

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 7, 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	Stephen King
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	Patty Rimel and Roxanne Smith
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.

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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.

*The Peace

- P: The peace of Christ be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

*GATHERING HYMN......ELW 380

- Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One; from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone, bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh? Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high, lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.

- Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
 Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
 Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.
 Praise the victor king, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.
- 5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
 Join with us in hymns of praise.
 Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise:
 Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!.

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, 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.
- 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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Anthem......(Zschech/Larson)......Choir

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me;

make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,

for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth. ¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;

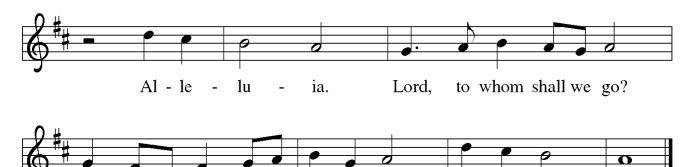
save me in your steadfast love."

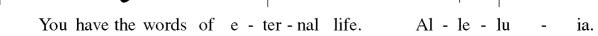
SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 151)





The Holy Gospel according to John the tenth chapter, John 14:1-14

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

*H)	MN OF THE DAY Christ is Ali	ve! L	et Christians SingELW 389
1	Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.	4	Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
2	Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.	5	Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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*THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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

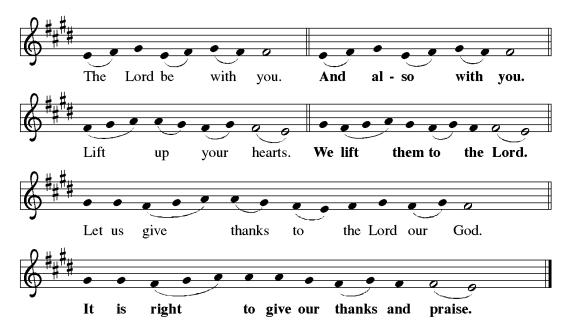
Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste 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 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.

***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......ELW 654

- The church's one foundation

 is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 she is his new creation
 by water and the word.
 From heav'n he came and sought her
 to be his holy bride;
 with his own blood he bought her,
 and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

*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.

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How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator (<u>officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org</u>). 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

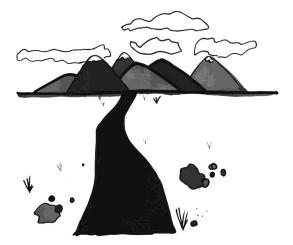
+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy, niece to Linwood Snider
+Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce, grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
+U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik, grandson of Sam Purswell
+Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
+Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law of Marcia & Raj 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.

Overview

The words of today's gospel are most often heard during a funeral service. It is a popular choice of scripture for that occasion because the words provide wonderful assurance that the one who has died in Christ has now taken up residence in their heavenly home. The gospel begins by Jesus saying that he will prepare a place for each one of us. But as the text continues, we can see that our place is not an isolated room of our own in a giant heavenly mansion. Jesus' words are less about a place than a relationship: our relationship with Jesus and God the Father. They tell us that in Jesus we know all we need to know about God, and just as we can have a relationship with another human person, we can also have a relationship with God that will one day be as real and obvious as are our relationships with one another. The hope of one day being with Christ fully and forever is as real as the works we are called to do in his name today.

This text allows us the opportunity to contemplate what is ultimately unknowable, yet is also a central part of our faith: what heaven will be like.





LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:	This Week at St Paul's
Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,825.00	Sunday, May 7th Worship (Livestream) 9:25am Fifth Sunday of Easter
Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00	Ministry Sunday 10:30am
Electronic/Mail ins Income April 30, 2023	Monday, May 8th FEC 8am-5pm
Weekly Contributions: \$682.91 Property Loan Fund: \$115.00 Total: \$797.91	<u>Tuesday, May 9th</u> FHS 10am-4pm
In Worship Offerings Weekly Contributions: \$3,191.00 Property Loan Fund: \$250.00	<u>Wednesday, May 10th</u> FEC 8am-5pm
Total: \$3,441.00	<u>Sunday, May 14th</u> Worship (Livestream) 9:25am <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
<u>ATTENDANCE:</u> Sunday, April 30, 2023 In person: 47 Virtual: **	<i>Mother's Day</i> Faith Formation 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. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjFTybBSZGg</u>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow117_-Q</u>

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Keith Horton's birthday. Given by Deb Horton.



The deadline for this special collection is ending next week, May 14th.

Your generous gifts have enabled us to reach our goal to repair the altar window, however we are still shy of the goal to repair and restore the others.

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

If you feel called, please consider donating to this special cause.

Stained Glass Window Fund



Strawberry Festival May 20, 2023

The Countdown is on! Less than two weeks till the Festival!

We *still* 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 or with any questions. Keep an eye out in the bulletin and weekly emails for more details!

Consider signing up for one of the options below:

Set Up • Take Down • Strawberry Shortcake Tent Welcome Tent • Roasted Nuts • Quilt Tent Food Tent • Bake Table • Runners • Plant Sale

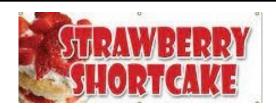
There are sign up sheets in the church!

**We are in desperate need of able bodied people to help set up canopies and move tables and chairs between 4pm and 7pm Friday, May 19th.

**We are also in need of someone to man the grill for the hot dogs on Festival Day!



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Strawberry shortcake bakers!!

*****Important***** We need a few more people to bake cakes for the Strawberry Short Cake tent! They will be available for pick up in the church or in the Parish Office between 9am and 1pm. Please make sure when you take a pan, you put your name on the sign up sheet!

Please deliver cakes to the social hall kitchen on Wednesday, May 17th from 5-8 pm, Thursday the 18th from, 9 am to 4 pm, or text Betsy for questions. Thank you all!!



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.



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.

Are you called to serve?

If you would like to serve St. Paul's congregation by creating a welcoming environment and setting the tone for their worship experience, please consider joining our Usher team. We would love to have you share in this ministry. To sign up, contact Kate Stottlemyer through the Parish Office.



We will be receiving baked goods for the Strawberry Festival on Friday, May 19th at the Parish Hall during business hours 9am—1pm and between 4pm and 6pm. Sign up Sheets are in the Church and the Parish Hall. We will have yellow printed sheets for ingredient listing available at drop off for folks to fill in. Please contact Marie through the Parish Office.



Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

Updated Items of need are: Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Baked

Beans, Canned Fruit, Bervices 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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Caring for the Body of Christ...May 2023

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*

Some Activities of Interest!

SOAR, in partnership with the Aging Network Alliance and Frederick Community College, presents a Senior Resource and Education Fair. This free event is open to Seniors, Family Members, Caregivers, and Professionals. Thursday, May 25, 2023 9:30am-2:30pm/ Athletic Center (Gymnasium) Registration is Required /on line at www.soarfrederick.org

CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is now recommending that older adults and those with compromised immune systems receive a bi-valent booster against the COVID viruses currently circulating. Please consult with your medical professional or request information from the Frederick County Health Department to see if you should consider this.

Stroke Survivor Support Group

Virtual meetings, https://www.frederickhealth.org/events. May 9 th , 2023 4-5pm

Friends of Frederick Parkinson's Support Group www.fifpdsg.org

Support Group for persons with Parkinson's Disease and those who journey with them. Open meeting with interesting speakers, lunch and friendly folk! Meeting monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Mt. Pleasant Ruritan Club, 1pm. (off July and August)

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