



Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 10, 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.....Deb Horton
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Sheila Kahler and Roxanne Smith
Acolyte.....Camden Plog, Annabelle Bush

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

***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, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN..... Give to Our God Immortal Praise!.....ELW 848**

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| 1 Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song. | 3 Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
when lords and kings are known no more! |
| 2 God sent his Son with pow'r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song. | |

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

***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: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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.....**God So Loved the World (Stainer)**.....**Choir**
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FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: #107

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
 for God's mercy endures forever.
²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
 that God redeemed them from the hand of
 the foe,
³gathering them in from the lands;
 from the east and from the west, from the
 north and from the south.
¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
 through their sins they were afflicted.
¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
 and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
 and you delivered them from their distress.
²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
 and rescued them from the grave.
²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast
love
 and your wonderful works for all people.
²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
 and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

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



L: The Holy Gospel according to John the third chapter, **3:14-21**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

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| 1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? | 3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing. |
| 2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. | 4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on. |

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

***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

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.

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this 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:**

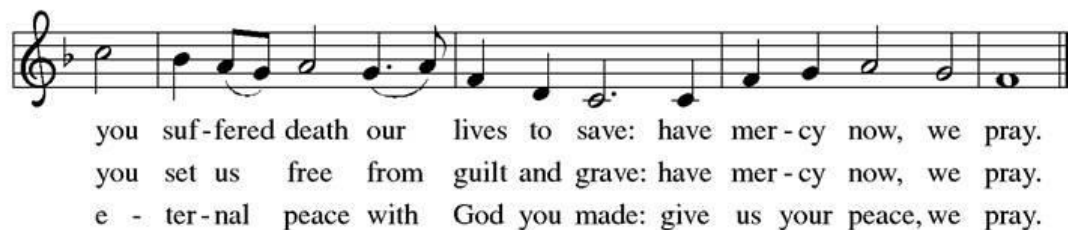
P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

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)



*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: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN.....Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound.....ELW 779*

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| 1 | Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see. | 4 | The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. |
| 2 | 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 5 | When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun. |

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

****DISMISSAL***

GO IN PEACE, YOU ARE GOD'S BELOVED.
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*
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*
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*
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*
Gary Wachter, *Member*
Cindi Lucas, *Cousin of Robb and Dianne Port*
Cathryn Blackwell, *extended family of Robb and Dianne Port*
Kristi Jack, *Member*
The Family of Ursula Wandel, *Sister of Regina Baker*
Doug Burkholder, *Friend of Betsy Galliher*

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
- +Jaiden Pastick, U.S. Airforce, Guam,
close friend and former Girl
Scout of Kay Wachter's

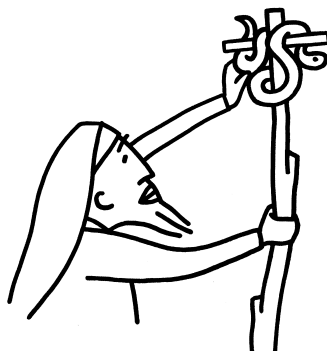
*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

*****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

When the Israelites were frustrated and disgusted and rebelling against the circumstances of their own forced march to freedom, Moses needed something to get them going again. It was a bronze serpent, raised up like a standard, an artificial symbol of whatever it was, a seraph, that had afflicted them. It became the effective agent of their healing and forgiveness, the sign that injected hope and a renewed will to keep going toward the Promised Land. . . . So the preacher has to get Jesus up there before people's consciousness in a call for their faith; telling all of us who share the responsibility for moving the Christian community on in life that we must proclaim the Lord as the source of hope and energy in a world of confounding circumstances and in the face of the death that defeats all our hopes. At the heart of our own faith is a conviction in God's unfailing love; for generations of recurring cynicism, indifference, and despair have never had the last word or given the definitive comment on our human situation. The love of God is persistent, and the Word of God always finds a new voice in the most hopeless circumstances. —*John Gerlach, O.P.*

[John Gerlach, O.P., in *Homilies for the Christian People*, ed. Gail Ramshaw (New York: Pueblo, 1989), 244.]



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 25, 2024:

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:

February 28, 2024

In person: 23

Virtual: **

March 3, 2024

In person: 45

Virtual: 18

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, March 10th

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
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Third Sunday of Lent Worship & Arts/Finance	10:00am
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Monday, March 11th

FEC	8am-5pm
Girl Scouts	6:30pm

Tuesday, March 12th

FHC	8am-5pm
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Wednesday, March 13th

FEC	8am-5pm
Soup and Sandwich	6:00pm
Mid Week Worship	7:00pm

Thursday, March 14th

FHS	9am-3pm
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Friday, March 15th

Lager for Lent	5:00pm
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Sunday, March 17th

<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Worship (Livestream) Saint Patrick's Day	9:00am
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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's mid week and Sunday services

<https://studio.youtube.com/video/KVDw46sjrk/edit>, https://studio.youtube.com/video/u0WOWlL_erU/edit

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

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1l7-Q>



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



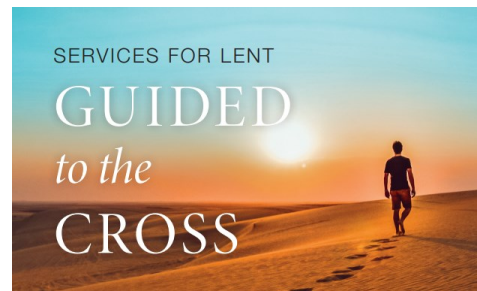
The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project.

It's March!

We need ***Craft Kits and Small Dolls***. There is a box wrapped with Christmas paper in the overflow area where you can drop off your donations. You always have the option for a financial donation as well. Please see Kay for more details.



Every Wednesday during Lent, before our Lenten Journey of the week begins, come join us in the **Parish Hall** at 6:00pm for soup, sandwiches and fellowship. Worship will begin at 7:00pm.



This year our Lenten Services will be from
"Guided to the Cross"

"Lent is a season when we are guided to the cross. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, the services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior."

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Sunday, March 17th, 2-4 pm

Please join us for an afternoon of games with the residents at Victoria Park! We will be serving a variety of Soups and need food donations as well as volunteers to attend.

Please see the weekly email for link to sign up.

You can bring your favorite board or card game and be ready for some trivia too! We are blessed to continue this relationship with the residents and live our mission of "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind and spirit of all."



Help us decorate for Easter by Purchasing an Easter Lily. They are available for \$12.00 each.

Sign up using the signup sheet on the side bulletin board or call the Parish Office to purchase with a check or cash.

***Please don't forget to designate your dedication.**

Remember, you don't have to throw these beautiful lilies away; they can be planted in your garden for next year's blooming!

March 24th is the final date to order!



The Red Cross and St. Paul's continue to partner in 2024 to bring a blood drive in-to 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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 LUTHER SEMINARY



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/>

Donations for Glade Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

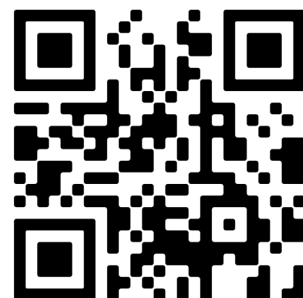
****UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:****

Baked Beans, Pancake Mix, Mac 'n' Cheese, Hamburger Helper and Boxed Crackers.

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.



*Don't forget to sign up for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!
Use the QR code below and join the fun!*



SCAN ME

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