



Third Sunday of Easter—April 23, 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.....Ed Chaney
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Sam and Marie Purswell
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

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***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

****The Peace***

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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| 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia! | 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia! |
| 2 <i>Praise we Christ, whose love divine</i>
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia! | 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia! |

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, 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.**
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- L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
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- 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.**
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- 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.**
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- 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: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem.....***Walk Worthy of the Lord.....*** (J. Martin).....Choir

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the
grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter, **Luke 24:13-35**

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****Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!**ELW 377

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| <p>1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!</p> <p><i>Refrain</i>
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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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: ... Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

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: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C: 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, 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:

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: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN.....*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*ELW 674**

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE RISEN ONE!
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*
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*
Hank Holiday, *Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Gail Roehm Costa, *Cousin of Dianne and Robb Port*

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

Lord! Open our eyes that we may behold thee. Open our ears that they may recognize thy voice. Not in some special religious experience, some great moment or wonderful service or perfect setting, but just as we go along the common road. Come to us with your living touch on events; your sacred hand opening the scriptures. You have the words of eternal life. Lord! Give us courage and love to open the door and constrain you to enter, offer all my resources, whatever the disguise you come in, even before I fully recognize my guest. Come in! Enter my small life! When out of the heart of my own homely circumstances you feed me, then my eyes are open to the presence I long for and can never understand. Come and abide with me! Meet me, walk with me! Enter my humble life with its poverty and its limitations as you entered the stable of Bethlehem, the workshop of Nazareth, the cottage of Emmaus. Bless and consecrate the material of that small and ordinary life. Feed and posses my soul! —*Evelyn Underhill*

[Evelyn Underhill, Mediations and Prayers (London: Longman, Green and Com., 1949), 14, 17, 20.]



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

April 16, 2023

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, April 16, 2023

In person: **

Virtual: **

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, April 23rd

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
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Third Sunday of Easter

Blessing of the Quilts	9:30am
Faith Formation	10:30am

Monday, April 24th

FEC	8am-5pm
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Tuesday, April 25th

FHS	10am-3pm
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Wednesday, April 26th

FEC	8am-5pm
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Thursday, April 27th

Frederick Homeschoolers (Last day)	10am-3pm
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Sunday April 30th

Worship (Livestream)	9:25am
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Faith Formation	10:30am
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Treasurer's Report
INCOME & EXPENSES FOR MARCH 2023

CURRENT FUND		PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND	
03/05 Offering	\$ 4,595.00	03/05 Offering	\$ 715.00
03/12 Offering	\$ 3,789.81	03/12 Offering	\$ 370.00
03/19 Offering	\$ 2,322.41	03/19 Offering	\$ 415.00
03/26 Offering	\$ 2,168.50	03/26 Offering	\$ 270.00
Total Offerings	\$ 12,875.72	Total Offerings	\$ 1,770.00
Expenses	\$ (16,606.63)	Loan Payment	\$ (1,522.71)
Subtotal	\$ (3,730.91)	Surplus for 3/31/23	\$ 247.29
Other Income:			
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 640.00		
Misc	\$ 100.00		
Rental Income	\$ 2,550.00		
Lent	\$ 674.00		
Surplus for 3/31/23	\$ 233.09		

YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM 01/01/23 TO 03/31/23

CURRENT FUND		PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND	
Weekly Offerings	\$ 31,850.74	Offerings	\$ 5,385.00
Lent	\$ 739.00	Principle Reduction	\$ -
Easter	\$ -	Interest	\$ 0.35
Interest/Dividend	\$ 577.50	Total Income	\$ 5,385.35
Rental	\$ 4,650.00		
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 690.00		
Amazon Smile Program	\$ 134.76		
Misc	\$ 50.00	Loan Payments	\$ (4,568.13)
Total Income	\$ 38,692.00		
Less Operating Expenses	\$ (50,851.60)		
Current Fund		Property Renov Loan Fund	
Deficit thru 3/31/23	\$ (12,159.60)	Surplus thru 3/31/23	\$ 817.22
		Balances owed on:	
		Mortgage as of 3/2023	\$ 143,437.80

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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/tN2MzMZxrHk>

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



***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 for a dedication.***



Today we bless 50 quilts, destined for Faith House, Heartly House, and Sleep In Heavenly Peace (a.k.a. No Kid Sleeps on the Floor). Quilt Ministry is in need of donations of cash with which to purchase quilt batting. Please place your donation (clearly marked "quilts") in the offering plate. Thank you.

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.***



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.



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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.



Strawberry Festival Flyers are out!

The Festival is less than a month away!



We need your help to make this year's Festival a success. Please consider donating your time and talents. There's something for everyone, from setting up, to clean up and everything in between! Please see Marcia Gupta to sign up and keep an eye out in the bulletin and weekly emails for more details!

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**

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



The Word of God

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.

Staff

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