



Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 26, 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.....Tom and Johanna Waters
 Acolyte.....Camden Plog

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trish Valcarcel
 Vice-President—Patty Rimel
 Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein
 Secretary—Jackie Waas

****Please stand as you are able.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Fountain of living water,

C: **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN.....*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*.....ELW 886**

.1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

*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.**

**LENTEN CANTICLE (Sung)

C: **Print thine image, pure and holy, On my heart, O Lord of Grace. So that nothing, high or lowly, Thy blest likeness can efface. Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, And the Lord of all creation, Be my refuge and salvation.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Anthem.....When You Prayed Beneath the Trees (Lloyd Larson).....Choir

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FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 130

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O Lord;

²O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;

with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the Lord shall redeem Israel

from all their sins.

SECOND READING: *Romans 8:6-11*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW 151) (Sung)*

C: **Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Holy Gospel according to John the Ninth chapter, *John 11:1-45*

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

**THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY..... *Lord Be Glorified*.....ELW 744

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| 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today. | 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today. |
| 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our song, Lord, be glorified today. | 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today. |

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***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: ... Merciful God,
C: Receive our prayer.

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.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:*

- P:** God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C:** **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

SUNG: (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:** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached the good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

- 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: 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.
Amen.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: (ELW, 545) (SUNG)*

C: **Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER:*

P: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:*

P: God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

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| 1 You are the way; to you alone
from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find
and by your grace set free. | 3 You are the life; the rending tomb
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you
not death nor hell shall harm. |
| 2 You are the truth; your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purify the heart. | 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow. |

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.

P: Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

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*

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*

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.***

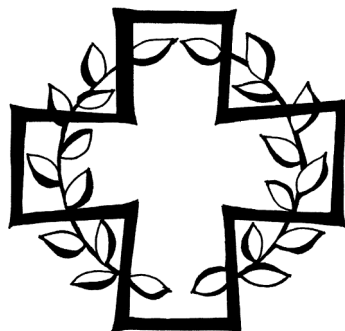
Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

From "The Three Whom Jesus Raised to Life," Augustine's sermon on the narratives of Jesus raising the dead daughter of the synagogue leader, the widow's son, and Lazarus:

It may be that even now I am speaking to such folk as Lazarus, buried under the unyielding stone of habit and who are dead four days and stinking. Yet not even they must despair: they are dead, in the depths; but Christ is on high. He knows, by crying out with a loud voice, how to destroy these heavy loads; he know how, through himself, to raise the soul within to life, giving it to his disciples to loose. . . . So let those who are living, live; and those who are dead, in whichever of these *three deaths they find themselves, let them act at once, to rise here and now from the dead.*

—Augustine of Hippo

[Augustine of Hippo, *The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, trans. and ed. M. F. Toal (Chicago: Regnery, 1963), IV: 119-120.]



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 12, 2023:

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 773.65
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 170.00
Total:	\$ 943.65

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$3,136.16
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$3,366.16

Electronic/Mail ins Income

March 19, 2023:

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,202.41
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 141.00
Total:	\$1,342.41

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,547.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 275.00
Total:	\$1,822.00

ATTENDANCE:

March 19, 2023

In person: 44
Virtual: 20

Lent Mid Week March 22, 2023

In person: 25
Virtual: **

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, March 26th

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Fifth Sunday of Lent	
Faith Formation	10:30am
Karen Sue Denn Funeral	1:00pm

Monday, March 27th

FEC	8am-4pm
Girl Scouts	6pm-7pm

Tuesday, March 28th

FHS	10am-3pm
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Wednesday, March 29th

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

Thursday, March 30th

FHS	10am-3pm
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Saturday, April 1st

Girl Scouts, Badge Day	8am-5pm
Mar Lu Ridge Clean Up	8am-3pm

Sunday April 2nd

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

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

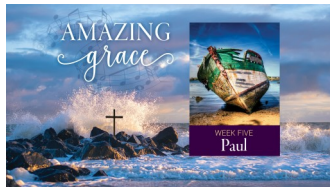
St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q

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!

Next Sunday, April 2nd is the final date to order!

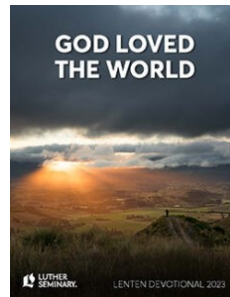
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**All are invited to join our Lenten Journey,
*Amazing Grace***

This Wednesday "Paul" March 29 2023 at 7pm.

**In person in the church and livestreaming
on Facebook**



Join us this Lent for daily
devotions on Facebook
every morning from
Luther Seminary.
Download the full
devotion by
clicking below:

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/len-ten-devotional/>



Every Wednesday during Lent,
before our Lenten Journey of the week
begins, come join us in the overflow area from
6:00pm-7:00pm for soup, sandwiches and
fellowship.



We will gather on Friday evenings this Lent to
share fellowship and discussion of a variety of
moral dilemmas in a different setting
than the church.

Come join us this Friday, we will gather to
share conversation, libations, and fellowship.
at **Glory Days** on 7th Street at 5:00pm.

Should you have any questions,
feel free to contact of Pastor Phil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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



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



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 a call at 301-514-9871.



We invite you to **study, pray, reflect and give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

Will you join us?

Please use the link below to access and download the 40 days of Giving Lent Calendar the Lenten Study Guide.

Please go to: <https://www.elca.org/40days> and download

Hard copies of these 2 resources have been ordered and are available. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the Parish Office.

Would you like to sew quilts at home?

No cutting or designing involved. See Kate Stottlemeyer for details.

Would you like to knot quilts?

Kate will be knotting on random Saturdays, (TBA), from 9am-3pm. Drop by the Parish Hall for any amount of time to lend a hand. ***Hope to see you there!***



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

Thursday, May 18, 2023

\$160 per person

Reservations and payments due April 15th

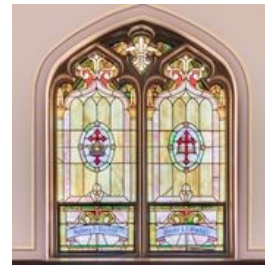


Please see flyer on both bulletin boards,
the weekly email or
See Kay Wachter for more details.
***Come Join us for some fun
and fellowship!***

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***

Staff

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