



Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 21, 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.....Keith Horton
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Patty Rimel and Roxanne Smith
Acolyte.....Camden Plog

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Trish Valcarcel
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Secretary—Jackie Waas

**Please stand as you are able.*

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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.**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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| 1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;
with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today,
showing all your gentle way.
Have mercy, Lord. | 4 Burst the bars of stubborn pride;
make the heav'nly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death
with your Spirit's living breath.
Have mercy, Lord. |
| 2 Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;
may your word within us leap.
Give us voices to proclaim
praises to your holy name.
Have mercy, Lord. | 5 Honor, praise, and glory be
to the holy Trinity!
May your gracious will be done:
make us one, as you are one.
Have mercy, Lord. |

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
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****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:***

C: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Anthem.....*In the Garden*.....(C. Austin Miles).....Soloist, Phil Smith

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 68

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

²As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;

as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;

I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;

but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
**giving strength and power to your people!
Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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 John the 17th chapter, **John 17:1-11**

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**I Come With Joy***ELW 482

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| 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me. | 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here. |
| 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread. | 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one. |

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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 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.....Oh, Love, How Deep.....ELW 322**

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| 1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake! | 6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer. |
| 2 God sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
in Christ our Lord to this world came. | 7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore. |

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, alt

***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*
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*

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

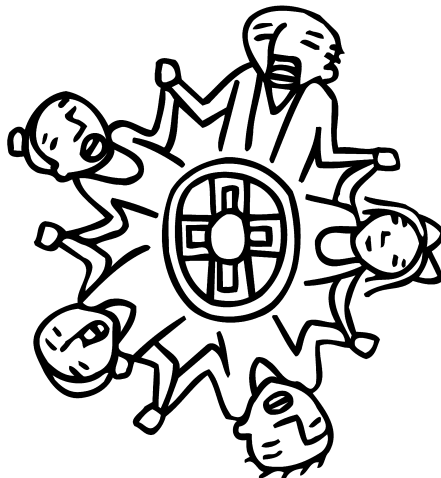
*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

*****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

"And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." We want to know God, and so we attend classes, we read theology, we think and talk and argue. We support educational ministry in our church, so that our children, too, may know God. Intellectual grasp of Christian teachings does play a role in faith, but it is not all there is. "To know" as Hebrew uses the verb involves direct experience and intimacy. It is not enough simply to be in agreement with the teachings of the Christian faith. Eternal life also entails an encounter with the living Lord, and experience of what God has done and is doing, not just in history, but in our own lives. To know Jesus is to live in relationship with God. It means being a part of the community of believers. To know is to share in the life of God's people.
—Catherine A. Ziel

[Catherine A. Ziel, in *Homilies for the Christian People*, 97-98.]



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 14, 2023**

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, May 14, 2023

In person: 58
Virtual: 15

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, May 21st

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 22nd

FEC 8am-5pm

FEC Picnic

Girl Scouts 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 24th

FEC

FEC Senior Graduation 8am-5pm

(TBD)

Saturday, May 27th

Girls Scouts 8:00am

Sunday, May 28th

Worship (Livestream) 9:25am

Day of Pentecost

*******IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL*******

There will be a Town Hall Meeting (in person only) on June 4, 2023 directly after worship to discuss the Covenant with Bethel and the potential use of the Parsonage. There will be a Special Congregational Vote June 18, 2023 on these two issues only. Please see upcoming weekly emails and bulletins for more details. You may also see any Council Member or the Pastor with questions or concerns.

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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



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*The flowers today are given to
the Glory of God
and in celebration for the birthdays of
Marie Purswell, her twin brother Patrick Sorge
and Julio Valcarcel III (JT) AND for Joey's
high school graduation tomorrow.
Given in love from their family*

*The deadline for this special collection has been
extended to Sunday, May 28, 2023*

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.

*****IMPORTANT*****

An anonymous donor has come forward and has offered to match up to \$1,000 in donations made by the deadline of May 28, 2023

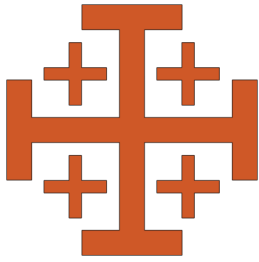
*If you feel called, please consider donating
to this special cause, either online or in the offering plate.*

Stained Glass Window Fund



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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](#).

***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.***



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.***



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 or you can offer online.

Thank you.



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 Stottlemeyer through the Parish Office.

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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.

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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