



Trinity Sunday—June 4, 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.....Marie Purswell
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Deb Horton & MaryAnn Ferguson
Acolyte.....Camden Plog

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President—Trish Valcarcel
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**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

CHURCH BELL RUNG

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: Righteous God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN..... *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*.....ELW 413**

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|---|---|
| 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! | 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not
see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity. |
| 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be. | 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and
sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! |

***GREETING (ELW, p. 147)**

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

***KYRIE (ELW, p. 147) (Sung)**

- L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

- L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

- L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

- L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

- L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

***Canticle of Praise (Sung)**

- L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
C: **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

- P: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Generosity Speaks.....Karl Rathvon from “Sleep in Heavenly Peace”

Anthem.....How Great Thou Art(Stuart Hine).....(Soloist) Stephen King

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**the moon and the stars you have set in their
courses,**

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;

with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord,

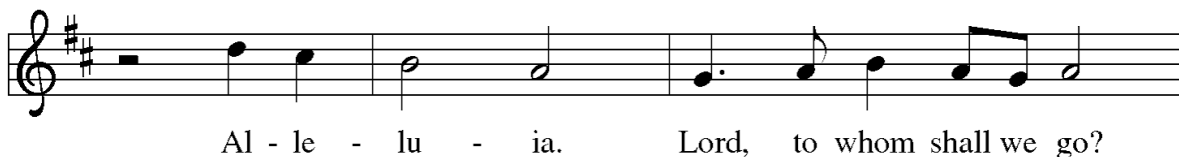
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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



The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter, *John 20:19-23*

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**..... ***Come, Join the Dance of Trinity.....ELW 412

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| 1 Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance. | 3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move! |
| 2 Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death,
God rolls away the stone. | 4 Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity. |

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.

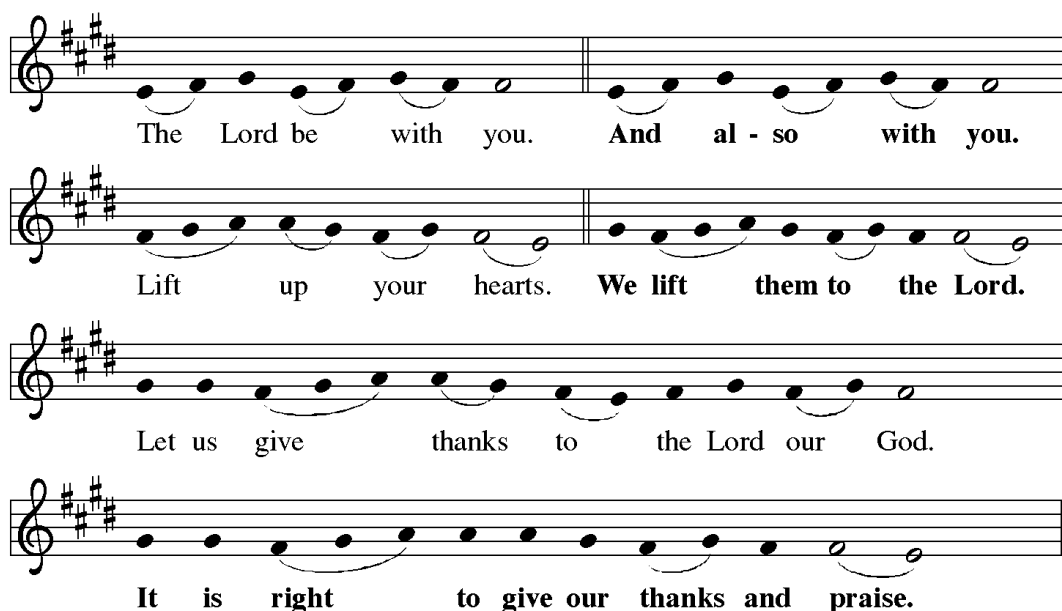
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: ***(ELW, p. 153) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

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

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

***C: (ELW, p.194)** **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
 grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION:

P: All are welcome at Christ's Table, come as you are. The feast is prepared, the table is set, come and eat.

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

C: **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: (ELW, 204)**

C: Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN..... Holy God, We Praise Your Name.....ELW 414**

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| 1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign. | 3 Lo, the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun
through the church the song goes on. |
| 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!" | 4 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery. |

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!
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*
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*
Deanna Meyer, *Personal friend of Joann Valainis*
Joan Collins, *Aunt of Joann Valainis*
Craig Wachter, *Brother of Gary Wachter*
Artie Fauble, *member*
Marc Johnson, *Brother of Deb Horton*
Marie Purswell, *Member*
Thelma Powell, *Member*

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 for the Cloud of Witnesses

Only material bodies fill or occupy material space. The Godhead is beyond all space; let no one seek the Godhead as though it were in space. Everywhere the Godhead is invisible and indivisibly present. Who can comprehend this? What then are we to say of God? For if you have grasped what you wish to say, it is not God. If you had been able to comprehend it, you would have comprehended something else in the place of God. If you had been almost able to comprehend it, your mind has deceived you. It is not God, if you have understood it. But if it is God, you have not understood it.

—Augustine

[Augustine, in The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, III, 75-76.]



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

May 21, 2023

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 643.80
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 45.00
Total:	\$ 688.80

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,878.50
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$2,078.50

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, May 28, 2023

In person: 51
Virtual: 12

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, June 4th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Trinity Sunday

Town Hall

10:30am

Ministry Sunday

10:30am

Tuesday, June 6th

Executive Council 7:00pm

Sunday, June 11th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Ministry Sunday

10:30am

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*******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=u91CjjQTcwU>

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

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6l9JEpgsBUXlow1l7_-Q



*The flowers today are given to
the Glory of God and
in loving memory of
Margaret Amundson*

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**



There will be a Town Hall Meeting (in person only) TODAY directly after worship to discuss the Covenant with Bethel, the potential use of the Parsonage and the Parsonage garage to be replaced due to asbestos.

There will be a Special Congregational Vote June 18, 2023 on these issues only. Please see any Council Member or the Pastor with questions or concerns.



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Please welcome Karl Rathvon, Volunteer Coordinator of the Frederick, Maryland chapter of SHP. He will be our **Generosity Speaks** guest speaker who will give us some insight and information regarding SHP in our community and will accept the latest batch of quilts donated by our Quilt Ministry.

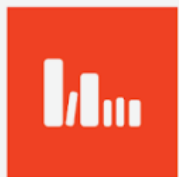
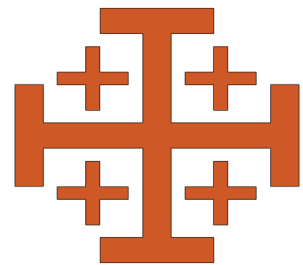
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Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards or in the weekly email for more details!

Journey to the Holy Land

Journey to the Holy Land with the Delaware-Maryland Synod January 29 -February 8, 2024. As we continue to walk through the Easter season, imagine yourself visiting the places where so many stories from the Bible have traditionally been remembered. Travel with your siblings from our synod and share the experience of reflection, prayer and adventure. This tour price includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation and three meals a day. For more information, talk to Pastor Kati Kluckman-Ault at our synod assembly, contact Pastor Kati [by email](#), or view the [trip webpage](#).



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Check out the flyers on the bulletin boards or in the weekly email for more information regarding the June Adult Calendar of Events!

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.



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 dedication.

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Caring for the Body of Christ

Hello friends at St. Paul's! As a retired healthcare professional, I hope to share some interesting and informative facts about activities in our community that support our caring for each other.

I will be asking for your input as to interests, questions and concerns so I may assist with our mission of Caring for the Body of Christ in a monthly note. Please let me know what kinds of things you might be interested in. Contact me through the Parish Office. **Deb Horton**

I look forward to brining you some new information and possible Activities of Interest for June!

Please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know if there is something you would like to know about!

Strawberry Festival 2023 was another SUCCESS!

Please keep an eye out for the article in the June Epistle.

We are asking everyone involved or those that just came by to eat shortcake, to let us know what they thought went well, and what might have made it a better event.

Thank you again. Only together in Christ's faith and love can we continue to host the famous St. Paul's ELCA Walkersville Strawberry Festival.



Please fill out the form in this bulletin and put it in the collection

Plate or drop it off at the Parish Office!

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2023 Strawberry Festival Feedback

We need your honest feedback

1. What did you enjoy about the event?

2. What went well?

3. What didn't go so well and why?

4. What would you recommend for improvement for next year's event?

5. What wouldn't you change?

6. What might you do differently?

7. Will you be willing to help out again next year? Why or Why not?

Name (Optional): _____