

All Saints' Day



All Saints Sunday resonates with the conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint. Lutherans especially remember on this feast that it is God's grace that makes us saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.

At St. Paul's we follow a tradition of honoring all the saints who have passed away since last All Saints Day. We will light a candle and ring the bell for each person named.

Please call the Parish Office or email @ officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org to name the person you would like to remember in this way throughout the month of October. Please give the name, relationship to you and date of death. We will need these names by 10/30/2024.

Please address any questions to the Worship and Arts Committee.

Betsy Galliher

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Susan Roy
Lectors.....Jim Titmas
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
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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



**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 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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Web Site: <http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org>

Saint Paul's Official YouTube Channel:

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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

CHURCH BELL RUNG

CANDLES LIT

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

God of Grace and God of Glory.....ELW 705

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969



ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring Family and Friends
Tuesday, October 7th
Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church,
101 S Main St., Woodsboro, MD

IMPORTANT UPDATES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

We are not having the in person meal at Woodsboro due to an event Woodsboro is having at their church. The plan is to prepare the meal at St. Paul's with delivery to Bell Court and Victoria Park only.

****No in person meal****

Please see Roxanne with any questions.



The Turkey Tree is up in the Library! From October 5th through November 9th, please, fill an envelope with a generous donation, and put it in the offering plate so we can assist GVCS to help families have a blessed meal on Thanksgiving. —Thank You.



It's almost Spooky Season!

And that means it's time for another fun evening of Trunk-or-Treat!

Saturday, October 25th
from 3:00pm - 5:00pm

St. Paul's will be hosting a not-so-spooky Trunk-or-Treat night. We could use some more volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy.

If you have never done it before, it's easy and fun and we'd love to help you get started! Please contact Lauren McCloskey through the Parish Office to reserve a parking space and help St. Paul's reach out to our neighbors and community with a little fun!

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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:****

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



***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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:6-10

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Litany for a World Hunger Sunday

L: In this season of Pentecost and new life,

C. **We give thanks and praise for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**

L. Every day, for every meal, we open our packed refrigerators, look at restaurant menus, and can select the food of our choice.

C. **We are blessed. Spirit of God, use us to bless others.**

L. Our food stores are lined with numerous options for any taste and health concern that we have. Our kitchen cabinets and drawers are filled with cans and boxes of food.

C. **We are blessed. Spirit of God, use us to bless others.**

L. Even more, we are filled with the grace and mercy of God in Christ.

C. **Now our gracious Lord Jesus Christ invites us to serve him, to see him in the lives of those who are hungry, thirsty, naked and lonely.**



We are beginning preparations for the 8th annual Christkindl market happening on **Saturday, December 6th** from 10am-2pm. Once again, the Walkersville Historical Society will be the event host. St. Paul's will have vendors and food similar to last year. Look for more information on those items as we get closer to the date.

We will be looking for donations of gently used **Christmas** items for "Mrs. Claus' attic." These are items that are affordable for children or individuals without a lot of funds to buy as gifts or decorations. Contact Marie Purswell for drop off times and location. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the different areas so make sure you mark it on your calendars." Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Co-chairs: Amy & Russ Mildenstein



**Wednesday, October 15, 2025
El Rancho @ 10:00am**



Join us for our monthly Brunch Bunch gathering, a wonderful opportunity to connect with church members in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere! This event provides a delicious and social way for fellowship, community, and to enjoy good food while sharing time together.

We welcome all to come, connect, and enjoy.

Litany for a World Hunger Sunday cont'd

- L. As disciples of Christ, Jesus encourages us by saying:
- C. **“Whoever has two shirts, share with those who have none, and share food with those who are hungry.”**
- L. Isaiah reminds us of the joy, the blessing we receive in satisfying the needs of the hungry, saying:
- C. **“When you give of your own to feed the hungry, then your light will rise in the dark, and become as bright as the noonday sun.”**
- L. God has blessed our Church, the ELCA, with an effective, merciful program to serve the poor, empower their lives, and feed their families.
- C. **Praise God for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and the many local hunger ministries supported by our churches.**
- L. God’s mercy abounds!
- C. **We are blessed. Use us Lord to bless others and to honor you.**

AMEN

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151)

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:34-41*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Sermon.....Pastor Fred Melton

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY


Lead on, O King Eternal!.....ELW 805
Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

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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 celebration
of Dottie Titmas' birthday,
by the Titmas Family.*





October 12, 2025

Harvest Home Sunday is quickly approaching!

An annual tradition in our congregation is to celebrate the harvest by returning a portion of God's gifts to be distributed to others in need. On Sunday, October 12th, please bring non-perishable food items to the church. We will be collecting these items at the communion rail. After Service, they will be counted and taken to the Glade Valley Food Bank. Check the Wednesday email and bulletins for current Food Bank Needs.

It's also Pumpkin Sunday! Please pick up a pumpkin to enjoy at home on your way out after worship!



OCTOBER IS UPON US!
WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!
NOVEMBER IS Stocking Stuffing Time!

WE NEED:
Chapstick and Playdough
You always have the option for a financial donation also.
Please see Kay for more details.

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, September 28th

Combined Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
 Pastor Fred Melton Presiding
16th Sunday after Pentecost
God's Work, Our Hands

Monday, September 29th

FEC 8am-5pm

Tuesday, September 30th

FHS 9am-3pm

Wednesday, October 1st

FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, October 2nd

FHS 9am-3pm
 Cub Scouts 6:00pm
 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Sunday, October 5th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
17th Sunday after Pentecost
 Ministry Sunday 10:00am
 Troop 1070 Meeting 5:00pm
 Cub Scout Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

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

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

September 14, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$1,000.26
 Property Loan Fund: \$ 250.00
 Total: \$1,250.26

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$1,984.00
 Property Loan Fund: \$ 250.00
 Total: \$2,234.00

ATTENDANCE:

September 14, 2025

In person: 53
 Virtual: 12

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.**

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

We pray for children
 Who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
 Who like to be tickled,
 Who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
 Who sneak Popsicles before supper,
 Who erase holes in math workbooks,
 Who can never find their shoes

We pray for children
 Who stare at photographers from behind broken windows,
 Who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,
 Who never "counted potatoes",
 Who are born in places where we wouldn't be caught dead,
 Who never go to the circus,
 Who live in an x-rated world.

We pray for children
 Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
 Who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
 Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
 Who cover themselves with Band-aids and sing off key,
 Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
 Who slurp their soup.

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN con't

We pray for children
Who never get dessert,
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
Who watch their parents watch them suffer,
Who can't find any bread to steal,
Who don't have any rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children
Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who shove dirty clothes under the bed, and never rinse out the tub,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
Who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

We pray for children
Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen a dentist,
Who aren't spoiled by anybody,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move, but have no being,

We pray for children who want to be carried
And for those who must,
For those we never give up on and for those
Who don't get a second chance.
For those we smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody
Kind enough to offer it.
—Ina Hughes

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/>

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Galliher, *Member*
 Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
 Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
 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 Stottlemeyer*
 Pastor Phyllis Haynes, *A colleague of Pastor Phil Beck.*
The Family of Graham McIntyre, *Member at Bethel*
Eileen Trahoulis, *Sister of Merle Anderson*
Family of Dot Ballenberger, *Special friend of Merle Anderson*
Nancy Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*
Ellen Bucheimer, *Member*
Shirley Eyler, *Member*
Family of Joan Collins, *Aunt of Joann Valainis*
Anne Barstow, *Sister of Dan Carroll*
Jeff Gentry, *Member*
Eva Berthold, *Niece of Pastor Phil Beck*

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 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.**

*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.....*When Morning Gilds the Skies*.....ELW 853

*DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, THROUGH CHRIST, JOYFULLY FEED THE BODY,
MIND, and SPIRIT OF ALL.

THANKS BE TO GOD.