



SERVING TODAY

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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

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 18, 2025

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

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Web Site: <http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org>

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

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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.

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.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

**The Church Office will be closed
for Memorial Day**

Monday, May 26





The power of the word can transform lives. We are looking for individuals to serve as lectors during worship. Bring the word to life for your fellow members and be a vital part of our service. Please contact Ellen Bucheimer through the Parish Office if you'd like to volunteer for this ministry.



Thank you to everyone who lent a hand in making our 59th Annual Strawberry Festival a great success.

Through Christ we fed the bodies, the minds and the spirits of our Community.

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!*



GATHERING HYMN

***Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*ELW 424**

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*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: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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.**

Anthem

***"In The Garden"* by C. Austen Miles.....Solo, Phil Smith**

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FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise God in the heights.

² Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

Psalm 148 cont'd

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all
deeps;

⁸ fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind,
doing God's will;

⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all
cedars;

¹⁰ wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying
birds;

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peo-
ples,
princes and all rulers of the
world;

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

I Come With Joy.....ELW 482

V. 1,2,4,5

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¹² young men and maidens,
old and young
together.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the
LORD,

whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over earth
and heaven.

¹⁴ The LORD has raised up strength for
the people and praise for all faithful
servants,

the children of Israel, a
people who are near the
LORD.
Hallelujah!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMMUNITY DINNER

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring Family and Friends
Saturday, May 31st
5:00PM to 7:00PM
Woodsboro Evangelical
Lutheran Church
101 S Main St.,
Woodsboro, MD
Ask Roxanne for more details!



VBS at
St. Paul's!

JESUS
SAYS!

Monday, July 7th– Friday, July 11th, 2025

6–8 PM*

***Friday will be a performance starting at**
7:00 PM


St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Walkersville
14 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

Hosted by:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
and
Walkersville United Methodist Church



*******IMPORTANT*******

*Altar flowers are given to
the glory of God and the
birthday celebrations of
Marie Purswell, twin brother Pat, and
grandson J.T. Valcarcel.*

A bouquet of colorful tulips in a glass vase. The tulips are in various colors including red, yellow, pink, and white. The vase is clear glass and shows green stems. The bouquet is set against a white background.

Bring on the change!



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GREAT THANKSGIVING, MEAL (p. 152)

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **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, 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 18th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Quilt Blessing
Faith Formation 10:00am

Monday, May 19th

FEC Picnis 8am-5pm
Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 20th

Congregational Life 6:00pm
Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 21st

FEC Clean Up Day
Confirmation 7:00pm

Thursday, May 22nd

Cub Scouts 5:30
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Sunday, May 25th

Worship (No Mevo Coverage) 9:00am
Sixth 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

May 4, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$ 864.34
Property Loan Fund: \$ 270.00
Total: \$1,134.34

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$1,626.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 460.00
Total: \$2,086.00

ATTENDANCE:

May 11, 2025

In person: 48
Virtual: 18

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE cont'd

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/>

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.**

SENDING HYMN..... **Now, the Green Blade RisesELW 379*

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****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 Snyder*
Geraldine Hills, *Friend of St. Paul's*
Charlie Snow, *Friend of Sue Snyder*
Kira Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*
The Family of Doreen Kraus, *Friends of the Beck family*
Ariana Christ, *family friend of Pastor Phil Beck*
Patrick Eakenroade, *friend of Phil Smith*

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**