

14th Sunday After Pentecost—September 3, 2023

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—9:00 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	Lauren McCloskey
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	•
Acolyte	Camden Plog

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President—Trish Valcarcel Vice-President—Patty Rimel Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein Secretary—Jackie Waas



*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

CHURCH BELL RUNG

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ⁺ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*The Peace

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

*GATHERING HYMN......ELW 655

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease. By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

*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 vou all.
- **C**: And also with you.

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

- In peace let us pray to the Lord. L:
- **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.
- Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. L:
- **C**: Amen.

*Canticle of Praise (Sung)

- L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation; Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

Anthem......Soloists, Kate, Mary Ann and Candy

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

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

PSALM: Psalm 26

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me;

examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless,

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,
⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 151)



in you and you in me?

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*THE 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: ... God, in your mercy, **C:** Hear our prayer.

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: Living God,
- C: you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.





*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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION:

P: The God of peace, Father, ⁺ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN	Let Streams of Living Justice	ELW 710
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- Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight. Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r; abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.
- 2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end, for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend. Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run. O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one; dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
- 3 Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek; your harmony is language; we are the words you speak. Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams, our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams. Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried; your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

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*DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, THANKS BE TO GOD.

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 (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

The cross is laid on every Christian. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with his death—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins: the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die. But we do not want to die, and therefore Jesus Christ and his call are necessarily our death as well as our life. As Christ bears our burdens, so ought we to bear the burdens of our fellowman. The law of Christ, which it is our duty to fulfill, is the bearing of the cross. My brother's burden which I must bear is not only his outward life, his natural characteristics and gifts, but quite literally his sin. The call to follow Christ always means a call to share the word of forgiveness—the Christlike suffering which it is the Christian's duty to bear. *—Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

[Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship (NY: Macmillan, 1963), 99-100.]



	<u>OFFERINGS</u>
Å	We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times.
Å	It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday
	activities of the church and our work in the community.
è	Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website,
ò	there is an online giving option as well.
٠́	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 August 13, 2023:

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 697.75
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 170.00
Total:	\$ 867.15

In Worship Offerings

\$1,756.17
\$ 200.00
\$1,956.17

Electronic/Mail-ins Income August 20, 2023:

Weekly Contributions:	\$	940.91
Property Loan Fund:	\$	130.00
Total:	\$1	,070.91

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,355.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 200.00
Total:	\$2,555.00

ATTENDANCE:

August 20, 2023

In person: 55 Virtual: 16

REMINDER:

This Week at St Paul's

<u>Sunday, August 27th</u> Worship (Livestream) 13th Sunday after Pentecost Worship in the Park Annual Church Picnic	9:00am 11:00am 11:30am
<u>Monday, August 28th</u> FEC	8am-5pm
<u>Wednesday, August 30th</u> FEC	8am-5pm
<u>Thursday, August 31st</u> Frederick Home School (FHS)	9am-3pm
<u>Sunday, September 3rd</u> 14th Sunday after Pentecost Worship (Livestream) Ministry Sunday	9:00am 10:00am



*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. PART ONE <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g12mQAgD4I</u>, PART TWO <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZF2XGOO_SEo</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/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXIow117</u> -Q

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of all our family, by Keith & Deb Horton





Can you smile and say "Good Morning", maybe even a "How are you today?"

Then you are a perfect candidate to be a greeter at Saint Paul's.

We need people like you to share in this ministry. To sign up, please contact Kate Stottlemyer after Worship or by calling the Parish Office.

"Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." <u>Hebrews 13:1-2</u>



Are you called to serve with a smile?

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.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:" <u>I Peter 4:10</u>



Caring for the Body of Christ, September 2023

September! The kick-off for fall, with back-to-school activities, fall sports like football and also the beginning of the season of preparation for the winter!

Please see the bulletin board, weekly email or September Epistle for more information on "Falling into Health and Wellness".

Deb Horton



DATE CHANGE We will be knotting quilts on Saturday, September 23rd, 9am until approximately 3pm in the parish hall.

Drop by any time and stay for as long as you like. (If you're making a day of it, bring lunch!)



Save the Date!

September 24, 2023

"Come the end of summer, we need "a renewal of energy" when it comes to spiritual matters. It's hard to renew your energy on your own. But it's much easier in a group. That's why we set aside one special day at the end of the summer to "rally" - to "draw together for a common purpose" seeking the Holy Spirit's power to "renew our energy" for worship, for digging into God's Word, for praying, for serving, and for witnessing." - Pastor David Eibel

More details coming soon!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 LOVE THY NEIGHBOR "BLESSING BAGS"

As we prepare for "God's Work. Our hands" Sunday, we are asking our Congregation to help us fill Nylon Backpacks with everyday basic hygiene necessities for the displaced and homeless in our community. We will be collecting the following items to be put in each backpack.

> **Bottled Water** Hand-Warmers First Aid kit travel size **Toilet Paper** Crackers Socks **Single Pack Raisins** Towel & wash cloth Travel size soap Flushable wipes Toothpaste & toothbrush Lip balm Hand sanitizer Travel Size shampoo Notes of encouragement List of local resources Puzzle books & Pens

See Flyer on either bulletin board, contact Marie or Roxanne, or call the Parish Office for more details!

Items must be dropped off at worship or the Parish Hall by Sept. 17, 2023 for packing and delivery of backpacks.



Thrift Shop – St. Paul's provides, the space in the Parish Hall basement. There is a drop off box for gently used clothing items, etc. in the front parking lot of the Parish Hall. The Thrift Shop is open on Saturdays from 10 to 2. Members of St. Paul's also volunteer their time to help staff the Thrift Shop during the month of October.

If you are interested in volunteering your time on a Saturday in October or any Saturday through the end of 2023, please contact the Church Office.



Even though it is August we are beginning preparations for the 6th annual Christkindlmarket. It will happen on **Saturday, December 2nd** from 10am-3pm. Once again, the Walkersville Historical Society will be the event host. St. Paul's will have vendors, food and host the Wreath contest similar to last year. Look for more information on those items as we get closer to the date.

We will be looking for donations of gently used Christmas items for "Mrs. Claus' attic." These are items that are affordable for children or individuals without a lot of funds to buy as gifts or decoration. So, keep on the lookout if you hit up the local yard sales. If anyone has a good idea for a craft to do as a small group that we can add to the sale let us know. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the different areas so make sure you mark it on your calendars.

Co-chairs are Amy Mildenstein and Trish Valcarcel with an assist from Russ Mildenstein



Are you looking to spread God's word to the future of our church?

We are looking for volunteers to help out our Children's Faith Formation classes!

This volunteer position does not have to be for every Sunday. We will work up a schedule to see what days benefit for everyone.

Lessons and activities will be created and pre-made by the Christian Education Committee so there is **no prep work needed!**

The future of Saint Paul's depends on our youth and spreading the good word of Christ to the next generation.

Please consider becoming a partner in this important mission to spread God's love to our children.

Please contact Lauren McCloskey for more information. <u>lefoucart@gmail.com</u>



ATTENTION St. Paul's Lutheran Church members who assisted with the Walkersville Volunteer Fire Co. Carnival this year, you are invited to a complimentary picnic/crab feast on *Sunday, September 10th at 4 pm* in the Fire Company Social Hall. You may bring along an immediate family member as well.



Fall 2023 Mountain Topics at Mar-Lu-Ridge

We will gather at 9 a.m., and end with lunch at 12 p.m. The fee of \$25 includes all supplies and the meal. Please RSVP: <u>https://form.jotform.com/220455890396060</u>

September 19: Quilting for Lutheran World Relief—Join us as we sew and assemble quilts for LWR. No experience necessary – we will teach you!

October 17: Dr. Guy Davis – Climate and Antartica—Antarctica, the seventh continent, is one that few get a chance to visit. Guy Davis discusses his trips to Antarctica and the sub-Antarctic region. Penguins, whales, and seals abound amidst the ice and rocky shores. But global warming is occurring. How will it affect Antarctica and the rest of the world?

November 14: Rev. Madeline Tallman – Deep Roots: What Native Plants Can Teach us About Faith. Learning more about our natural world, our watershed, and native plants through the lens of faith.

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

Updated Items of need are:

Soup, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, canned pasta, peanut butter, canned green beans and corn, baked beans, bar soap and kids juice boxes.

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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