

# Fifith Sunday of Lent—March 17, 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	Ed Chaney
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	Sheila Kahler and Roxanne Smith
Acolyte	Camden Plog. Annabelle Bush

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President—Patty Rimel
Vice-President—Sheila Kahler
Treasurer—Bill Cartwright
Secretary—Kate Stottlemyer



\*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.....ELW 343

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

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

#### \*GREETING (ELW, p. 147)

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

#### \*KYRIE (ELW, p. 203) (Sung)



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- C: Amen.

Anthem......Were You There (ELW 353).....Soloists: Mary Ann Ferguson and Candy Foucart

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: #51**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,

and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



L: The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter, 12:20-33

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

\*THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ......Pastor Phil Beck

- Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.
- When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958
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#### \*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.

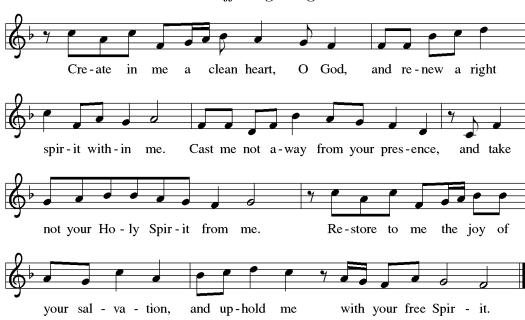
#### \*The Peace

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



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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.

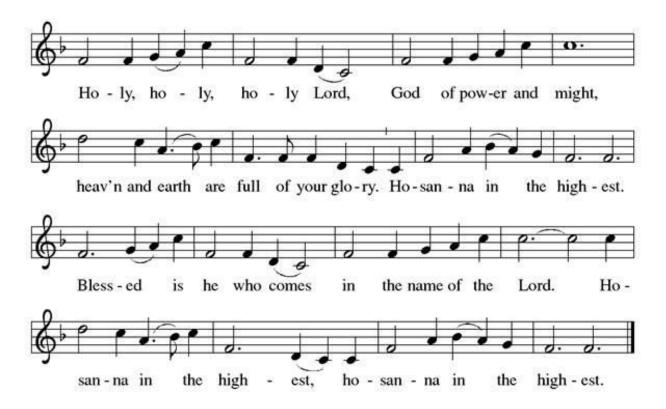
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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)



#### 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)



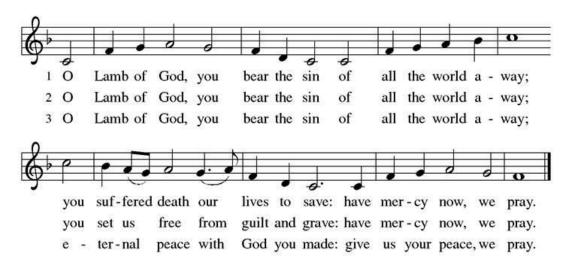
#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER:

- 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......Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing......ELW 545

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

#### \*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.



Joe Collins. Cousin of Joann Valainis Mark Holloway, Husband of Kate Stottlemyer Hank Holiday, Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemver Marion Lawrence, Cousin of Kate Stottlemyer The Jones Family, Close family friends of Joann Valainis Gil Eiker. Husband of Rebecca Eiker Doug Ashbrook, Family Friend of Pastor Phil Roger Stottlemver. Uncle of Kate Stottlemver 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 Chanev 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 The Family of Ursula Wandel, Sister of Regina Baker Doug Burkholder, Friend of Betsy Galliher Heather Anderson, 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

+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.

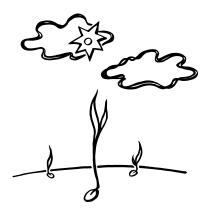
\*\*Please remember all the names on our prayer list, and especially those that are **bold**.

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

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

You must have already heard about God's marvels manifested in the way silk originates. The silkworms come from seeds about the size of little grains of pepper. When the warm weather comes and the leaves begin to appear on the mulberry tree, the seeds start to live, for they are dead until then. The worms nourish themselves on the mulberry leaves until, having grown to full size, they settle on some twigs. There with their little mouths they go about spinning the silk and making some very thick little cocoons in which they enclose themselves. The silkworm, which is fat and ugly, then dies, and a little white butterfly, which is very pretty, comes forth from the cocoon. Once this silkworm is grown, it begins to spin the silk and build the house wherein it will die. I would like to point out that this house is Christ, since he is our dwelling place and we ourselves can build so as to place ourselves in it. Let's be quick to weave this little cocoon by taking away our self-love and self-will, our attachment to any earthly thing, and by performing deeds of penance, prayer, mortification, and obedience. Let this silkworm die, as it does in completing what it was created to do. And you will see how we see God, as well as ourselves placed inside God's grandeur, as is this little silkworm within its cocoon. —*Teresa of Avila* 

[Teresa of Avila, The Interior Castle, trans. Kieran Kavanagh, O.C.D. and Otilio Rodriguez, O.C.D. (New York: Paulist, 1979), 91-93.]



## **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: \$1,080.15 Property Loan Fund: \$355.00

Total: \$1,435.15

#### In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$4,165.00 Property Loan Fund: \$960.00

Total: \$5,125.00

#### ATTENDANCE:

March 6, 2024

In person: 20 Virtual: 7

March 10, 2024

In person: 47 Virtual: 20

#### This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, March 17th	
Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Fifth Sunday of Lent	
St. Patrick's Day @	

Victoria Park 2:00pm

Monday, March 18thFEC8am-5pmFEC Open House5:00pm

Cub Scouts 7:15pm

Tuesday, March 19th

FHC 8am-5pm 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 20th

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

Thursday, March 21st

FHS 9am-3pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Friday, March 22nd

Red Cross Blood Drive 10:00am Lager for Lent 5:00pm

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### \*\*\*\*\*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/KVDw46sjjrk/edit, https://studio.youtube.com/video/u0WOwlL\_erU/edit Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

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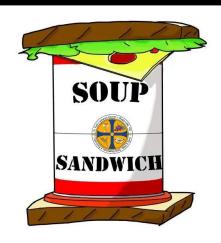




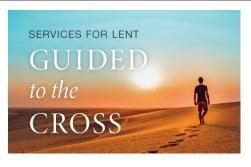
The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project.

#### 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."

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



TODAY, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 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."



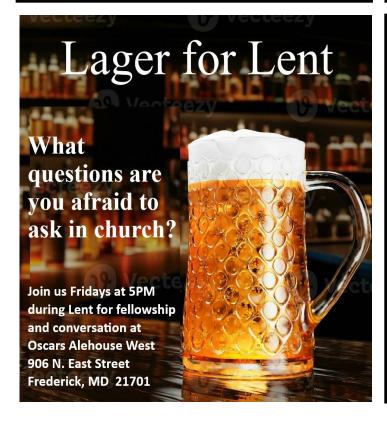
Help us decorate for Easter by Purchasing an Easter Lily. They are available for \$12.00 each.

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 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.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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!







# The Peg and Orley Bourland Educational Assistance Fund

is awarded on a year-round basis through Glade Valley Community Services and The Community Foundation of Frederick.

Its purpose is to provide need-based funds for post-secondary education in trade or technical fields (such as Cosmetology, Nursing, Fitness, HVAC, Culinary, Mechanical, Computer, Construction, etc.) to help with expenses such as trade tools, tuition, testing, tutoring, supplies, etc.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards and weekly email for more information including application info.



# It's almost that time of year St. Pauls! STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!

May 18, 2024

How are you going to share your talent? We have something for everyone!

We will need volunteers to set up and clean up, to be runners for different booths, to help with plants, to help with the hot dogs, chips and water, to help with the Welcome Table, the Yard Sale and of course we are calling all Bakers to the ovens!

# There may even be a need for **DUNK TANK VOLUNTEERS....**

Let's make Strawberry Festival 2024 our best one yet! We can't do that without you, so start thinking now how you are going share your talent!

### <u>Staff</u>

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Financial Secretary	Troy Keeney