



Harvest Home Sunday 2025

On behalf of and with great thanks to the Worship and Arts Committee, I want to thank everyone for all the help in making Harvest Home and Pumpkin Sunday a great success.

I am so grateful for all those who step up whenever needed. The Worship and Arts committee is always so supportive. I also want to thank all those who just show up... Troy Keeney, Gary and Kay Wachter, Johanna Waters, Marie and Sam Purswell and many others including Pastor Phil!!

*Last year we collected 170 pounds of nonperishable food for the Walkersville food bank. **This year we collected 455 pounds!!!***

The food bank appreciates the donation with thanks for all the hard work to make it happen. — Betsy Galliher

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Pat Fellows
Organist.....
Ushers.....Bill and Barb Cartwright
Acolytes.....Camden Plog, Annabelle Bush & Journey Gardner

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Property Coordinator.....
Financial Secretary.....Troy Keeney

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



**19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 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

E-mail: info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

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

Saint Paul's Official YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7-Q>



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

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Sheila Kahler
Vice-President—Lauren McCloskey
Treasurer—Patty Rimel
Secretary—Kate Stottlemeyer

**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

Rise Up, O Saints of God.....ELW 669

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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 by October 22nd. Please give the name, relationship to you and date of death. We will need these names by 10/22/2025.

Please address any questions to the Worship and Arts Committee.

Betsy Galliher

QUILT MINISTRY

WANTED:

People to sew quilt tops. No cutting or designing involved. Need sewing machine and thread.

Please

See Kate Stottlemeyer for details.



Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday on October 23, 2025 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

COME JOIN US - Bring the whole family together for a fun evening of faith, fellowship, watching the movie, **Joshua!** Enjoy a great film, complete with popcorn, peanuts and refreshments. It's the perfect opportunity to spend time together! Invite friends and neighbors to join the fun. **Friday, October 24th @ 7:00pm** in the overflow area of the church.



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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:

C: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Temple Talk.....Stephen Ministry.....Linda Yopp

FIRST READING: *Genesis 32:22-31*

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

² My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.

³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil

and will keep your life.

⁸ The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forever more.



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.

****Change**** We will **NOT** be hosting Mrs. Claus' Attic this year, so we will not need donations. We **ARE** still having the bake sale!

Co-chairs: Amy & Russ Mildenstein

Lots of Volunteers and donations for the bake sale are needed!

Please keep a look out for sign up sheets and tags in the church overflow! If you have any questions, please contact **Nancy Cochran**.



Join us for our Church Clean-Up Day on Saturday, **November 8th at 9:00am** to help spruce up our buildings and grounds! We'll tackle projects big and small, inside and out! It's a great opportunity to fellowship while making our church a more welcoming place for everyone. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon....."Persistence".....Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word.....ELW 517

ext: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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.**

Call to Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry provides one-on-one compassionate listening presence to anyone who is experiencing a difficult life situation. Stephen Ministers understand the importance of confidentiality in establishing and maintaining the trust of their care receivers. Do others describe you as a good listener? If so, please consider offering this gift to God who can direct your gift to help and comfort others. To get started, contact Pastor Phil or Linda Yopp through the Parish Office.

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!



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Saint Paul's announces that there will be a blessing of the pets **October 26, 2025**, at 1:00 pm (14 W. Pennsylvania Avenue). Everyone is invited to bring pets (or pictures of pets) for the blessing.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring Family and Friends

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 5pm-7pm

Saturday, November 15, 2025 5pm-7pm

**Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church,
101 S Main St., Woodsboro, MD**

Please see Roxanne Smith with any questions.



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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=5GHT6TU9qQw>, September 7, 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 gratitude for 20 years of
* marriage, a gift from the Ancient of Days.
* Given by Kate Stottlemeyer



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.

The Turkey Tree is up in the overflow area! 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.



RE•FORMATION
THEN • NOW ALWAYS

“Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better.”

Sunday, October 26, 2025 — **WEAR RED!**

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*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: CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART (ELW 186)

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, October 19th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Faith Formation 10:00am

Monday, October 20th

FEC 8am-5pm

Worship & Arts 10:00am

Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 21st

FHS 9am-3pm

Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 22nd

FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, October 23rd

FHS 9am-3pm

Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Sunday, October 26th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Reformation Sunday

New Member Sunday

Faith Formation 10:00am

Blessing of the Pets 1:00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

October 12, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$

Property Loan Fund: \$

Total: \$

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$

Property Loan Fund: \$

Total: \$

ATTENDANCE:

October 12, 2025

In person: 48

Virtual: 11

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 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: 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: 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.....Jesus, Still Lead OnELW 624**

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

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



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*

Dudley Cate, *Family friends of Ed Chaney*

Patty Plitt, *Cousin of Ed Chaney*

Regina Baker, *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.*

Elizabeth Krouse, *Friend of Nancy Cochran*

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*

Jamie Sulima, *Member*

Linda Koelsch, *Friend of Ed Chaney*

Ron Wertz, *extended family of Betsy Galliher*

Pat Sorge, *Brother of Marie Purswell*

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