

# 18th Sunday After Pentecost—October 8, 2023

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

# Worship Service LIVE—9:00 a.m.

Church Phone: 301-845-4600 E-mail: info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org Web Site: http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org



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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

### **SERVING TODAY**

Minister	Pastor Phil Beck
Lector	Marie Purswel
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	Sam and Marie Purswell
Acolyte	Camden Plog

# **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President—Trish Valcarcel Vice-President—Patty Rimel Treasurer—Amy Mildenstein Secretary—Jackie Waas \*Please stand as you are able.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

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### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

- My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
   Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
- In life no house, no home
  my Lord on earth might have;
  in death no friendly tomb
  but what a stranger gave.
  What may I say? Heav'n was his home
  but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- Here might I stay and sing—
   no story so divine!
   Never was love, dear King,
   never was grief like thine.
   This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
   I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, 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. 203) (Sung)



### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW Pg. 204)**



- I Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

you cast out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river. <sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall,

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon

<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts,

look down from heaven;

<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;

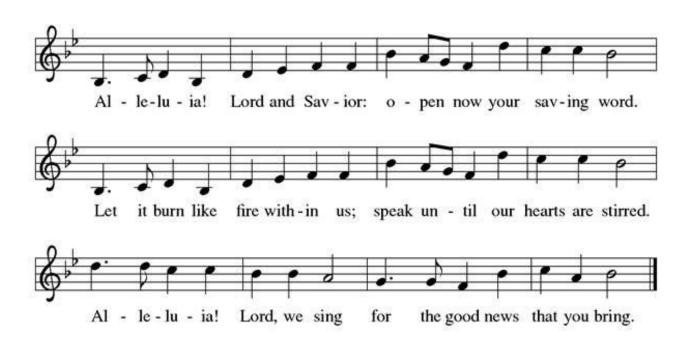
preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 205)



L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter, 21:33-46

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

### \*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ......Pastor Phil Beck

### Silence for Reflection

\*HYMN OF THE DAY......ELW 826

- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee gone the pleading gone the cry what was loss lifted high.
- gone the nailing gone the railing gone the sighing gone the dying

- Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.
- Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Text © 1983 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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

### \*The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

# Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

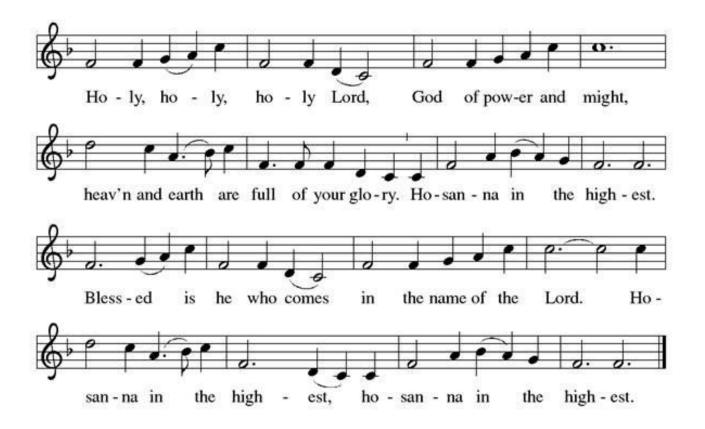
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

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:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Pg. 207)



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 for the 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 for the 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 is risen. Christ will come again.

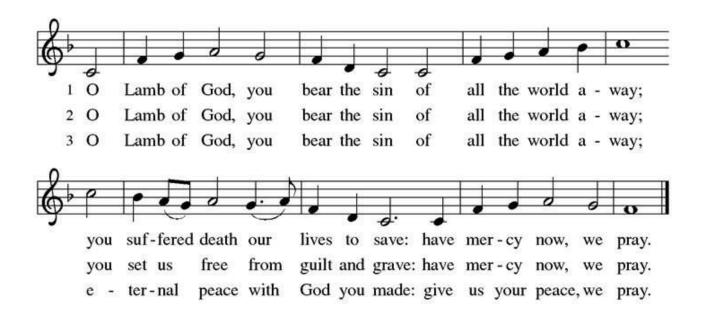
### Amen (ELW Pg. 207)



### \*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.

### COMMUNION HYMN (ELW Pg. 208)



### **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.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.
- Text: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done, and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

### \*DISMISSAL

# GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD 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.

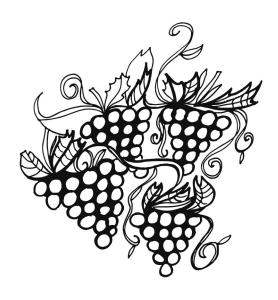
\*\*Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially those that are **bold**.

They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.

### **Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses**

The vineyard should not be too hastily or too completely identified with the church. Matthew identifies it with the Kingdom of God. It would well be viewed as the world, or at least as God's method of dealing with everyone. Moreover, it is the tenants, not the vineyard, who stand at the center of the parable. If these tenants represented the faithless leaders of Israel, then the new tenants represent the leaders of the church. The threat under which the former renters stood remains doubly valid for the new renters. In other words, the allegory becomes a two-edged sword, with a message for every generation of tenants. —Paul S. Minear

[Paul S. Minear, Images of the Church in the New Testament (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960), 44.]



# **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 September 17, 2023:**

Weekly Contributions: 340.80 Property Loan Fund: 20.00 \$ 360.80 Total:

**In Worship Offerings** 

Weekly Contributions: \$1,470.00 Property Loan Fund: \$ 200.00 Total: \$1,670.00

### **ATTENDANCE:**

October 1, 2023 In person: 40

Virtual: 20

### This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, October 8th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

19th Sunday after Pentecost Harvest Home Sunday

Monday, October 9th

**FEC** 8am-5pm Girl Scouts

6:00pm

Tuesday, October 10th

**FHS** 9am-3pm

Wednesday, October 11th

FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, October 12th

**FHS** 9am-3pm

Friday, October 13th

Caring for the Body of Christ

Health Ministry, Parish Hall 3pm-4pm

Sunday, October 15th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

20th Sunday after Pentecost

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### \*\*\*\*\*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=UCvMhtm7a7o

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP619JEpgsBUXlow117">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP619JEpgsBUXlow117</a> -Q



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Caloin Willett, brother of Phyllis Dobson.

### 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>1 Peter 4:10</u>

# It's Almost Time!

And that means it's time for another fun evening of Trunk-or-Treat!

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm St. Paul's youth will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat night. *We could use some more volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. See the sign up sheet!* 

If you have never done it before, it's easy and fun and we'd love to help you get started! Please contact Lauren McCloskey to reserve a spot and help St. Paul's reach out to our neighbors and community with a little fun!

# It's Spooly Season!

and that means time for St. Paul's Annual Trunk or Treat hosted by our Youth! Come Join us!





# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **PARTNERS NEEDED!**

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

Please consider becoming a partner in this important mission to spread God's love to our children. Please contact Lauren McCloskey for more information. <a href="mailto:lefoucart@gmail.com">lefoucart@gmail.com</a>

### **BLESSING OF THE PETS**

Saint Paul's announces that there will be a blessing of the pets **October 22, 2023**, at 1:00 pm (14 W. Pennsylvania Avenue). Everyone is invited to bring pets (or pictures of pets) for the blessing.





# Friday, November 3, There's still time to sign up!

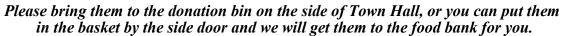
The need for donors is critical. If you are able to donate, please consider signing up for your appointment with the link below, call the Parish Office and/or share this post to spread the word. *Thank You!!* 

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=St%20Pauls%20Lutheran%20Walkersville

### 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.







### Caring for the Body of Christ, October 2023

Please join us for a program at the Saint Paul's Parish Hall sponsored by our "Caring for the body of Christ" Health Ministry

Friday, October 13, 2023 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Please see the bulletin board, weekly email, bulletins or October Epistle for more information. — **Deb Horton** 



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PROGRAM AT THE ST. PAUL'S PARISH HALL SPONSORED BY OUR "CARING FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST" HEALTH MINISTRY

DATE: Friday, October 13, 2023

TIME: 3pm-4pm

SPEAKER: BETH MATTHEWS

ALL ARE INVITED TO HEAR THIS INFORMATIVE PROGRAM, QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATION.

Oasis Senior Advisors offers a free presentation on navigating senior care to local civic groups, community organizations, churches and the community at large. Topics include:

- · Care, costs and differences between assisted living and nursing homes
- Medicare and Medicaid: what they cover and what they don't cover for senior care
- Payor resources: long-term care insurance, Veteran's Aid and Attendance benefit, Bridge loans, and more
- · Tips for better conversations with seniors regarding care needs

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All Saints Sunday resonates with the conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint. Lutherans especially remember on this feast that it is God's grace that makes us saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.

At St. Paul's we follow a tradition of honoring all the saints who have passed away since last All Saints Day. We will light a candle and ring the bell for each person named.



Please call the Parish Office or email @ Officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org to name the person you would like to remember in this way throughout the month of October. Please give the name, relationship to you and date of death. We will need these names by 10/30/2023.

Please address any questions to the Worship and Arts Committee. Betsy Galliher



### \*SAVE THE DATE\* CHRISTKINDLMARKET 2023

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.

Vendors wanted. The Christkindlmarket committee is taking applications for vendors at this year's festivities. If you are interested go to the committee website for all the information and application process. https://www.walkersvillechristkindlmarket.com/

We will be looking for donations of gently used Christmas items for "Mrs. Claus' attic." These are itemsthat 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.



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