



# Transfiguration Sunday—February 11, 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.....	Trish Valcarcel
Organist.....	Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....	Tom and Johanna Waters
Acolyte.....	Camden Plog, Kay Wachter

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Patty Rimel  
 Vice-President—Sheila Kahler  
 Treasurer—Bill Cartwright  
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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..... Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.....ELW 631**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

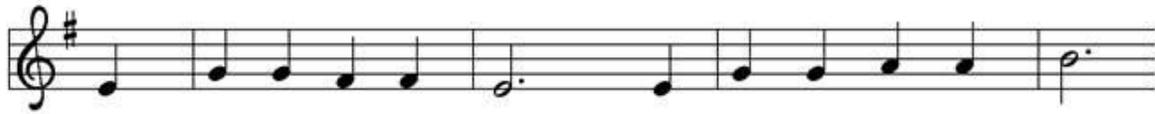
3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

**\*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, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C:** Amen.

**Anthem**.....**Anthem for Transfiguration** (Christopher Wicks).....**Choir**

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**FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

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

**PSALM: #50**

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;  
    **calling the earth from the rising of the sun to  
    its setting.**  
<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
    **God shines forth in glory.**  
<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
    **with a consuming flame before, and round  
    about a raging storm.**

<sup>4</sup>God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
    **to witness the judgment of the people.**  
<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my loyal followers,  
    **those who have made a covenant with me  
    and sealed it with sacrifice.”**  
<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,  
    **for it is God who is judge.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

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 Mark the ninth chapter, 9:2-9  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

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

**SERMON** .....Pastor Phil Beck

*Silence for Reflection*

- 1 Oh, wondrous image, vision fair  
of glory that the church may share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
where brighter than the sun he glows!
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh  
the incarnate Lord holds converse high,  
and from the cloud, the Holy One  
says, "This is my beloved Son."
- 3 With shining face and bright array,  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
what glory shall be theirs above  
who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high  
by this great vision's mystery;  
for which in joyful song we raise  
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

**\*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.

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.**

### **\*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 sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise you 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.



\*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..... Alleluia, Song of Gladness .....ELW 318*

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| 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,<br>voice of joy that cannot die;<br>alleluia is the anthem<br>ever dear to choirs on high;<br>in the house of God abiding<br>thus they sing eternally. | 3 Alleluia cannot always<br>be our song while here below;<br>alleluia our transgressions<br>make us for a while forgo;<br>for the solemn time is coming<br>when our tears for sin shall flow.    |
| 2 Alleluia you are sounding,<br>true Jerusalem and free;<br>alleluia, joyful mother,<br>bring us to your jubilee;<br>here by Babylon's sad waters<br>mourning exiles still are we.   | 4 In our hymns we pray with longing:<br>Grant us, blessed Trinity,<br>at the last to keep glad Easter<br>with the faithful saints on high;<br>there to you forever singing<br>alleluia joyfully. |

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, 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*  
**Joseph Matthew Moschella**, *dear friends of the Plowman Family*  
**Michael Wachter**, *Son of Gary and Kay Wachter*  
Lillian Foucart, *Member*  
**Jan and Sam Urick**, *Cousins of Candy Foucart*  
**Betsy Galliher**, *Member*  
**Eileen Trihoulis**, *Sister of Merle Anderson*

## **How our Prayer List Works:**

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator ([officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org](mailto: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

Christ brings before the disciples the one who had died and the one who had not yet died. Both had lost their life, and had found it. Both had courageously withstood a tyrant: one the Egyptian, the other Arab. Both were simple, unlearned men. One was slow of speech and weak of voice, the other a rough countryman. And both were men who had despised the riches of this world. For Moses possessed nothing, and Elijah had nothing but his sheepskin. Christ brought these men before the disciples, for he wished them to imitate their courage of soul and their steadfastness in leading their people, so that they might be as gentle as Moses, possessed of the zeal of Elijah, and as devoted as both were. He brought these men before them in glory, that the disciples might surpass them. That Christ might uplift their courage against all such dangers, he here brings before them these two men who were such shining lights of the Old Testament. —*John Chrysostom*

[John Chrysostom, in Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, II, 54-55]



## 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: \$3,145.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

#### Electronic/Mail-ins Income February 4, 2024:

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

#### In Worship Offerings

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

#### ATTENDANCE: **February 4, 2024**

In person: 54  
Virtual: 18

### This Week at St Paul's

#### Sunday, February 11th

Worship (Livestream)           9:00am  
Transfiguration Sunday

#### Monday, February 12th

FEC                                 8am-5pm  
Cub Scouts                       7:15pm

#### Tuesday, February 13th

FHC                                 8am-5pm

#### Wednesday, February 14th

FEC                                 8am-5pm  
Ash Wednesday                 7:00pm  
Valentines Day

#### Thursday, February 15th

FHS                                 9am-3pm  
Cub Scouts                       5:30pm

#### Sunday, February 18th

Worship (Livestream)           9:00am  
First Sunday of Lent  
**Worship is at Bethel 11:15am**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

<https://youtu.be/ffJ7unxYZRM>

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

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow1I7-Q>



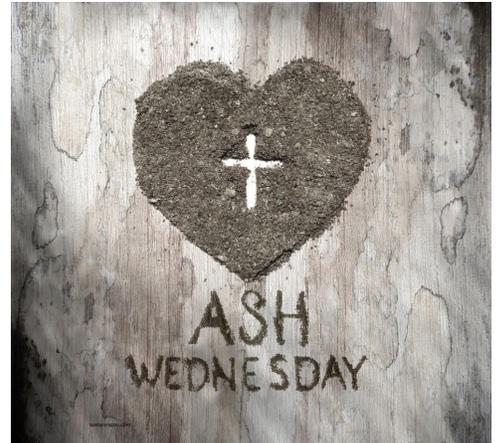
***The altar flowers are given  
to the glory of God and  
in celebration of the birthdays of  
Sarah Carroll Civelekoglu  
and Betsy Luykx Galliher  
by Mary Ann Ferguson.***

### Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

"As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert preceding his death. Before Easter, however, we must prepare our hearts for his Resurrection.

We begin our season of preparing our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion, a turning of our hearts to God." -Hallow.com

We will mark the beginning of our Lent journey on Ash Wednesday with worship at **7:00 pm**. The service will include the imposition of ashes and communion and will be live streamed. We look forward to you joining us for worship on February 14th. Soup and Sandwich will commence on February 21, 2024.



### ***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.

There will no altar flowers during Lent, but please feel free to sign up for Easter and after.

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



**February 18, 2024 Worship Service will be at Bethel Lutheran Church as Pastor will be out of town. Service begins at 11:15am with fellowship beforehand at 10am.**

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**Ash Wednesday** (February 14, 2024) will be at St. Paul's @ 7:00pm, no Soup and Sandwich.

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 with a meal beforehand at 6pm.

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

**Easter Sunday** - 9am at St. Paul's (Breakfast in the Social Hall at 8:00am), 11:15am at Bethel.



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.

**Do you have a college student or loved one in the military who would get great joy from getting an Easter Basket?**

Please see Lauren McCloskey or the flyer on the bulletin boards for more information!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

 LUTHER SEMINARY



**God Pause**

Luther Seminary invites you to use the 2024 Lenten devotional, "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" throughout the Lenten season. Click the link to download the Daily Lenten Devotional.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

## Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project



For years St. Paul's has taken on the stocking stuffer project benefitting The Glade Valley Toy Shoppe at Christmas time. Every year the list grows and the number of stockings needed gets higher.

Kay Wachter has devised a plan to help St. Paul's be ready this Christmas! ***The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project.*** Each Month the items of need will be announced and published in the Weekly bulletins and emails. There is a box wrapped with Christmas paper in the overflow area where you can drop off your donations each month. You always have the option for a financial donation as well. Please see Kay for more details.

### FEBRUARY

Playing cards for the older kids and theme cards for the younger ones (i.e. Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.)

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.



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.



**Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church  
&  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Walkersville  
Are Proudly Sponsoring a "Free Community DINNER!"**

**ALL ARE WELCOME, Bring Family and Friends**

**SATURDAY February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00PM to 7:00PM**

**Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**101 S Main Street, Woodsboro, MD 21798**



**Please Contact Roxanne Smith if you would like to volunteer! Baked Goods are Needed and Appreciated!**

**Email: [roxiesmith@verizon.net](mailto:roxiesmith@verizon.net)**

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