

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 5, 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	Marcia Gupta and Patty Rimel
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 482

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

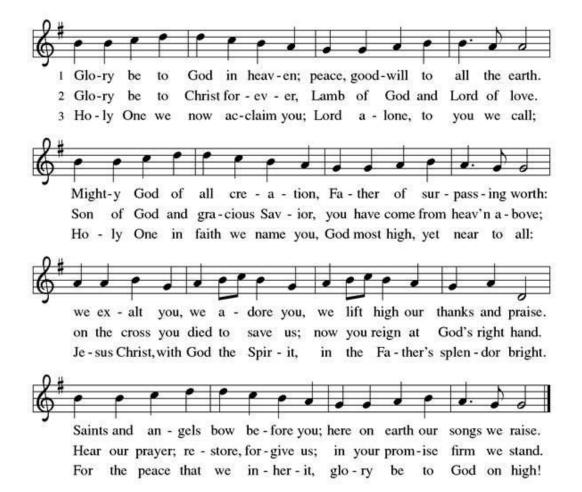
*GREETING (ELW, p. 147)

- 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:

- O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts P: such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Anthem......Love One Another (A.L. Page).......Choir © Jubiate Music Group, LLC

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48 The Word of the Lord. L: C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,

> whose right hand and holy arm have won the ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn victory.

²O LORD, you have made known your victory,

you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel:

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

the world and those who dwell therein.

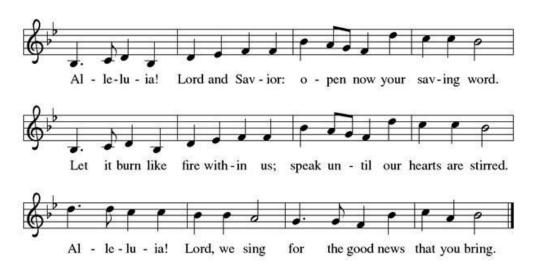
⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6 L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 205)



The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th Chapter, 15:9-17

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......ELW 708

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain
- Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

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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 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)



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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.

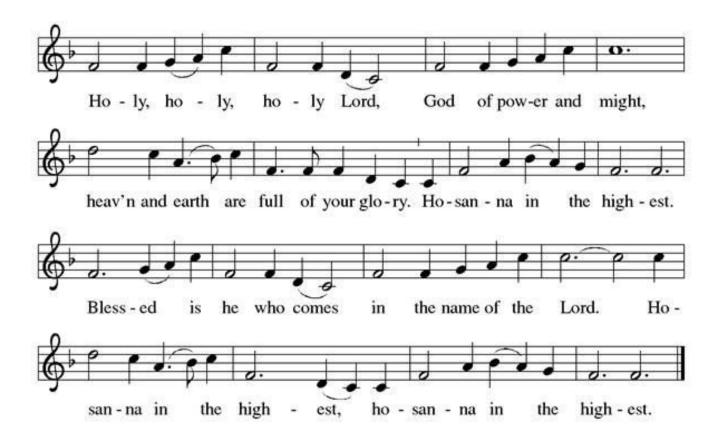
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim 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...... We Know That Christ Is Raised.......ELW 449

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!
- We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life, as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!
- The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!

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*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

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

Donald Lupyan, Extended family of Hope Donati

Dick Murphy, Friend of Ed Chaney

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

The Spirit is shaping an affective and apostolic heart in all of us. Let us listen to that Spirit-song well and learn its melody. This song is a song of presence, of being with the other without calculation. We are not slaves; we are not members of Christ based on hierarchies of status or greater or lesser rank. We are lettered and unlettered, male and female, newborn and long-born, friends. Such friendship in Christ makes us companions at the Lord's table. There is scandal in this: it goes against the competition models we have learned. It brings us into a communion of people bonded together in affective ties because God chose us and loved us first. The friendship we share here is one we can bring to others. Such a mission is a joy. Such action indicates a fresh initiative of the Spirit. Such a task brings delightful merriment and creative hope for our world. —John J. O'Brien, C.P.

[John J. O'Brien, C.P., in Homilies for the Christian People, 277-279.]



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 21, 2024:

Weekly Contributions: \$ 582.25 Property Loan Fund: \$ 45.00 Total: \$ 627.25

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$1,663.00 Property Loan Fund: \$800.00

Total: \$2,463.00

ATTENDANCE: April 28, 2024

In person: 51 Virtual: 18

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ministry Sunday

Monday, May 6th

FEC 8am-5pm
Aria Remembrance 10:30am
Girl Scouts Pizza Party 6:00pm
Cub Scouts 7:15pm

Tuesday, May 7th

FHS 9am-3pm Executive Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 8th

FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, May 9th

FHS 9am-3pm

Sunday, May 12th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

*****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=KxycY8S2A4o May 5, 2024

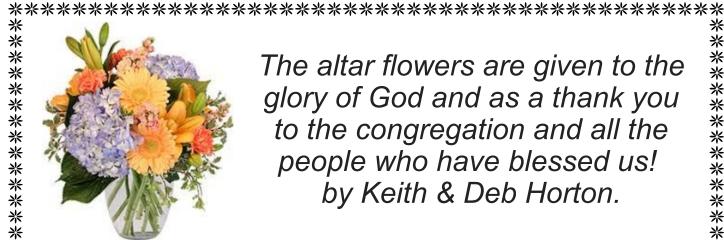
Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

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****IMPORTANT NOTE****

"The choir, in conjunction with the Pastor and the Worship & Arts committee, requests that henceforth no applause should be made following any anthem or solo, as these are not performances but rather are gifts to God; silence is our appreciation to God for these gifts so provided."



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and as a thank you to the congregation and all the people who have blessed us! by Keith & Deb Horton.



THE COUNTDOWN IS ON! 13 DAYS UNTIL **Strawberry Festival** May 18, 2024

Our success depends on you!

There's something for everyone, from setting up, to clean up and everything in between! Please use the sign up sheets in the church or see Marcia Gupta, or contact her through the Parish Office

Consider lending your time and talents to one of the options below:

Welcome Tent * Roasted Nuts * Quilt Tent * Set Up * Food Tent Take Down * Bake Table * Runners * Plant Sale Strawberry Shortcake Tent * DUNK TANK!

Bakers be ready to fire up those ovens! We will need shortcakes and goodies for the bake sale table!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our annual Yard Sale will be held during Strawberry Festival 2024. Donations will be collected on the parsonage front porch beginning Sunday, May 12th. Please follow the signs for placement of items. Donations can be dropped off anytime through Friday, May 17th, we will not be able to receive donations on Saturday. This year's proceeds will be used to support the monthly free community dinners headed up by Roxanne Smith.

Volunteers are needed to sort donations and set up on Friday, May 17th from 9am until 3pm, drop by any time to lend a hand. If you are available to help sell on Saturday, please contact Kay Wachter through the parish office, or speak to her after Worship. Thank you so much for the continued support of the annual Yard Sale at St. Paul's!



The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project

The month of May has sprung upon us!

We are half way there to Stocking Stuffing Time! This month we need *Lip Gloss, Bath Sponges, socks for infants to 2 year olds as well as for boys and girls from 3 years old to teenagers.* You always have the option for a financial donation also. Please see Kay for more details.



Grief Share is a unique faith based support group which not only offers healing and comfort, but provides participants with tools to use and they move through their personal grief journey.

13 Week Sessions starting Tuesday, May 7th 7-9pm at Keysville Lutheran Church

Leaders: Carol Baldwin and Pastor Cathy Feil Register by email at klckemar@gmail.com or phone/text 410-259-9816



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strawberry shortcake bakers!!

Important We need people to bake cakes for the Strawberry Short Cake tent! They will be available for pick up in the church or in the Parish Office between 9am and 1pm. Please make sure when you take a pan, you put your name on the sign up sheet! Please deliver cakes to the social hall kitchen on Wednesday, May 15th from 5-8 pm, Thursday the 16th from, 9 am to 4 pm, or text Betsy for questions. Thank you!





We will be receiving baked goods for the Strawberry Festival on Friday, May 17th at the Parish Hall during business hours 9am—1pm and between 4pm and 6pm. Sign up Sheets are in the Church and the Parish Hall. We will have yellow printed sheets for ingredient listing available at drop off for folks to fill in. Please contact Marcia Gupta through the Parish Office.



We are bringing back the dunk tank to Strawberry Festival! Anyone else brave enough to be the dunkee? If so, please contact Marcia Gupta through the Parish Office! We need volunteers to run the Dunk Tank as well!



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:

cereal, boxed crackers, tuna, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter.

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!



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