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 © 2025 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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025

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.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Sheila Kahler
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***Stand as you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Quilts, Blessing of the Backpacks and Giving of the Bibles

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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.**

GATHERING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation.....*ELW 796*

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt .

This year's "God's Work our Hands" is the World Hunger Campaign. We are collecting items for the Residents of Bell Court to assist them with food and or donations to help lift our neighbors by Feeding the Body, mind and spirit of all. The items we are collecting are listed below.

Protein Drinks --Ensure - Glucerna
Cases of Water and Gallon Water jugs
Heat and eat items - Microwavable dinners - Healthy choice
Microwavable rice - white and brown
Canned heat at eat items - Soups, Chili - Beefaroni - Spaghettio's
Canned Tuna or Chicken
Peanut butter
Jelly - regular and sugar free
Microwavable -Kraft mac and cheese
Microwavable -Oatmeal
Individual packaged - Fruit Cups, Jello - Pudding, Apple sauce
Small assorted individual boxes of Cereal
Crackers individual packs - Oyster crackers
Veggie Sticks - individual bags
Cookies - Individual packs

Wish list -

Stamps and Envelopes
Hand Soaps
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Kitchen Trash bags
Laundry Soap

You may drop off items at Worship, at the Parish Hall during business hours or see any member of the Congregational Life Ministry to arrange pick up.

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Today we will bless 51 quilts and some fleece blankets to be donated to ***Sleep In Heavenly Peace***, an organization that builds beds for area children who would otherwise not have one. Thanks to Kay Wachter and her sister, Shirley, for the fleece blankets.

Would you like to sponsor Altar flowers?

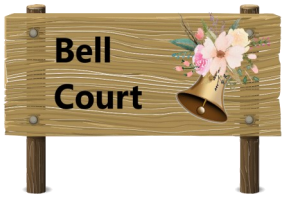
Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.

Donations for ***Glade Valley Food Bank*** are always accepted!

****UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:****

Glade Valley Community Services

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



Will you live out our mission statement "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all"? As you all know, we have been serving the community of Bell Court with bi-monthly meals in conjunction with Woodsboro Lutheran Church.

It has become abundantly clear that this community is in need of much more. Representatives from St. Paul's, Woodsboro, and GVCS met to discuss a strategy going to assist and have proposed an initial way forward. Much of what this community needs is accompaniment which falls directly into our mission to serve. As such, we are seeking volunteers who would be willing to **"adopt a resident"** to assist them with their needs.

The goal of this project is to come beside our neighbor, love them, and assist them as they might need. Some folks might just need help calling the doctor's office, help with laundry, dropping off supplies from GVCS, and other tasks we take for granted. Woodsboro and GVCS will also be partnering to provide additional care to this community. Please see Pastor, Roxanne, or call the church office should you have additional questions or you are willing to volunteer to adopt a resident.

****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.

****CANTICLE OF PRAISE*** **(p. 148)**

****PRAYER OF THE DAY:***

P: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 23:23-29**

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

[1] God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
[2] "How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?
[3] Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
[4] rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
[5] They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
[6] Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;
[7] nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.' "
[8] Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: *Luke 12:49-56*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th 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
Christ is the Life .....ACS 927
Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
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P: We affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: 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. 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.

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*****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=w-s470WAvNY, August 3, 2025. Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@saintpaulslutheranchurchof7880

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Nina Valcarcel given by the Valcarcel Family

Lots of Blessings Today!

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring Family and Friends
Tuesday, September 2, 2025 and
Saturday, September 20th, 5-7PM @
Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church,
101 S Main St., Woodsboro, MD
Ask Roxanne for more details!

IT'S AUGUST SAINT PAUL'S!!!
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

We are just **THREE MONTHS** away from Stocking Stuffing Time!

WE NEED:

***Glue Sticks, *Big Erasers, *24 Count Crayons, *10 Count Skinny Markers, *10 Count Fat Markers, *Pencils, *Stickers**

You always have the option for a financial donation also.
Please see Kay for more details.

***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, Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship,* admin. Augsburg Fortress

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(elw p. 144)*

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)

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, 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 ever lasting 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* (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.

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.

P: 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.

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, August 17th
Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Gifting of Bibles
Blessing of the Quilts
Blessing of the Backpacks

Monday, August 18th
FEC 9am-3pm
Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 19th
Congregational Life 6:00pm
Council 7:00PM

Wednesday, August 20th
FEC 9am-3pm

Thursday, August 21st
Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Sunday, August 24th
Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
11th Sunday after Pentecost

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: $3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: $350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
August 10, 2025

Weekly Contributions: $ 526.70
Property Loan Fund: $ 115.00
Total: $ 641.70

In Worship Offerings
Weekly Contributions: $1,100.00
Property Loan Fund: $ 0.00
Total: $1,100.00

ATTENDANCE:
August 10, 2025
In person: 57
Virtual: 13

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/

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……. **God, When Human Bonds are Broken……..ELW 603*

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****DISMISSAL***

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

St. Paul's will be sharing a worship service with Bell Court ***today***, ***at 2PM***. Executive Council felt that it would be a wonderful gesture if members would show up to support the community and perhaps discern their ability to "***adopt a resident***."

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemyer*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
***Joseph Matthew Moschella**, Friend of the Plowmans*
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*
***Ariana Christ**, Family Friend of Pastor Phil Beck*
Marion Lawrence**,** *Cousin of Kate Stottlemyer*
Pastor Phyllis Haynes, *A colleague of Pastor Phil Beck.*
Family of Roger Stottlemyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemyer*
Nancy Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*
Dale and Sue Etta Long, *Former Members*
Nancy Twenhafel, *neighbor of Sue Snyder*
The Family of Howard Kastner, *long time friends of the Beck Family*
The Family of Janet Donati, *Family of Rick and Hope Donati*

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