



24th Sunday after Pentecost—November 12, 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.....Ed Chaney
 Organist.....Jeff Gentry
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 Acolyte.....Camden Plog

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**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

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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.

1 Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

3 The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets. *Refrain*

Refrain

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

4 Then let our songs abound,
and ev'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

2 Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly king,
but children of the heav'nly king
may tell their joys abroad,
may tell their joys abroad. *Refrain*

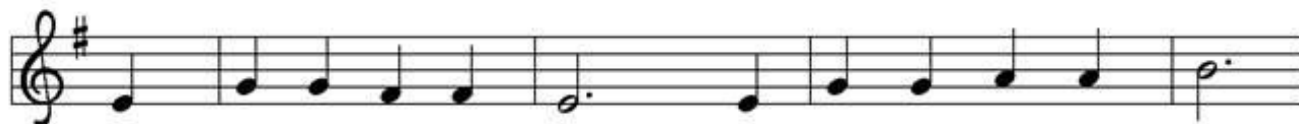
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain

***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)**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW Pg. 204) (Sung)



- 1 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: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Generosity Speaks.....Sheila Kahler

Anthem.....Lord, I Stretch My Hand to You (Althouse).....Choir
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FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

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

PSALM: #70

¹ Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.	⁴ Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever,
² Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.	"Great is the LORD!"
³ Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.	⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

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



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25th chapter, **25:1-13**
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY.....**Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**.....ELW 488

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| <p>1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.</p> <p>2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking;
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast-closed portal,
saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never;
dwell within my heart forever."</p> | <p>3 Now in faith I humbly ponder
over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless
though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
pledge and seal of my salvation.</p> <p>4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you,
and, so favored, never leave you.</p> |
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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.

***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.

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW Pg. 186)*

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff continues the melody: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take'. The third staff continues: 'not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of'. The fourth staff concludes the phrase: 'your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of

your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW P. 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*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.**

***SENDING HYMN..... *Soon and Very Soon*.....ELW 439**

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| 1 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King! | 3 No more dying there we are going to see the King!
No more dying there we are going to see the King!
No more dying there we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King! |
| 2 No more crying there we are going to see the King!
No more crying there we are going to see the King!
No more crying there we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King! | 4 Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! |

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***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, TRUST IN GOD, 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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PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
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*
Kim Currier, *Daughter of Sam Purswell*
Barb Callow, *friend of Marie Purswell*
Susan and Paul Holloway, *Family of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Robert Hoff, *Member, son of Betty Walker*
Lillian Foucart, *Member*
Hank Holiday, *Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Chris Muesing, *Family of Jacki Waas*
Parker Bazarewski, *member of Ed Chaney's extended family*
John Baker, *Member.*
Nancy McIntyre, *Friend of St. Paul's*
Elyse Acosta, *friend of Dianne and Robb Port*
Shannon Smith, *Friend of the Mildenstein Family*
Caroline Dunning, *Daughter of John and Regina Baker*
The Jones Family, *Close family friends of Joann Valainis*
Greg, Dani and Dax Sorge, *Family of Trish Valcarcel*
Bishop Gohl, *Bishop Delaware/Maryland Synod*
Gil Eiker, *Husband of Rebecca Eiker*
Family of Milton Denn, *Member*
The Anderson Family, *Members*
Dee Dee Kopp, *member*
Sue Jones, *friend of Pastor Phil*
Roxanne Smith, *Member*

How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator (officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org). When a prayer list request is added, the request will stay on the list for three consecutive weeks. First week it will be noted in **Super Bold**, the second week it will be noted in **Bold**, and then the third week it will be noted in regular text. Then the request will be removed from the prayer list unless you specifically ask for your request to remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted by you. The power of prayer is amazing! "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." **Matthew 18:20**

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

+Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,
niece to Linwood Snider
+Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,
grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
+U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,
grandson of Sam Purswell
+Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of
Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
+Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law
of Marcia & Raj Gupta
+Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of
Mary Ann Ferguson
+Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of
Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in
law

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

*****Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially those that are **bold**.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.***

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

The foolish maidens were foolish because they expected everything to be on schedule. No delays. The foolish didn't anticipate a sudden change of plan. They didn't prepare for every possible contingency so as to insure their presence at the feast. They didn't realize that this feast was everything, that to be there called for investment of one's total being and every resource—surplus included. The foolish didn't know the importance of the meal. What now are the expectations of your heart? How do you rank this feast? Are you here for a taste, or are you here to be dazzled by a foretaste? Foolish are you, or are you wise? Expecting a delay, we are all tempted to look here, there and everywhere for a taste of something, of something—how should we say—divine. Foolish ones, we seek here a morsel which will supply relief from the complexities of schedule and vocation. A taste among many. But the wise were wise because they brought a flask of extra oil. Large quantities of oil in single flasks. It didn't matter that there might be other feasts, other seeming purposes to life. These had no value. There was nothing else for which to save the oil. This feast was everything. This bridegroom was worth feasting with. To be wise today is to receive the power of the signs. —*Mark P. Bangert*

[Mark P. Bangert, Homilies for the Christian People, ed. Gail Ramshaw (New York: Pueblo, 1989), 167-69.]



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 **November 5, 2023:**

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:
November 5, 2023
In person: 53
Virtual: **

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, November 12th

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
24th Sunday After Pentecost	

Monday, November 13th

FEC	8am-5pm
Girl Scouts	6:00pm

Tuesday, November 14th

FHS	9am-3pm
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Wednesday, November 15th

FEC	8am-5pm
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Thursday, November 16th

FHS	9am-3pm
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Sunday, November 19th

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
25th Sunday After Pentecost	
Temple Talk	
Interactive Sermon	

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*******IMPORTANT*******

For those without Facebook links please visit the hosting a YouTube channel for live streams of last week's November 19th. Sheri Sher from <https://ChildrenofIncarceratedParents.org> (Part One)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRx_JxfK8M&t=19s (Part One)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49qJETBfR8&t=77s> (Part Two)

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

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7-Q>



***The altar flowers are given to the
glory of God and in memory of
Rev. Mark L. Foucart.
Love his grandchildren,
Clarissa, Lillian, Sabrina and Liam.***

Temple Talk

Sunday, November 19, 2023, will be Temple Talk Sunday at St. Paul's. Sheri Sher will be here to present a Temple Talk on the organization known as Children of Incarcerated Parents, one of the organizations our benevolence supports.

We will also be trying out another interactive sermon in which we will explore the following questions:

- What does generosity mean to you?
- Why do you give to the church?
- What mission/project activity is most important to you? Why?
- Will you tell a story of a time or situation where someone was generous to you?
- How has the church and/or mission work changed you?
- How has your generosity impacted St. Paul's?

Please come with an open mind and loving heart to share your experiences with your neighbor.

Congregational Life Ministry will be hosting a chat with refreshments after worship on November 19th. Sheri Sher from "Children of Incarcerated Parents" will be available to speak to and answer any questions. Please join us!



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FRIENDSGIVING

St. Paul's has another opportunity to live out our mission statement, "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all," by providing and serving Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of Victoria Park.



We will be encouraging residents to **join us the day after Thanksgiving (Friday, 11/24) from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm** for a shared meal. The residents are extremely grateful for the continued support of the members of St. Paul's who lovingly and joyfully share their time and talents!

Please see the link below to sign up for food and/or volunteering to serve. Donated items can be dropped off at the Parish Hall at 11:00 am on 11/24 or pickup arrangements can be made.

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/HBUR2414>

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Mildenstein at mrussamy@aol.com or Lori King at lb69king@yahoo.com.



Winter Love Bags – an outreach project to comfort those during the winter months who are recently bereaved, sick, elderly, unable to leave one's home and those we care about at St. Paul's and in our community.

**ALL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!**

Congregational Life Committee is asking for your support by donating monies or purchasing the following items to help us fill the comfort bags: packaged hard candy bags, cough drops, Chapstick (brand), playing cards, word search books, puzzle books, Kleenex small square boxes, any prepackaged snacks, or anything that will bring care and love to shut-ins.

Now through December 3rd – Submit names of loved ones to receive a comfort bag to the Parish Office.

Now through December 10th - Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Hall during office hours (in the designated bin) or on Sundays (church).

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From Your Attic to the North Pole!

Mrs. Claus searched her attic for gently used items for her Christkindl Market booth, but her attic is empty!

She needs your help. Venture into your attic, basement, garage, closets, etc. in search of indoor/outdoor decorations, re-giftable items, white elephant gifts, items not matching your décor, Christmas or otherwise--in good repair. Bring them (boxed, please) to the Library area of St. Paul's on Sundays between now and Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Claus will do the rest. Thank you.

Help us decorate for Christmas by purchasing a Poinsettia!

Red are available for \$10.00 each. You can sign up on line at: <https://forms.gle/o63FE7QbApsKuyw5> or in person at the Parish Office, with a check or cash. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 17th.**



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Call to Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry provides one-on-one compassionate listening presence to anyone who is experiencing a difficult life situation. Stephen Ministers understand the importance of confidentiality in establishing and maintaining the trust of their care receivers. This understanding comes from 51 hours of training which involves group discussion and role play. The new Stephen ministry training hosted by Brookhill Methodist Church is postponed until January 2024. Do others describe you as a good listener? If so, please consider offering this gift to God who can direct your gift to help and comfort others. To get started, contact Pastor Phil or leave your contact information at the church office.

**Donations for
Glade Valley Food Bank
are always accepted!**

****Updated Items of need are**:**

Cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, boxed crackers, baked beans, canned pasta, canned tuna and mac 'n' cheese

*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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***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/>

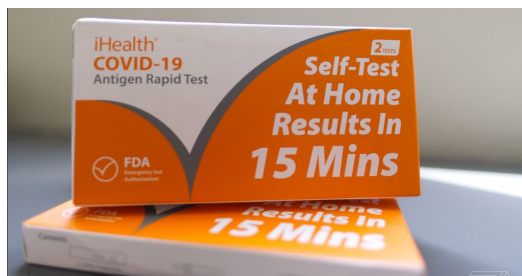
Ushers/Greeters Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to serve as Ushers and Greeters at Services.

Ushers smile, sign in members and take names of visitors; report names of visitors to Pastor before Service; pass the plate during Offertory; direct people and serve wine during Communion; and, in the absence of Greeters, offer bulletins and a cheerful greeting.

Greeters offer bulletins and an enthusiastic greeting (hugs optional) to all, especially visitors.

Ideally, we want two of each for each Service. To serve, please contact Kate Stottlemeyer or the Church Office.



Free COVID-19 Rapid Test Reminder

As of Monday, September 25, every U.S. household can again place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests, which are delivered directly to your home. COVID rapid tests can help you know if you have COVID-19 when you have symptoms, have been exposed, or are going to meet up with others.

<https://www.covid.gov/tests>

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