



The Baptism of Our Lord, January 9, 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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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.....*This Is the Spirit's Entry Now*.....ELW 448

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| 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard. | 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Come, cleanse again this hour. |
| 2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn;
our life comes through his death. | |

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: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth!

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:*

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Generosity Speaks.....Thrift Shop—Mitzi Smith and Geraldine Hills

Anthem.....When Jesus came to Jordan.....Choir

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm #2

¹ Why do the nations conspire,
 and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
 and the rulers take counsel together,
 against the LORD and his anointed, saying,
³ “Let us burst their bonds asunder,
 and cast their cords from us.
⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
 the LORD has them in derision.
⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
 and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶ “I have set my king on Zion,
 my holy hill.
⁷ I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
 **He said to me, “You are my son;
 today I have begotten you.**

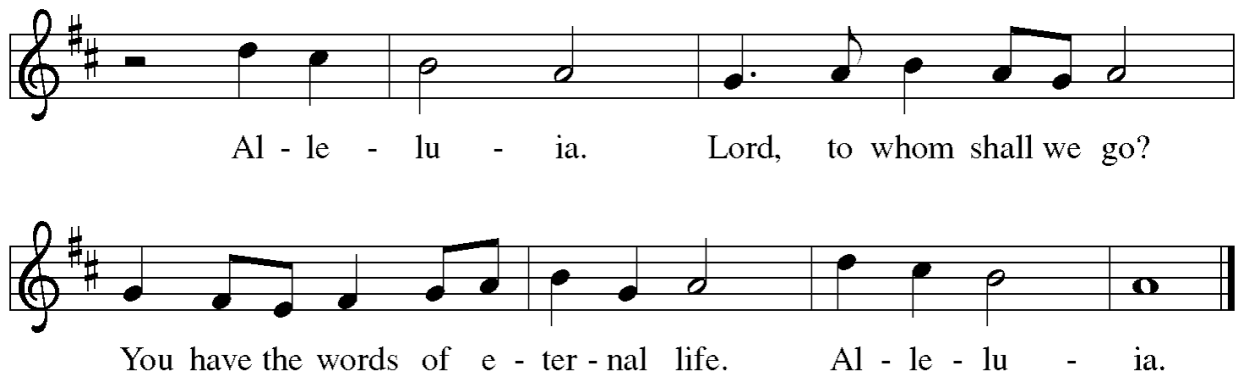
⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
 and the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron,
 and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
 be warned, O rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
 with trembling 12 kiss his feet, ^[a]
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all who take refuge in him.

SECOND READING: **Acts 8:14-17**

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW Page 151)



*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the Third Chapter

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

*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

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

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

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| <p>1 Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death:</p> <p>2 Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage—
channel to a life made new.</p> | <p>4 Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.</p> |
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***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.



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

Refrain

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Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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***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: ... *Merciful God,*
C: **receive 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: 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. .
C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN.....Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized.....ELW 304**

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| 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame. | 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find. |
| 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do. | |

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**GO IN PEACE, REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM,
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

Lauren Kay Miller

Sharyl Mildenstein, Family of Russ & Amy Mildenstein

Robb Port

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

Joe Evens, Father of Patty Rimel

Kathryn Evens, Mother of Patty Rimel

Lin Snider

Sue Snyder

Ron Layman, Friend of Betsy Galliher

Bob Schmidt, Brother of Dottie Titmas

CC (Cindi Ferry Lucas), Cousin of Robb and Dianne Port

Gail Carlson, Friend of Shirley Merando

Irene Matthews, Mother of Tammy Snurr

Dustin DiMarcello, Nephew of Robb and Dianne Port

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

At our baptism, a hand is laid on us, invoking and inviting the Holy Spirit through benediction. Over our cleansed and blessed bodies willingly descends from the Father that Holiest Spirit. Over the waters of baptism reposes the Spirit, who glided down on the Lord in the shape of the dove. The very nature of the Holy Spirit was declared by means of this symbol of simplicity and innocence: accordingly Jesus says, "Be innocent as doves." After the waters of the deluge, by which the old iniquity was purged—after the baptism, so to say, of the world—a dove was the herald that announced to the earth the placating of celestial wrath. The dove had been sent from the ark and had returned with the olive branch, which even among the nations is a sign of peace. In the same way, the dove of the Holy Spirit flies to the earth—that is, to our flesh—as we emerge from the font, bringing us the peace of God.

—*Tertullian*

[Tertullian, in *Baptism: Ancient Liturgies and Patristic Texts*, ed. A. Hamman, O.F.M. (Staten Island, NY: Alba, 1967), pp. 36-37.]



REMINDERS

*******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 **Christmas Eve and December 30, 2021:**

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,422.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 0.00
Challenge:	\$1,750.00
Total:	\$4,172.00

ATTENDANCE: **January 2, 2022**

In person: 35
Virtual: 28

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, January 9th

Baptism of Our Lord

In Person Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Blessing of the Quilts	
Children's Faith Formation	10:30-11:30
Adult Formation	10:30-11:30

Monday, January 10th

FEC	8am-5pm
Executive Council	6:00pm
Finance Committee	7:00pm

Tuesday, January 11th

Congregational Life	7:00pm
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Wednesday, January 12th

FEC	8am-5pm
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Thursday, January 13th

Gathered at the Table	12:00 Noon
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Sunday January 16th

Second Epiphany

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Children's Faith Formation	10:30-11:30
Adult Formation	10:30-11:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



QUESTIONS AND VOTES



TOWN HALL MEETING
(No Voting, just Q&A)
JANUARY 23, 2022
10:45AM PARISH HALL

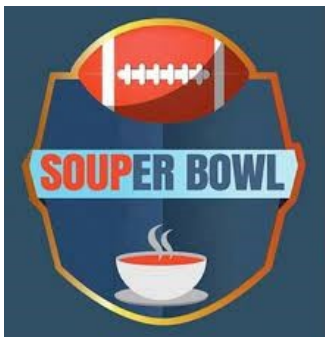
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Your Vote Counts
JANUARY 30, 2022
10:45AM PARISH HALL



Don't Forget!

Hat & Mitten Tree
Continues through January 2022
The Tree is located in the nave.

Share the Warmth!



Souper Bowl Can Drive
Now through February 13th
Bring in soup cans for the
Glade Valley Food Bank

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=jJaO8VM6nkc>

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

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



**February 19, 2022
5:00pm Soup and Sandwich
6:00pm Games**

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



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