

Palm Sunday—April 2, 2023

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—7:00 p.m.

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
 Lector.....Pat Fellows
 Organist.....Jeff Gentry
 Ushers.....Sam and Marie Purswell
 Acolyte.....Camden Plog

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trish Valcarcel
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Amazing Grace Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Peter

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" John 21:15

Gathering Hymn.....All Glory, Laud and Honor..... ELW 344

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **Amen.**

P: Lift up your heads, O gates!

C: **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: **The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

P: Lift up your heads, O gates!

C: **And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: **The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

Palm Sunday Reading ... John 12:12-19

P: The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,

C: **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”**

P: And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

C: **“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”**

P: His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Peter boasted of his devotion, but then denied his Lord. The crowds on Palm Sunday shouted glad hosannas to the King, but by the end of the week their acclaim fell silent as Jesus, crowned with thorns, went to the cross. We too, by our sins, turn away from our Lord. Let us confess our sins to him and ask his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, while we boast of our faithfulness and devotion, in our thoughts, words and actions we often follow our own desires, turning away your will and your ways. Instead of following the commands and guidance of your holy Word, we listen to the temptations of the world around us. When we have opportunities to witness for our Lord, we fall silent. As you showed grace to Simon Peter, turn to us in grace and forgive our sins.**

P: God has shown his grace to us. He sent his Son to die on the cross, taking onto himself the sins of the world and suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. You are forgiven and restored, called to serve others in the name of Jesus our King and Savior.

C: **The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, Simon Peter proudly boasted of his faithfulness and his willingness to die for Jesus. Then, when the time came, he denied the Lord and swore that he never even knew him. We, too, are often less than loyal. When others question our faith, we remain silent and have no answers for them. We do not always live in a way that reflects Jesus' love. Yet you have forgiven us, as you forgave Peter and restored him to service. You have called us to serve others in your name and to be witnesses for our Savior. Help us to live in humble service as Jesus did, the humble King, who entered Jerusalem to take up his cross for us. Hear our prayer in his name.

C: **Amen.**

Anthem.....A Joyful Hosanna (Brian Buda).....Choir
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Old Testament Reading ... Zechariah 9:9-12

Epistle Reading ... 1 Peter 1:13-21

Gospel Reading ... Luke 22:31-34

The Sermon Hymn..... *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*.....ELW 873

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| <p>1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your king.</p> | <p>5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

- 2 With voice as full and strong
as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
the psalms of ancient days. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt.

Sermon.....*Peter*.....Pastor Phil Beck

Hymn of Response.....*Amazing Grace*v. 1, 2, 5 ELW 779

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| <p>1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.</p> | <p>5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.</p> |
| <p>2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!</p> | |

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Apostles' Creed

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.

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

***OFFERTORY HYMN:** SUNG — Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 186)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Prayers

P: Almighty God, our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem during the last week of his earthly ministry. He came as a humble King to take up his final steps to the cross. Help us to follow in his steps as your humble servants and living examples of your love in the world. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, today we call out “Hosanna, save us now!” We know and believe that Jesus is our King. Through his redeeming death and his triumphant resurrection, he has saved us and brought us into his kingdom. He calls us to follow in his footsteps, to walk in love and to forgive as we have been forgiven. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, Peter boasted of his loyalty but failed and denied his Lord, yet his Lord died for his sins and for ours. For Jesus’ sake, you forgave Peter and you have forgiven us. As Simon Peter was called to feed your sheep, you have called us to serve your people in love. Empower us by your Spirit to serve you by serving others. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, so many of your people, the sheep of your flock, are suffering through illness, depression and anxiety, through grief and loss. Have mercy on them and heal them according to your will. Lead us to serve them in love, to help them in their need and to bring them the comfort of your Word. Gracious Lord,

C : Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, you desire that all people would be saved and come to know the truth. Empower us by your Spirit to be witnesses for our King. Help us to grow in faith through the study of your Word so that we are prepared to answer those who ask about our beliefs. Do not let us fall silent when we have the opportunity to witness to our Savior. Help us to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in Jesus’ name. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Amen.

***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; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into 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:"

***(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**

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

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.

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

***Post Communion Prayer:**

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn.....*Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!*..... ELW 346

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewed.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.

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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

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*
Pat Poole, *Brother of Joann Valainis*
Jonathan Eshelman, *Nephew of Kay Wachter*
Susan and Paul Holloway, *Family of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Charlie Knapp, *Friend of Pastor Phil*
Robert Hoff, *Member, son of Betty Walker*
Lillian Foucart, *Member*
Eileen Trihoulis, *Sister of Merle Anderson*
For the Family of Ginny Rousculp, *Former choir Director and Member*
Anne Bartel, *Friend of Betsy Galliher*
Jeanne Rutz, *friend of Pastor Phil*

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.*

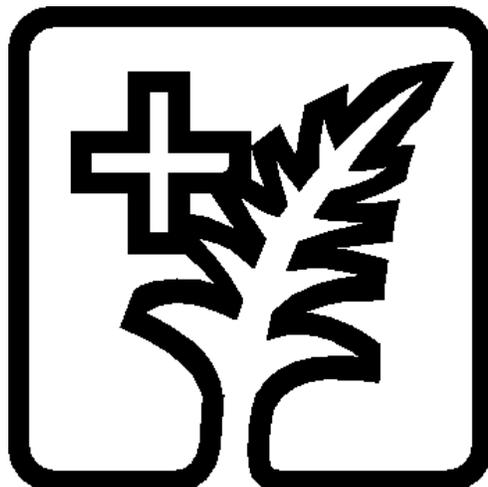
***Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially those that are **bold**.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.*

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

Many indeed are the wondrous happenings of that time: God hanging from a cross, the sun made dark, and again flaming out—for it was fitting that creation should mourn with its Creator. The temple veil rent; the earth shaken, the rocks shattered because of the Rock; the dead risen to bear witness to the final and universal resurrection of the dead; the happenings at the sepulcher, and after the selculcher: who can fittingly recount them? Yet no one of them can be compared to the miracle of my salvation. A few drops of blood renew the whole world, and they do for all what the rennet does for the milk: joining us and binding us together.

—*Gregory of Nazianzus*

[Gregory of Nazianzus, in The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, II: 261.]



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/>

Please Note: We are not currently making a deposit each week due to the limited number of checks being sent into the office on a weekly basis. Typically we have been making a deposit mid-month and prior to the end of the month.

PAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,390.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

Electronic/Mail ins Income

March 26, 2023:

Weekly Contributions:	\$468.50
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$488.50

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,707.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$1,957.00

ATTENDANCE:

March 26, 2023

In person: 57
Virtual: 20

Lent Mid Week March 29, 2023

In person: 27
Virtual: **

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, April 2nd

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Palm Sunday	
Ministry Sunday	10:30am

Monday, April 3rd

FEC	8am-4pm
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Tuesday, April 4th

FHS	
Executive Council	7:00pm

Wednesday, April 5th

FEC	8am-4pm
Soup and Sandwich	6:00pm
Lenten Prayer Service	7:00pm

Thursday, April 6th

FHS	10am-3pm
Maundy Thursday	7:00pm

Friday, April 7th

Good Friday	7:00pm
Altar is stripped	

Saturday, April 8th

Easter Egg Hunt	3:00pm
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Sunday April 9th

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Easter Sunday	

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=g3tjpLPi3wk>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow117-Q>

Help us decorate for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily. They are available for \$10.00 each. Sign up on line through the link below, on our website or call the Parish Office to purchase with a check or cash. Please don't forget to designate your dedication.

Remember, you don't have to throw these beautiful lilies away; they can be planted in your garden for next year's blooming!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER!!!

<https://forms.gle/3YspwDoRRC2qK6dC7>



HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 5th
Lenten Prayer Service 7:00pm

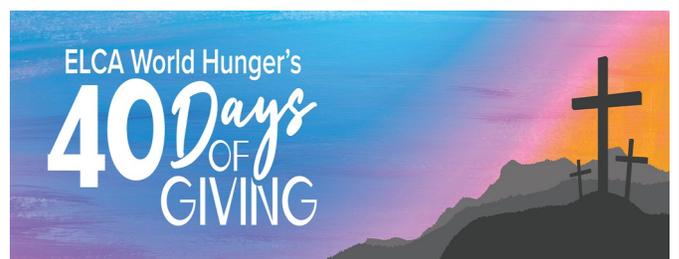
Thursday, April 6th
Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm

Friday, April 7th
Good Friday, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 9th
Easter Sunday, 9:25am



Please join us Wednesday, April 5th, in the overflow area from 6:00pm-7:00pm for soup, sandwiches, and fellowship as we journey through the end of our Lenten Season 2023 with Prayer Service.



We hope you have enjoyed, grown, studied, prayed, reflected and gave with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Saturday, April 8th!!
Come out and Join us!!**



See flyer on Bulletin Board and weekly email for more information!

Saturday, April 15th



Come join us as we spread some spring joy into the Community!
See flyers & weekly emails for details!



The Word of God

Would you like to bring voice to God's word in our weekly worship while preparing people to hear the gospel and the sermon?

If you are called to share the word and would like to be a lector, please see Ellen Bucheimer after Worship or feel free to give her at call at 301-514-9871.



Mar-Lu-Ridge CAMP DAY!

April 16 from 1-4 p.m. This FREE event is a great opportunity to visit Mar-Lu-Ridge and enjoy the views, meet our staff, make crafts and try out our archery range. We'll have delicious snacks available, too. If you have never been to Mar-Lu-Ridge, or if it's been awhile, we hope you'll plan to join us for the afternoon! No RSVP needed, come join the fun! mar-lu-ridge.org

QUILTING MINISTRY

Saturday, April 15—Knot quilts in the Parish Hall, 9-3. Drop by any time, for any length of time. Many hands make light work. See Kate Stottlemeyer for details.

Sunday, April 23—*Quilt Blessing.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****NEW DATE*****

Thursday, May 18, 2023

\$160 per person

Reservations and payments due April 15th



Please see flyer on both bulletin boards,
the weekly email or
See Kay Wachter for more details.
***Come Join us for some fun
and fellowship!***

After a recent inspection of our sanctuary's stained-glass windows, the report has shown that many are in need of repair.

Please see diagram on church bulletin boards.

The estimate for this work is \$60,470.



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.

Donations for ***Glade Valley Food Bank*** are always accepted!

Updated Items of need are:

Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce,
Baked Beans, Canned Fruit,
and toilet paper.

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



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