

Second Sunday of Advent—December 18, 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	Phil Smith
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	Kay Wachter and Patty Rimel

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President—Russ Mildenstein Vice-President—Trisha Valcarcel Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein Secretary—Jackie Waas *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.

*GATHERING HYMN......ELW 263

- Savior of the nations, come;
 virgin's son, make here your home.
 Marvel now, O heav'n and earth:
 God has chosen such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood, but the mystic Breath of God, was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of woman, blossom fresh.

- Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light. Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.
- Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!
 To the holy Trinity praise we sing 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) (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.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

On the **fourth** week of Advent, we light the final candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem......Soloist, Steve King.....Soloist, Steve King...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,

stir up your strength and come to help us.

³Restore us, O God;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴O Lord God of hosts,

how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. ⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

[']Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.

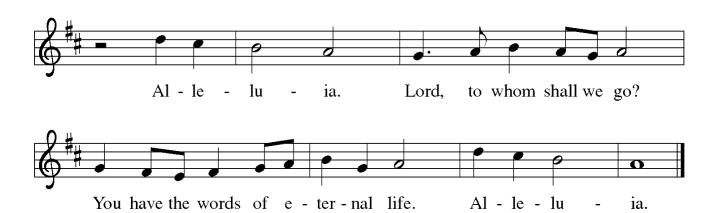
¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 151)



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter, 1:18-25

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

*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

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

SERMONPastor Phil Beck & Deb Horton

Silence for Reflection

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

*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:** ... 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



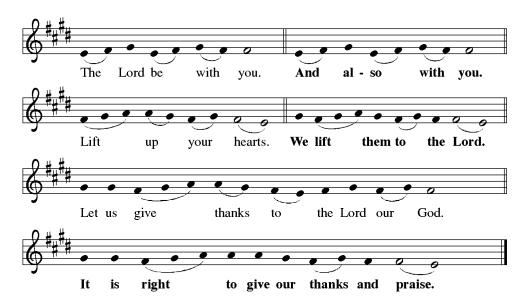
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*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

- P: Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: 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; You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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 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.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

- P: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION:

- P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN......ELW 260

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race the day when Christ in splendor comes, and we shall see his face.
- The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

*DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, CHRIST IS NEAR!

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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Erica Hoff, Daughter of Betty Walker

Sharyl Mildenstein, Family of Russ & Amy Mildenstein

Robb Port, Member

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

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Barb Callow, Close friend of Marie Purswell

Peggy E., Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider

Kathryn Evens, Mother of Patty Rimel

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Julia Campbell, Concerned Friends

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Bruce Bierer, Brother of Connie Chesnik

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Shirley Merando, Member

Maggie Purtee, Sister of Sam Purswell

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April Pratt, Member

Audrey McDougall, Member

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Michael Wachter, Son of Gary and Kay Wachter

Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemyer*

Bruce Wertz, Son in law of Betsy Galliher

Jim Decker, Friend of Pastor Phil

Family of Dolores Denn, Member

Lillian Foucart, Member

Joey Valcarcel, Member

Family of Raymond Pettingall, Member

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

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

The sequence in chapter 2 of Matthew will show how this New Testament Joseph, who receives revelation in dreams and goes to Egypt to save the infant, is reliving the great epic of the Old Testament figure named Joseph. The name Jesus fits into this parallelism between the Matthew story of Joseph and the Old Testament story of Joseph and Moses, for Moses' successor who completed his work by bringing Israel back to the Promised Land was also named Jesus (Joshua). Matthew has now told us that Mary has conceived this child through the Holy Spirit. The New Testament indicates clearly that the awesome, creative, life-giving power of the Spirit was associated with the resurrection of Jesus, but in the infancy narratives it is related to the very beginning of Jesus' life.

-Raymond E. Brown, SS

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[Raymond E. Brown, SS, "The Annunciation to Joseph," Worship 61 (1987), 488-89.]



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 11, 2022:

Weekly Contributions: \$1,137.11 Property Loan Fund: \$275.00 Total: \$1,412.11

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$5,597.00
Property Loan Fund: \$0.00
Total: \$5,597.00

ATTENDANCE: December 11, 2022

In person: 44
Virtual: **

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, December 18th	
Worship (Livestream)	9:25am

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Faith Formation 10:30am

Monday, December 19th

FEC 8am-5pm Girl Scouts (Daisy Troop) 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 20th

Council 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 21st

Blue Christmas 7:00pm

Thursday, December 15th

Frederick Home School 10:30-3pm

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm

Sunday, December 25th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Christmas Day

**Parish Offices Closed, Monday, Dec. 26th

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*********** The Altar Flowers are 米 given to the glory of God * *** and in celebration of all the Horton special 米 * December days, **** birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas by Keith and Deb Horton. ***********

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We will be offering several services this year.

Blue Christmas - December 21st at 7:00pm. **Traditional Christmas Eve**— 7:00pm Christmas Day — 9:30am.

We hope to see you, let's join together in Celebrating the birth of our Lord.

We pray during the Advent and Christmas Seasons, that we all can keep our mission statement in mind and at the forefront of our actions, "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all".

Today, Sunday, December 18, 2022 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

We are using the devotional published by Luther Seminary this Advent season.

Go to this link (https://www.luthersem.edu/advent) and download. Be sure to get your copy!

END OF THE YEAR **GIVING CHALLENGE**

We are again blessed that an anonymous donor has offered a matching challenge of \$1,500 to assist where most needed by the end of the year. If members of the congregation can contribute \$1,500 over and above their normal giving the anonymous member will match the contribution.

If you are writing a check, please include "Challenge" on the memo line. If you prefer to give on-line, please use the "GIVE NOW" button and choose the undesignated selection in the Fund dropdown and add "Challenge" in the "Note" section. The deadline for the challenge is Sunday, December 25th.

Handel's Messiah Sing a Long Tuesday, December 20th @ 8:00 PM

Presented by the Frederick Children's Choir

A Frederick Community Holiday Tradition since 1995 Audience members become part of the performance

www.weinbergcenter.org, Advance ticket purchase strongly recommended

Victoria Park Christmas

TODAY! Sunday, December 18th from 1-4pm.

This afternoon we are hosting a Christmas party at Victoria Park. There will be a chili cook-off and cookie buffet. There will be animated rounds of bingo and of course some caroling. If you are a able to volunteer come on over, or feel free to come on over and join the fun! Our visits bring lots of cheer to our neighbors, so thank you for continuing to support this new outreach! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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"True joy is hidden where we are the same as other people: fragile and mortal. It is the joy of belonging to the human race. It is the joy of being with others as a friend, a companion, a fellow traveler. This is the joy of Jesus, who is Emmanuel: God-with-us"

(Henri Nouwen, Bread for the Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith [devotion for January 11], New York: Harper Collins, 1996).

Quilting

We greatly appreciate your donations of supplies and monies with which to purchase them. At this time, we especially need cash donations to buy quilt batting (stuffing). To contribute from the pew, place cash or check ("quilts" on the memo line) in an envelope labeled "quilts" in the offering plate.

If you prefer to give on-line, please use the "GIVE NOW" button and choose the undesignated selection in the Fund dropdown and add "Quilting" in the "Note" section.

Your continued generosity enables Quilt Ministry to warm the bodies and spirits of those in need. Thank you.

REMINDER: Today is the last Faith Formation session of the year! Sessions will resume after the New Year on January 15th, 2023

Hats & Mitten Tree

Now through December 16th, the Christmas Dinner envelopes and Hat and Mitten donation tree will be located in the library area as you enter the church on the side door. Please take an envelope to be put in the offering plate if you would like to donate to the food bank. Hats and mittens can be placed on the tree or nearby.

THANK YOU!!

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 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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*****IMPORTANT****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. https://youtu.be/k0z92MjOPpg

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

After a recent inspection of our sanctuary's stained-glass windows, the report has shown that many are in need of repair. 19 of the 30 total windows are in need of some kind of repair/protection. The estimate for this work is \$60,470. (About 10 yrs ago we did have some of the windows along the alley repaired/protected.)

Of these 19, the one over the altar is in the worst shape. This window is in need of a complete restoration at an estimated cost of \$21,742. There are holes in the glass, which among other things is a definite safety risk and insulation leak. The restoration would require the window to be removed and fixed off-site. While the work is being done a glass copy of the window would be temporarily installed to keep the look the same. At a minimum, we feel that this window should be repaired.



In order to complete this, we would like to hold a special offering in order to add to our Stained-glass window fund. If you feel called, please consider donating to this special cause. We will hold this special collection until May 14th.

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