



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany—January 29, 2023

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.....Trish Valcarcel
 Organist.....Jeff Gentry
 Ushers.....

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

***PRAYER FOR TIME AND TALENTS**

P: May the goodness of God be upon us:
C: **May he prosper the work of our hands.**

P: God has given us freedom and strength
To invest his gifts or squander them.

May the goodness of God be upon us:
C: **May he prosper the work of our hands.**

P: God has given us talents and skills
To multiply good in the world:

May the goodness of God be upon us:
C: **May he prosper the work of our hands.**

P: God has shown us the way to true riches
By the self-giving love of his Son.

May the goodness of God be upon us:
C: **May he prosper the work of our hands.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.
C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,
C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you..**

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| 1 O God of mercy, God of light,
in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you. | 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you. |
| 2 You sent your Son to die for all,
that our lost world might hear your call;
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
We rest our hope in you. | 6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you. |

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.

****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.**

****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: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Anthem.....Purify My Heart.....(Stan Pethel).....Choir

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FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil
to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor
those who fear the Lord.

**They have sworn upon their health and do not
take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do
they take bribes against the innocent.

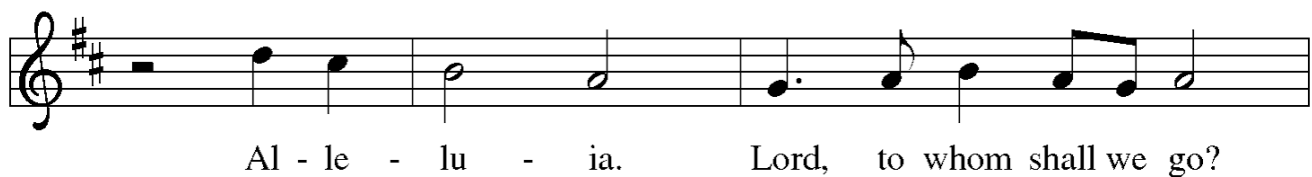
**Those who do these things shall never be
overthrown.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter, **5:1-12**

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**.....Let Streams of Living Justice***.....ELW 710

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| <p>1 Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.</p> | <p>3 Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.</p> |
| <p>2 For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.</p> | |

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
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***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.

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Liberating God,
C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in Thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations: in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN.....To Be Your PresenceELW 546**

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| 1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia! | 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
alleluia! |
| 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
alleluia! | 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
alleluia! |

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***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS,
THANKS BE TO GOD.

***POSTLUDE**

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.



PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Bruce Wertz, *Son in law of Betsy Galliher*
Candy Foucart, *Member*
Bob Schmidt, *Brother of Dottie Titmas*
Gary Wachter, *Member*
Michael Wachter, *Son of Gary and Kay Wachter*
The Wynne Family, *Friends of Lin Snider and Sue Snyder*
Lin Snider, *Member*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
The Valcarcel Family, *Members*
Kim Currier, *Daughter of Sam Purswell*
Family of Tommy Sorge, *Nephew of the Purswells and Cousin to the Valcarcels*
Barb Callow, *friend of Marie Purswell*
Friends & students of E. Ray McNeeley, *College Choir Director of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Pat Poole, *Brother of Joann Valainis*
Jonathan Eshelman, *Nephew of Kay Wachter*
Susan and Paul Holloway, *Family of Kate Stottlemeyer*

How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator (officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org). When a prayer list request is added, the request will stay on the list for three consecutive weeks. First week it will be noted in **Super Bold**, the second week it will be noted in **Bold**, and then the third week it will be noted in regular text. Then the request will be removed from the prayer list unless you specifically ask for your request to remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted by you. The power of prayer is amazing!

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." **Matthew 18:20**

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
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

Christ's liberation goes to the roots of all injustice and exploitation. It is not a liberation which is susceptible to a "spiritualist" interpretation, which is still so tenaciously present in certain Christian spheres. Love and sin (that is, the negation of love) are historical realities. They live in concrete conditions. It is for this reason that the Bible speaks of justice and liberation as opposed to slavery and the humiliation of the poor. God becomes truth in the heart of the society when the social classes question themselves and take the part of the poor of the grass-roots classes, of the despised races, of the marginalized cultures. To believe is to love God, to be united with the poor and exploited of this world. To believe is to preach, as Christ did, the kingdom from within the struggle for justice which led him to his death.

—*Gustavo Gutierrez, OP*

[Gustavo Gutierrez, OP Liberation and Change, ed. Ronald H. Stone (Atlanta: John Knox, 1977), 90, 92.]



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 **January 22, 2023:**

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 672.91
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 115.00
Total:	\$ 787.91

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,120.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$1,420.00

ATTENDANCE: **January 29, 2023**

In person: 50
Virtual: 15

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, January 29th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Annual Congregational Meeting 10:45am

Tuesday, January 31st

Frederick Homeschoolers 10am-3pm

Wednesday, February 1st

FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, February 2nd

Frederick Homeschoolers 10am-3pm

Sunday February 5th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

REMINDER

If you are still interested in receiving a set of envelopes
for 2023, 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 call the
Office.

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WEEKLY OFFERING
-FOR-

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

Name:

(Please bring or send your offering regularly. If you are absent, remember the church expenses go on just the same.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



****IMPORTANT COUNCIL INFO****

The following will be seeking a position as council member:

Jackie Waas
Keith Horton
Roxanne Smith
Sheila Kahler
Patty Rimel

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
IS TODAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 @ 10:45**

ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON ONLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Individual ministry reports are available upon request.
Please contact the office for additional information.



QUILT MINISTRY UPDATE

On Monday, January 16, a representative from Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, Inc. picked up two dozen (24) twin-size quilts to distribute to children in need. (COIPP provides for the basic human needs of children affected by the incarceration of a loved one.) Upon seeing the six bags full of quilts, she exclaimed, "Are these all ours?" **Yes!**

Would you like to sew quilt tops at home?

No cutting or designing involved.

See Kate Stottlemeyer for more information

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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***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.

The sign up sheet is also hanging on the
bulletin board at the side door!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****IMPORTANT*****

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

<https://youtu.be/MadSLG90zcU>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP619JEpgsBUXlow117 -Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP619JEpgsBUXlow117-Q)

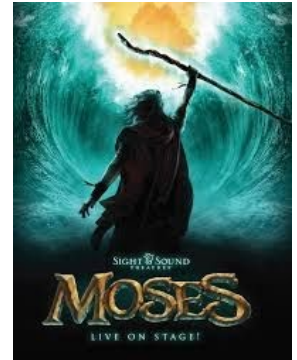
Coming to Sight and Sound March 2023

*"A spectacular entertainment
experience for the whole family!"*

\$180.00 per person

Please see Kay Wachter for details and to set your reservation.

Bring family and friends for a day of fun and fellowship!



Stained Glass Window Fund



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.) ***Please see diagram on church bulletin boards.***

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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