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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. From sundaysandseasons.com | Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved | License # SAS103410, Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #736745-A. All rights reserved CCLI Copyright © 2024 License 21412874, Streaming 21412867 All rights reserved

Third Sunday of Easter—May 4, 2025

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

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

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**Stand as you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GATHERING

P: *In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: *Amen.*

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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Are you called to serve?



If you would like to serve St. Paul's congregation by creating a welcoming environment and setting the tone for their worship experience, please consider joining our Usher team. We would love to have you share in this ministry. To sign up, contact Kate Stottlemeyer through the Parish Office.



Would you like to sponsor Altar flowers?

Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.

Spring is here!

Time to clear out and declutter!

Donations will be collected on the parsonage front porch beginning Wednesday, May 7th. Please follow the signs for placement of items. Donations can be dropped off anytime through Wednesday, May 14th.



**ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring
Family and Friends
Tuesday, May 6th
3:00PM to 5:00PM
Woodsboro Evangelical
Lutheran Church
101 S Main St.,
Woodsboro, MD**



COMMUNITY DINNER

Ask Roxanne for more details!



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 after worship 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!



We will be receiving baked goods for the Strawberry Festival on Friday, May 16th 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 Nancy Cochran through the Parish Office with any questions.

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!*



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.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN.....Alleluia! Sing to Jesus.....ELW 392

V. 1,2,4,5

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

***GREETING**

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 (p. 147)**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 148)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above Words by Charles Wesley

Psalm 150; Arranged by Mark Edwards; TUNE: Amsterdam. Copyright 2025 Lorenz, Publishing Company, a division of The Lorenz Corporation

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
² O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.
³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.
⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
⁶ While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
⁸ I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,
⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."
¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
¹² Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151)**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

13 DAYS TILL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!

Our 59th Annual Strawberry Festival will be on May 17th from 9am-2pm! The Clock is ticking and 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 * Yard Sale *
Strawberry Shortcake Tent**

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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. Video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAVjYz5fEH8>, April 20, 2025. Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@saintpaulslutheranchurchof7880>

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 * *The altar flowers are given to the*
 * *glory of God and in celebration of*
 * *Kay Wachter's birthday. Given by*
 * *Gary Wachter.*
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**The time of change...
 Noisy change that is!**
 TODAY starts the gathering of
 all those coins laying around and
 bringing them to church! Through
 May 18th we will be collecting loose
 coin offerings to take to the Synod
 Assembly at the end of May.
Bring on the change!



***The month of May
 has sprung upon us!***
 We are half way there to Stocking
 Stuffing Time! This month we
 need: *Lotion for kids (small
 containers), *Boys infant socks,
 *Cloth books
 You always have the option for a
 financial donation also. Please see
 Kay for more details.

Sermon.....Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age.....ELW 729

V. 1,2,4,5

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P: We affirm our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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 always.
 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 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL (ELW 184)**

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING, MEAL (p. 152)

*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, 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, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW P. 153)

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C: **We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C: **We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C: **We thank you, O God.**

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, May 4th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
Third Sunday of Easter
Faith Formation 10:00am
Ministry Sunday 10:00am

Monday, May 5th

FEC 8am-5pm
Cub Scouts 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 6th

FHS 10am-3pm
Community Dinner 5:00pm
Executive Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 7th

FEC 8am-5pm
Confirmation 7:00pm

Thursday, May 8th

FHS 10am-3pm
Cub Scouts Parish Hall 5:30pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Saturday, May 9th

Quilting in the Parish Hall 9am-3pm
Property Clean Up 9:00am

Sunday, May 11th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Faith Formation 10:00am

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,110.00
Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

April 20, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$ 621.35
Property Loan Fund: \$ 45.00
Total: \$ 666.35

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$3,974.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 460.00
Total: \$4,434.00

ATTENDANCE:

April 27, 2025

In person: 50
Virtual: 22

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

†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
†Aaron Martz, U.S. Navy, Grandson of
Ken Martz

***Please remember all the names
on our prayer list, and especially
those that are **bold**.
They have specific current need for
Christian love and support.*

*Do you or someone you know
have need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a
prayer team at St. Paul's that is
ready to help.
Simply contact Merle Anderson at
301-845-2317.
All requests are confidential.*

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/>

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE CONT'D

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C: Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:*

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

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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION HYMN (P.155)

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. 155)

P: Let us pray,
Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

P: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, **†** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

D:

***SENDING HYMN..... You Servants of GodELW 825**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, CHRIST IS WITH YOU.
THANKS BE TO GOD.



Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Joseph Matthew Moschella, *Friend of the Plowmans*
Keith Harris, *friend of the Plowman Family*
Jack Lotwick, *Friend of Robb and Dianne Port*
Bob Schmidt, *Brother of Dottie Titmas*
Cindi, John and Deirdre MacKenzie, *friends of St. Paul's*
Parker Bazarewski, *Extended family of Ed Chaney*
Joanne and Dudley Cate, *Family friends of Ed Chaney*
Patty Plitt, *Cousin of Ed Chaney*
Regina Baker, *Member*
Heather Anderson, *Member*
Leanne Colwell, *friend of Sue Snider*
Geraldine Hills, *friend of St. Paul's*
Charlie Snow, *Friend of Sue Snider*
Kira Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

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**