



As we prepare to celebrate the joy and wonder of Christmas, we are looking for volunteers to serve as lectors (readers) for our upcoming pageant, ***Olde English Inn***, December 14, 2025.

Lectors will help bring the story of Christ's birth to life. Whether you're an experienced reader or simply eager to share your voice and spirit, we'd love for you to take part.

If interested, please contact Lauren McCloskey through the Parish Office.



*Choir rehearsals will
be Thursdays
at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.*

SERVING TODAY

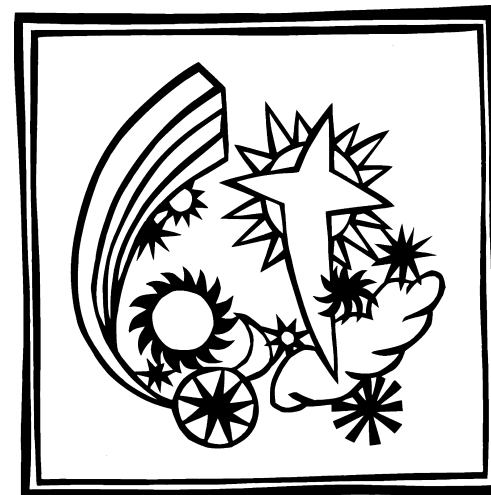
Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Marie Purswell
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Marcia Gupta & Patty Rimel
Acolytes.....Camden Plog, Annabelle Bush & Journey Gardner

Staff

Minister:202-497-0584 (pastor@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org).....Pastor Phil Beck
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Flower Coordinator.....Patty Rimel
Administration/PurchasingEd Chaney
SextonLarry Beard
Stephen Ministry.....Linda Yopp
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



**23rd Sunday After Pentecost
November 16, 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, O Sun of RighteousnessELW 657

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Donations for
Glade Valley Food Bank
are always accepted!

UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:

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



Christkindl Market Quilt Raffle

Chances on sale* during November!

1 chance \$3 — 2 chances \$5

- Approx. 82" x 95" (spread for double bed, coverlet for queen or king)
- Shades of cream, red and green, with white back
- Pieced by Connie Chesnik, knotted and hemmed by Kate Stottlemeyer
- **Drawing Dec. 6;** need not be present to win

**Get your chances early!
See Kate Stottlemeyer.**

*Suggested donation



ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring Family and Friends
Tuesday, December 2, 2025 and
Saturday, December 20, 2025 5pm-7pm
Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church,
101 S Main St., Woodsboro, MD
Please see Roxanne Smith with any questions.



**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.**

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Help us decorate for Christmas by purchasing a Poinsettia!

Red are available for \$10.00 each. You can sign up on

line at: <https://forms.gle/6eW56uj5zMEWaTER7>

use the sign up sheet at the side door bulletin board or in person at the Parish Office, with a check or cash.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 14th.



Hats & Mitten Tree

Give the gift of warmth!! Now through **December 14th** you can hang hats and mittens on the tree in the front of the overflow area or drop them off at the Parish Office Monday through Friday between 9am and 1pm. All donations will go to Glade Valley for families in need.



November is here and preparations are under way 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.

****Christkindl Market Volunteers Needed!** We are looking for help in several areas. The shifts are broken into morning and afternoon if you aren't available for the whole event.

Co-chairs: Amy & Russ Mildenstein

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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**.

***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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Anthem: "Let not your heart be troubled" by Oley Speaks

Soloist, Kate Stottlemeyer

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FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 98

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² O LORD, you have made known your victory,

you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn

shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonian 3:6-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....**"Jesus is the True Sign"**Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

O God, of Every NationELW 713

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P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***THE APOSTLES' 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.

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Join us for our Annual Stocking Stuffing:

**November 23rd @ 1:00pm
in the Social Hall.**

Get into the Christmas spirit by helping us bring joy to others this holiday season. You are invited to our annual Stocking Stuffing event to prepare stockings for children in need within the Walkersville Community. See Kay Wachter for more details!

Winter Love Bags – an outreach project to comfort those during The winter months who are recently bereaved, sick, elderly, unable to leave one's home, and those we care about at St. Paul's and in our community.

Congregational Life Committee is asking for your support by donating monies for last minute fresh food or by purchasing the following items to help fill the comfort bags: packaged hard candy bags, cough drops, Chapstick (brand), playing cards, word search books, puzzle books, Kleenex small square boxes, any prepackaged snacks, or anything that will bring care and love to shut-ins.

Now through December 5th – Submit names of loved ones to receive a comfort bag to Marcia Gupta at 26mbgup2405@gmail.com or 301-662-8044.

Now through December 5th - Donations can be dropped off during office hours (in the designated bin) or on Sundays (church). December 7th – Everyone is invited to help with packing the Love bags in the Parish Hall. Afterwards, we will carpool and deliver the Love bags!



QUILT MINISTRY

WANTED:

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

Please

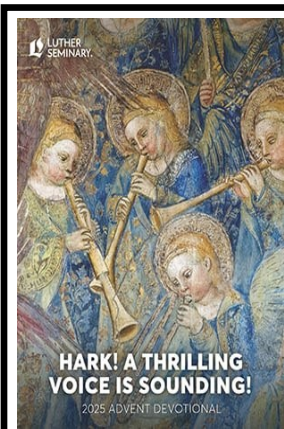
See Kate Stottlemeyer for details.

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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=g2e06DZVLGQ> November 2, 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 remembrance of
our grandmother, Lillian Foucart
By her family.*



**The Season of Advent begins on
Sunday, November 30th.**

**Please join us for daily
Advent Devotionals**

We will be using the devotional published by Luther Seminary this Advent season. You can access it by going to this link: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/> and download the regular or large print to print at home. Just click Subscribe to God Pause to receive the devotion through your email each day in advent (put in your name and email, and check the "God Pause Daily Devotions" box.)

FRIENDSGIVING

St. Paul's will be living out our mission statement, "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all," by providing and serving Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of Victoria Park.



St. Paul's will be hosting Friendsgiving on Saturday, November 29th, from 11:30 am – 2:00pm. The residents are extremely grateful for the continued support of the members of St. Paul's who lovingly and joyfully share their time and talents!

Please see the link below to sign up for food and/or volunteering to serve. Donated items can be dropped off at the Parish Hall at 11:00 am on 11/29 or pick up arrangements can be made. <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/ABNK6523>

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Mildenstein at mrussamy28@gmail.com or Lori King at lb69king@yahoo.com.

***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)**

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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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all 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.
- P: 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, November 16th

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Bell Court Worship	2:00pm

Monday, November 17th

FEC	8am-5pm
Worship and Arts	10:00am
Cub Scouts	6:00pm

Tuesday, November 18th

FHS	10am-3pm
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Wednesday, November 19th

FEC	8am-5pm
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Thursday, November 13th

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

Sunday, November 23rd

Worship <i>Christ the King</i> (Livestream)	9:00am
<i>23rd Sunday After Pentecost</i>	
Stocking Stuffing	1:00pm
Bishop Gohl 25th Anniversary	3:00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

October 26, 2025

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 720.56
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 100.00
Total:	\$ 820.56

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,602.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 0.00
Total:	\$2,602.00

ATTENDANCE:

November 11, 2025

In person: 52

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.154)

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.....**When Peace like a River**.....ELW 785
Text: African American spiritual

*DISMISSAL

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

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*

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*

Anne Barstow, *Sister of Dan Carroll*

Jamie Sulima, *Member*

Linda Koelsch, *Friend of Ed Chaney*

Ron Wertz, *Extended family of Betsy Galliher*

Family of Cindi MacKenzie, *Friend of St. Pauls*

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