the Table	12:00 Noon
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Sunday, January 9th

Baptism of Our Lord	
Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Blessing of the Quilts	
Children's Faith Formation	10:30-11:30am
Faith Formation	10:45am

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We have four candidates interested in serving on Council for a 3-Year Term (2022-2024). Linda Yopp (re-running for a 2nd 3-year term) Ellen Bucheimer, Michael Harrod and Kate Stottlemeyer.

Jackie Waas will be finishing Debbie Loso's last year on council during 2022.

Voting will take place at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 30, 2022.

Nominating Committee:

Betsy Galliher, Sheila Kahler, Gary Wachter and Linda Yopp.

Thank you!

****REMINDER:
ANNUAL REPORTS WERE DUE
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathered at the Table!!

Will be returning this Thursday, January 6, 2022.
We hope you enjoyed the holidays and you have lots of questions and/or comments ready for Pastor Phil, Belinda and Russ.



The Worship and Arts Committee is considering a proposal from one of its members to institute weekly communion. The Committee would like to hear your thoughts and any discussion you would like to have on the matter before it is sent to council. Please see any member of the Worship and Arts Committee or a council person to share your input on the issue.

Thank you
Betsy Galliher, Chairperson

Prayer LIST

Prayer List Updates

As we look forward into the new year, the office will be updating the bulletin prayer list according to the emails and phone calls received requesting prayers to remain on the list from 2021.

If you, or someone you know, is on the prayer list currently, and you would like them to **remain** on the prayer list, please call or email the office to confirm this, as 2022 is a new year and a new beginning!

Thank you!

REMINDER

If you are still interested in receiving a set of envelopes for 2022, please contact the church office at 301-845-4600 or email.

If you also wish to receive your *annual End of Year offering statements* to St. Paul's, they will be *as requested* this year to help alleviate cost in printing and mailing. If you are requesting a copy, please again call the office or use the email button below.

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WEEKLY OFFERING
-FOR-

CURRENT EXPENSES & BENEVOLENCES	\$
PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND	\$

Name.....

"freely ye have received, freely give."
Please bring or send your offering regularly. If you are absent, remember the church expenses go on just the same.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*******IMPORTANT*******

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

<https://youtu.be/e2RvYZZzkPE>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming in our weekly email.

You can always watch live on our Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulslutheranofwalkersville/>,

by going to our website, www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org,



Would you like to schedule a Sunday to sponsor Altar flowers? Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office to arrange a date



GVCS Food Bank

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

Items of need are:

Mac-n-cheese
Spaghetti sauce
Individual fruit cups
Toothpaste
Shampoo and Conditioner
Feminine pads.

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall

Staff

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