



Easter Sunday,—April 9, 2023

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—9:25am

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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.....Sam and Marie Purswell
 Acolyte.....Camden Plog

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Amazing Grace Holy Week

Easter Sunday: Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." John 20:18

Gathering Hymn.....*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*..... ELW 365

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| 1 | Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia! | 3 | But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia! |
| 2 | Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | 4 | Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! |

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

Call to Worship

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
P: Christ is risen!
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
C: **Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:**
P: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
C: **The right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"**
P: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
C: **The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.**
P: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
C: **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**
P: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
C: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**
P: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
C: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
P: Christ is risen!
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Confession and Forgiveness

- P: The Lord Jesus, who earlier had healed Mary Magdalene, sent her on that first Easter morning to be one of the first witnesses to his resurrection. Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness, praying that he would send us out as witnesses to his resurrection.
- C: **Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Instead of living in the power of our Savior's resurrection, we follow our own selfish and sinful desires. We turn from your holy Word and listen instead to temptations of world around us. We often live to please ourselves instead of serving others in Jesus' name. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**
- P: As the Lord showed grace to Mary Magdalene, healing her and sending her as a witness, he shows grace to us. Jesus our Savior suffered and died for our sins and rose to life on the first Easter morning. 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.
- C: **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord ... This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
- P: Christ is risen!
- C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

- P: Almighty God, you sent your Son to be our Savior, to suffer and die for us. On the third day after his death, Jesus was raised to life, never to die again and victorious over sin, death and the devil. As Jesus healed Mary Magdalene, casting out the demons that possessed her, we have been healed by his wounds, our sins forgiven. As Mary Magdalene and the other women at the empty tomb went out to share the joyful news of Jesus' resurrection, we, too, have good news to share. Lead us to be faithful, eager witnesses for our risen and reigning Lord Jesus, sharing the Gospel with others so that they, too, will come to know and worship him as Lord. Hear our prayer and accept our Easter praise in Jesus' name. Amen.
- C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle Reading ... 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Gospel Reading ... John 20:1-18

The Sermon Hymn..... *Awake My Heart With Gladness* ...v. 1, 2, 3.....ELW 378

- 1

Awake, my heart, with gladness,
see what today is done;
now, after gloom and sadness,
comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
where our bed must be made
when, as on wings in flight,
we soar to realms of light.
- 2

Now hell, its prince, the devil,
of all their pow'r are shorn;
now I am safe from evil,
and sin I laugh to scorn.
For Christ again is free;
in glorious victory
he who is strong to save
has triumphed o'er the grave.
- 3

This is a sight that gladdens—
what peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
the joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
no foe shall ever take,
the hope which God's own Son
in love for me has won.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833-1890, alt.

Sermon.....*Mary Magdalene*Pastor Phil Beck

Hymn of Response.....*Amazing Grace* v.1, 2, 4, 5.....ELW 779

- 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.
- 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!
- 4

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 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.

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

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.*

Offering

Prayers

P: Crucified and risen Lord, today we celebrate your resurrection and your triumph over sin, death and the devil. In you we have forgiveness and the sure and certain promise of eternal life. We have heard the glad news, "He is risen!" We believe that you are our living and reigning Savior. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Crucified and risen Lord, you healed Mary Magdalene, casting out demons that possessed her. In grace, you called her to be a witness to your resurrection. As you did in the lives of Mary and your disciples, you have showered us with your grace, healing us by your wounds and calling us to serve others and live as witnesses to your amazing grace. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Crucified and risen Lord, we pray for healing for those in need in body and spirit, especially ... and those we name in our hearts before you. Give them strength of faith and courage to face the difficult days in their lives. Grant hope to those who are facing grief and loss. Lead us to serve them in love, offering to them the comfort found in the promises of your Word. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Crucified and risen Lord, you sent the women from the empty tomb to tell your disciples the joyful news of your resurrection. Give us the courage to be faithful witnesses to you, our living Lord and King so that, in the power of the Spirit, we can bring hope to a world lost in darkness of sin. Help us to bring to others the light of Easter morning, the light of forgiveness and life for all who believe. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Crucified and risen Lord, we give you thanks and praise for your amazing grace. In grace, you called sinners, named and unnamed in Scripture, to serve in your kingdom: David, Isaiah, the blind man, the woman at the well, Paul, Peter, John, the repentant thief and Mary Magdalene. In grace, you have forgiven our sins and called us, as you called these other saints, to serve in your kingdom. 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witness of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy (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: 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 Prayer

P: God of abundance,

C: with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Death is swallowed up in victory.

C: **O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**

P: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C: **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Sending Hymn*I know my Redeemer Lives*.....v. 1,5,6,8..... ELW 619

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|---|---|
| 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head! | 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! |
| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need. | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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*



Easter Lily DEDICATIONS

Philip and Susan Beck	<i>In loving memory of family members and friends</i>
Jim and Dottie Titmas	<i>To the glory of God and in memory of Ethel Schmidt and loved ones</i>
Kate Stottlemeyer	<i>To the glory of God and in memory of loved ones</i>
Philip Smith	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
Betsy Galliher Galliher	<i>In honor of friends and family</i>
Roxanne and Brian Smith	<i>To the glory of God</i>
Roxanne and Brian Smith	<i>In loving memory of Jeanne Smith</i>
Roxanne and Brian Smith	<i>In loving memory of Ben Smith</i>
Roxanne and Brian Smith	<i>In loving memory of Dot and Bob Harkel</i>
Hope Donati	<i>In memory of her parents Iris & Ronald Coleman and her brother Kevin</i>
Julio Valcarcel, Sr	<i>In memory of my wife Nina Valcarcel</i>
Keith and Deb Horton	<i>To the memory of our mothers, LaVerne Johnson and Jeanne Horton</i>
Bill and Barbara Cartwright	<i>In memory of Alma and Rondel Cartwright</i>
Bill and Barbara Cartwright	<i>In memory of Mary and Michael DeCrow</i>
Marcia Gupta	<i>Glory to our Lord</i>
Marcia Gupta	<i>In memory of our parents</i>
Camden and Grace Plog	<i>To God and Jesus</i>
Camden and Grace Plog	<i>In memory of GG Jackie Doten</i>

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

If you would learn of God the Father, listen to this word. When it is too dark for you to see, seek Christ, for he is the light. Would you know by whom the world was made and all things are sustained? Believe in him, for he is the arm and right hand. Are you afraid of this or that? Remember that on all occasions he will stand by your side like an angel. If you do not know the way of salvation, look for Christ, for he is the road for souls. If it is truth that you want, listen to him, for he is the truth. If you are afraid that your body is failing and have a dread of death, remember that he is the resurrection, and can raise up what has fallen. —*Nicetas*

[Nicetas, in A Treasury of Early Christianity, ed. Anne Fremantle (NY: Viking, 1953), 401-403.]



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

April 2, 2023

Weekly Contributions:	\$**
Property Loan Fund:	\$**
Total:	\$**

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$**
Property Loan Fund:	\$**
Total:	\$**

ATTENDANCE:

April 2, 2023

In person: 68

Virtual: 18

Lent Mid Week April 5, 2023

In person: 25

Virtual: **

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, April 9th

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Easter Sunday	

Monday, April 10th

Parish Offices Closed
FEC Spring Break

Tuesday, April 11th

FHS	10am-3pm
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Wednesday, April 12th

FEC Spring Break

Thursday, April 13th

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

Saturday, April 15th

Quilting Ministry	9:00am
Parish Hall	

Sunday April 16th

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
Second Sunday of Easter	
Faith Formation	10:30am
Bethel	11:00am

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=xyzjeciOIZU>

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

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP619JEpgsBUXlow1I7 -Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP619JEpgsBUXlow1I7-Q)

REMINDER: Parish Office Closed Easter Monday



*The altar flowers today are given
to the Glory of God
by Betsy Galliher*

Saturday, April 15th



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

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.

Altar Flowers



***It's time again!
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.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strawberry Festival is quickly approaching!

We will be meeting after Worship,
Sunday, April 16th,
in the overflow area to brainstorm
and continue preparations!

We encourage anyone and everyone who
feels called to help in any way to
make our 2023 Strawberry Festival
amazing and successful to join us!

Hope to see you there!

Consider signing up for one of the options below:

Welcome Tent (Roxanne Smith) Roasted Nuts
Quilt Tent (Kate Stottlemeyer) Set Up
Food Tent Take Down
Bake Table Runners
Strawberry Shortcake Tent (Betsy Galliher)
Plant Sale



If

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?

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.



Mar-Lu-Ridge
Camp & Retreat Center

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FINAL DATE TO
PURCHASE TICKETS IS
04/15/2023**

Thursday, May 18, 2023
\$160 per person

Reservations and payments due April 15th

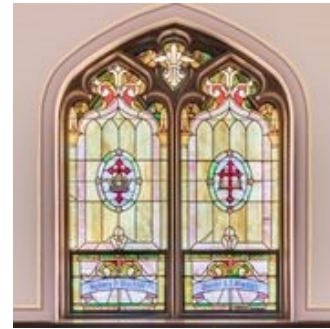


Please see flyer on both bulletin boards,
the weekly email or
See Kay Wachter for more details.
Come Join us for some fun

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, or you can put them
in the basket by the side door and we will get them
to the food bank for you!***



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