

# Third Sunday of Easter—April 14, 2024

## ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

## Worship Service LIVE—9:00 a.m.

Church Phone: 301-845-4600 E-mail: info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org Web Site: http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

## **SERVING TODAY**

Minister	Pastor Phil Beck
Lector	Marie Purswell
Organist	Jeff Gentry
Ushers	Bill and Barbara Cartwright
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

#### 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......ELW 377

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

#### Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

- Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
   death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
   Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
   Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- 5 City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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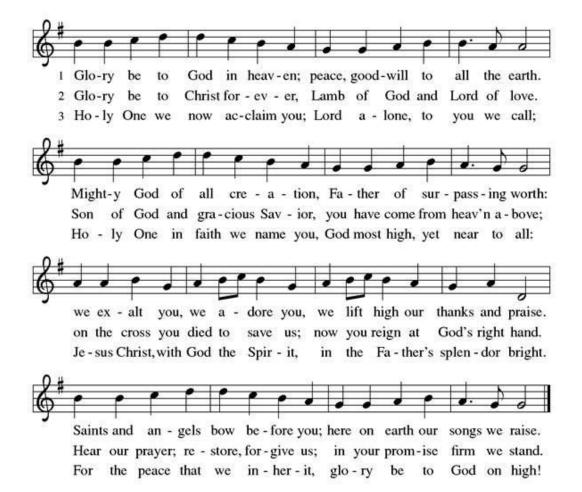
#### \*GREETING (ELW, p. 147)

- 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)



#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW Pg. 204)**



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

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FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O

LORD.

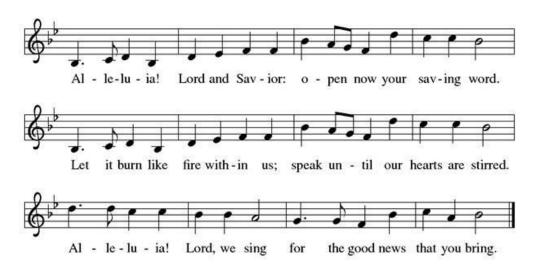
<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

SECOND READING: 1 John3:1-7 L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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



The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24th Chapter, 24:36b-48

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 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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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.

#### \*THE NICENE CREED cont'd

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 of grace, 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)



Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923 Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

#### 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.

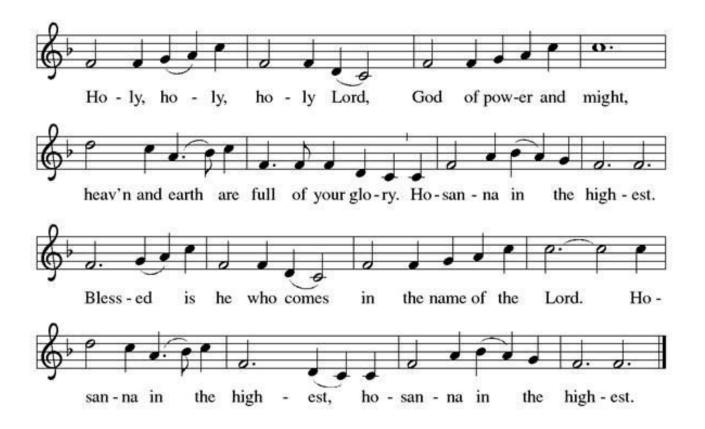
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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)



#### 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. 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: 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......ELW 366

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Jesus their legions has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 4 Christ closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high portals fell. Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes that wounded you, from death's sting free your servants too, that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909

#### \*DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, 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.



Joe Collins, Cousin of Joann Valainis
Mark Holloway, Husband of Kate Stottlemyer
Hank Holiday, Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemyer
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 Stottlemyer, Uncle of Kate Stottlemyer

Family of Sharon Kahler, mother of Sheila and Rodney Kahler, members

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

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

Bert Fiske, Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider

Dottie Titmas, Member

Florence Schell, Member

Jim Decker, Friend of Pastor Phil

Camden Plog. Member

The Family of Michael Wachter, son of Gary and Kay Wachter

Charlotte Jones, 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

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.

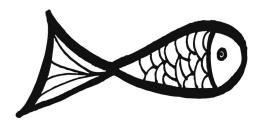
### **Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses**

Penetrate me, O Lord Jesus, to the bottom of my heart with the sweet and salutary wound of your love. May I hunger for you, the bread of angels, the food of holy souls, the nourishing bread which sustains the hearts of men and women and contains in itself all sweetness. May my soul desire you, may it seek you, may it find you, may it tend to you, may it reach you. And be, yourself alone, my hope, my trust, my riches, my pleasure, my joy, my rest, my tranquility, the peace of my soul. Be my refuge, my consolation, my help and my strength. Be my wisdom, my portion, my good, my treasure, and may my soul remain eternally, firmly and immovably rooted in you alone.

-Bonaventure

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[Bonaventure, in Prayer Book of the Saints, ed. Charles Dollen (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 1984), 88-89.]



## **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 April 7, 2024:

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

Total: \$\*\*

#### **In Worship Offerings**

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

# ATTENDANCE: April 7, 2024

In person: 40 Virtual: \*\*

#### This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, April 14th
Worship (Livestream)

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Third Sunday of Easter

Worship & Arts/Finance 10:00am

Monday, April 15th

FEC 8am-5pm
Wachter Funeral Reception 12:15pm
FEC Open House 5:00pm
Girl Scouts Ice Cream Party 6:30pm
Cub Scouts 7:15pm

Tuesday, April 16th

FHS 9am-3pm 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 17th

FEC 10am-3pm

Thursday, April 18th

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

Sunday April 21st

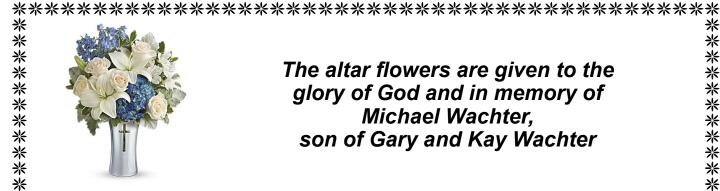
Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*\*\*\*\*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=rdVt5IcFGqE Holy Wednesday https://studio.youtube.com/video/NwXm8gY7dTI/edit Good Friday



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Michael Wachter, son of Gary and Kay Wachter





Please support the Wachter Family with food or monetary donations for the funeral reception of their son, Michael, which will be held tomorrow, Monday, April 15th at Noon in our Parish Hall. You may bring donations Monday Morning to the Parish Hall. Please see the sign up sheet in the overflow area in the church. Monetary donations can be given to Marcia or the Parish Office. We are also asking for volunteers to help set up and assist in serving. Please see Marcia Gupta with any questions.



The Year Round **Stocking** Stuffer **Project** 

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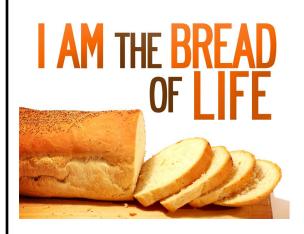
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# It's April!

We need individual toothbrushes. from toddler size to adult size. and toothpaste!

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.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



I hope you all have been enjoying the return of bread to communion. So far the communion preparers have been graciously providing it, but we could use a couple of bakers (or buyers) as an alternative some weeks. If you'd be willing to help in this way, please give me your name so I can create a list for when it is needed.

Also, if anyone is moved to help with communion preparation, please let me know so that we can get you trained and on the rotation. With communion happening weekly we could use some new willing helpers!

Candy Foucart, Communion Coordinator

## Strawberry Festival is quickly approaching!

See the April Epistle for more details!

We encourage anyone and everyone who feels called to help in any way to make our 2024 Strawberry Festival amazing and successful to join us!

### Hope to see you there!

Please think about sharing the gifts God has given you to make our Strawberry Festival the best it can be. Sign up sheets and meeting dates will be available. I will be very happy to talk to you about ideas and any questions you may have. We need your help!

God's blessing always, Marcia Gupta





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.

## **Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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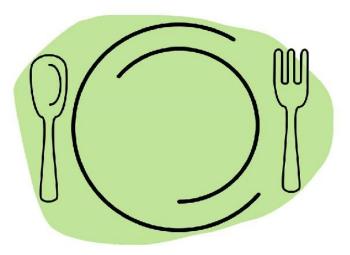
# St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Walkersville Are Proudly Sponsoring a "Free Community Dinner"

ALL ARE WELCOME, Bring Family and Friends

Saturday April 20<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 your time or deserts.

301-630-0900

Email: roxiesmith@verizon.net

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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 Stottlemyer or the Church Office.* 





The Red Cross and St. Paul's continue to partner in 2024 to bring a blood drive into our community. This will be our first drive of the year! *May 31st!* Please consider making your appointment today, your donation is very much needed!

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

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!



#### **Staff**

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