



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost—September 25, 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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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
 Lector.....Marie Purswell
 Organist.....Jeff Gentry
 Ushers.....Linda Yopp, Patty Rimel

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Russ Mildenstein
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**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

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: 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.

***The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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| 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name. | 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true. |
| 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song. | 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone. |

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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****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.**
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- L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
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- 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.**
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- 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.**
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- L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

***Canticle of Praise (Sung)**

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:**

P: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Anthem.....Closer to You (John Carter).....Choir

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a and 4-7

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever,

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 151)**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter, **16:19-31**

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

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

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

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY.....Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life.....ELW 719**

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| 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man. | 5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again; |
| 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears. | 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God. |

***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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: ... God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

***OFFERTORY HYMN Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, ELW 184**

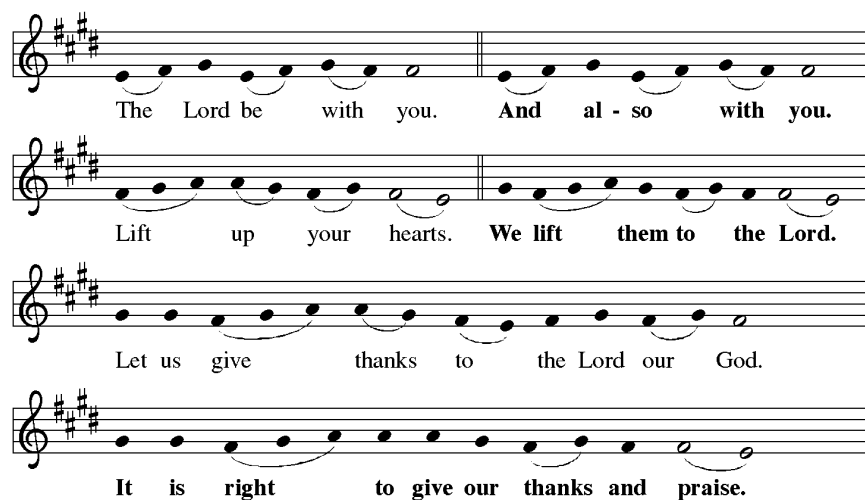
Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: God of Abundance:

C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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



***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.194) **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:

P: All are welcome at Christ's Table, come as you are. The feast is prepared, the table is set, come and eat.

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

C: **Amen.**

***POST 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.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN..... *Canticle of the Turning*ELW 723**

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR,
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.

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.

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PRAYER LIST

Ellen Hatgi, member

Tommy Sorge, Nephew of Marie Purswell

Milton & Dolores Denn, Members

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

Libbianna LeDuff, Family of Hope Donati

Ronald Zeimen, Father of Amy Mildenstein

Thelma Powell, Member

Robert Hoff, III, Member

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

Joe Evens, Father of Patty Rimel

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

Kathryn Evens, Mother of Patty Rimel

Lin Snider, member

Ron and Sharon Layman, Friends of Betsy Galliher

Bob Schmidt, Brother of Dottie Titmas

Julia Campbell, Concerned Friends

The Wynne Family

Bob Waas, Father of Mike Waas

Bruce Bierer, Brother of Connie Chesnik

Sue Snyder, Member

Betty Walker, Member

Shirley Merando, Member

Maggie Purtee, Sister of Sam Purswell

Jason Connors, Nephew of Robb and Dianne Port

Anne Bartel, Friend of Betsy Galliher

April Pratt, Member

Hazel Kopp, Member

Audrey McDougall, Member

Lyla Cavell, Granddaughter of Dennis and Regina Cavell

Rick Fischler, Friend of Robb and Dianne Port

Darren, Sharon and Samuel Kelly, Friends of Autumn Lake

Zach, Margaret, and Sydney - relatives of Dee Dee Kopp

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, Captain., 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
- +Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of
Mary Ann Ferguson
- +Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of
Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in
law

*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

We conclude that "the bosom of Abraham" signifies nothing else than the Word of God. The hell here mentioned cannot be the true hell that will begin on the day of judgment. For the corpse of the rich man is without doubt not in hell, but buried in the earth. This "hell" must however be a place where the soul can be and has no peace, and it cannot be corporeal. Therefore it seems to me that this hell is the conscience, which is without faith and without the Word of God, in which the soul is buried and held until the day of judgment. —*Martin Luther*

[*Martin Luther, in The Sermons of Martin Luther (Grand Rapids: Baker Book, 2000), IV, 17-32.*]



*******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
September 11, 2022:

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 866.05
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 205.00
Total:	\$1,071.05

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,320.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$1,570.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
September 18, 2022:

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,064.51
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 175.00
Total:	\$1,239.51

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,360.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$1,610.00

ATTENDANCE:
September 18, 2022

In person: 43
Virtual: **

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, September 25th

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	

Monday, September 26th

FEC	8am-5pm
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Tuesday, September 27th

Home School	10am-3pm
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Wednesday, September 28th

FEC	8am-5pm
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Thursday, September 29th

Home School	10am-3pm
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Sunday, October 2nd

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
17th Sunday after Pentecost	

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*****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=0-8PulbuOEM>

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



*The altar flowers are given to
the glory of God and in celebration of
Happy Birthday to Tom Waters
from Johanna Waters.*



Are you called to serve with a smile?

If you would like to serve St. Paul's congregation by creating a welcoming environment and setting the tone for their worship experience, please consider joining our Usher team. We would love to have you share in this ministry. To sign up, contact Kate Stottemyer through the Parish Office.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:" [1 Peter 4:10](#)

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

An annual tradition in our congregation is to celebrate the harvest by returning a portion of God's gifts to be distributed to others in need.



Next Sunday October 16th, please bring non-perishable food items to the church. We will be collecting those items at the communion rail. After service they will be counted and taken to the Glade Valley Food Bank. Check the Wednesday newsletter and bulletins for current Food Bank needs.

It's also pumpkin Sunday!

Please pick up a pumpkin to enjoy at home, on your way out after worship.

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*But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." **Matthew 19:14***

This year for Faith Formation, Stephanie Isenock has been called to serve in developing our Saint Paul's Youth Faith Formation program. We welcome your volunteerism and ideas as we move forward!

Please register your family for Class this Fall by completing this form: <https://forms.gle/iREqAf6n8JGHgA6g7>



"As our guest pastor, Dave Shank mentioned giving of ourselves generously and abundantly. His sermon and message must have resonated within the spirit of our parishioners who volunteered to help make Rally Day great.

Thank you to all who were able to serve us generously whether through donating their time, food goods, or support."

—Stephanie Isenock



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



GVCS Food Bank

***Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!
Items of need currently are:***

*Boxed Crackers
Baked Beans
Hamburger Helper
Bars of Soap*

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

Staff

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