



Second Sunday After Epiphany—January 21, 2024

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.....Pat Fellows
 Organist.....Jeff Gentry
 Ushers.....Kay Wachter & Marcia Gupta
 Acolyte.....Camden Plog, Kay Wachter

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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**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: 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.

***GATHERING HYMN.....I Love to Tell the Story.....ELW 661**

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

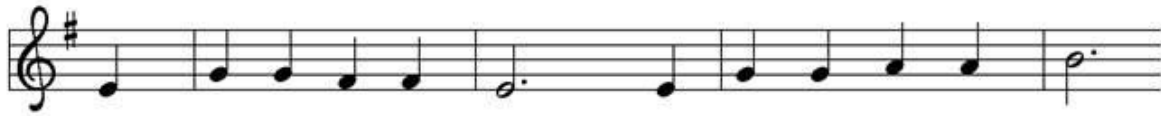
2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. *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!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

- P:** Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Anthem.....*The Lord's Prayer* (A. H. Malotte).....*Kate Stottlemeyer*

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FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

PSALM: #62

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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



L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter, **1:14-20**

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.....*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*.....ELW 580**

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| 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call
to live according to your word
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall. | 3 We marvel how your saints become
in hindrances more sure;
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your pow'r to cleanse and cure. |
| 2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and life itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair. | 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavored done. |

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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



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.

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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.

***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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations: in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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.

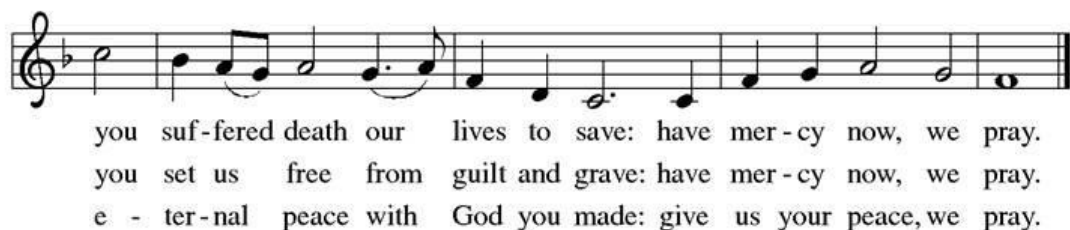
HOLY COMMUNION:

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..... *O Jesus, I Have Promised*ELW 810

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| 1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide. | 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul. |
| 2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin. | 4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend. |

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

*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.



PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Hank Holiday, *Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Marion Lawrence, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemeyer*
The Jones Family, *Close family friends of Joann Valainis*
Gil Eiker, *Husband of Rebecca Eiker*
Doug Ashbrook, *Family Friend of Pastor Phil*
Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Family of Sharon Kahler, *mother of Sheila and Rodney Kahler, members*
Jeff Gentry, *Organist*
Lin Snider, *Member*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Nancy Wynne, *Friend of Lin Snider and Sue Snyder*
Shannon Smith, *Friend of the Mildenstein Family*
Bob Schmidt, *brother of Dottie Titmas*
Marea Palmer, *Niece of Marcia Gupta*
Parker Bazarewski, *extended family of Ed Chaney*
Family of Ellen Hatgi, *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

Beloved, you have today put on Christ, and you march under our direction. You are raised up by the word of God, like a fish on a hook, from the ocean of the world. With us, normal life is transformed, for fish die as soon as they are taken from the seas of this life, yet we sinners, although dead, return to life. As long as we were in the world, we remained in the depths, and our life was submerged in the mire. Since we have been rescued from the waters, we have begun to see the sun; we have commenced to look on the true light. We cry to the Lord; and let us interpret the profound mysteries of the Scripture by other witnesses of the Scripture. —Jerome

[Jerome, in The Paschal Mystery: Ancient Liturgies and Patristic Texts, ed. A. Hamman, OFM (Staten Island, NY: Alba, 1969), 141]



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

January 7, 2024:

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,198.50
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 355.00
Total:	\$1,553.50

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,895.79
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$2,195.79

ATTENDANCE:

January 7, 2024

In person: 45

Virtual: **

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, January 21st

Worship (Livestream)+	9:00am
Third Sunday after Epiphany	
Town Hall Meeting	10am

Monday, January 22nd

FEC	8am-5pm
Girl Scouts, Daisy Troop	6:00pm

Wednesday, January 23rd

FEC	8am-5pm
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Thursday, January 24th

FHS	9am-3pm
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Sunday, January 28th

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	
Annual Congregational Meeting	10am

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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=4J5W5qqdePg>

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 celebration of Gary and Kay's 50th wedding anniversary by the Wachter's.



— WELCOMING WITH OPEN ARMS »

"I often speak to our Delaware-Maryland Synod Family, reminding them that Mar-Lu-Ridge is our little slice of Heaven; there's no denying that the view has something to do with that, but it's the community gathered in this holy place where we see God come especially close." —Bishop Bill Gohl

This beautiful place is in need of some serious repairs in order to uphold their mission statement, **"all are welcome in this place"**. Please take the time to read the flyers on the bulletin boards and to watch the video included in the weekly email.

The board of directors has authorized the **With Open Arms** campaign to provide funding necessary for repairs needed at Mar Lu Ridge. Please accept the challenge to give and to spread the word.

"When we join together as individuals and congregations to make needed improvements to Mar-Lu-Ridge, we engage in grateful service that will help ensure Mar-Lu-Ridge's continuing mission as a sage and inclusive environment that welcomes all people."

— LeeAnn Hart, Congregations Co-chair, Metro DC Synod

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Jan. 21, 2024
Town Hall
TODAY



It's your chance to learn, ask questions
and give feedback!
10:00am, Parish Hall

Jan. 28, 2024
Annual Meeting



Your Vote Counts

*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 to offer flowers.

The sign up sheet is also hanging on the bulletin board at the
side door!



*The greatest wealth
is your health*

Welcoming the new year is an important step for most of us.
We often focus on making some positive changes that will affect our
health and wellbeing, even going so far as to make them formal
"resolutions". Please take a few moments to see the flyer on the
bulletin boards or the weekly email to see a few unusual but
interesting issues of health.

**Souper Bowl Can Drive
Now through February 11th.
Bring in soup cans for the
Glade Valley Food Bank**



ANNOUNCEMENTS



On 12-10-2023 the Co-Council for Bethel and St Paul's came together to discuss Lenten Worship, Holy Week Worship, and time when pastor might be away. The following was agreed upon by the Co-Council with Betsy Galliher being consulted:

Our Lenten Journey will be a series entitled "**Guided to the Cross**" which we will follow each Wednesday during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024) will be at St. Paul's

Lenten Wednesday worship will be at St. Paul's with soup and sandwich preceding at 6PM.

Sunday February 18, 2024 at 11:15am - Worship will be at Bethel with Pastor being out of town.

Holy Week

Wednesday - St Paul's 7pm (Soup and sandwich at 6pm) (A service of Healing and stripping of the altar)

Maundy Thursday - 7pm at Bethel (Bethel is contemplating a meal beforehand)

Good Friday - Noon at Bethel and 7pm at St. Paul's

Easter Sunday - 9am at St. Paul's 11:15am at Bethel (Pastor is contemplating a sunrise service, there has also been a mention of St. Paul's having breakfast on Easter Sunday, keep an eye out for confirmation on these.)

BREAD IS COMING BACK!



The Worship and Arts Committee has voted to reinstitute bread at communion, starting with the Lenten season. We'll need members of the congregation to volunteer to provide bread on a weekly basis. Bread used will be white only, un-sliced/ unbroken, fresh baked or purchased, no nuts or seeds please, and a soft crust rather than hard, please, to lessen the crumbs that fall.

Please contact Candy Foucart at cafoucart@yahoo.com if you are interested and she will get back to you with all with possible dates. If there are any questions please ask Candy or any Worship and Arts Committee member. If no bread is available on a Sunday we will use the wafers.

Thanks for your commitment to St. Paul's!

Candy Foucart, Communion Coordinator

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Donations for Glad Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

****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.



Do you have a college student or loved one in the military who would get great joy from getting an Easter Basket? Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards for more information!

The Red Cross and St. Paul's continue to partner in 2024 to bring a blood drive into our community. Our first drive for the year is **March 22nd**, please consider making your appointment today, your donation is needed!

See the weekly email for the link to sign up or call the Parish Office for assistance.



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