



**First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 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.*

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Kate Stottlemeyer
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Marcia Gupta & Patty Rimel
Acolytes.....Camden Plog, Journey Gardner & Kay Wachter

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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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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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



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.



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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.



Christkindl Market is this 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. We hope to see you there!

**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 Christkindl bake sale are needed!

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

If you have any questions, please contact **Nancy Cochran.**

GATHERING HYMN

The King Shall ComeELW 260

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

*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 (ELW p. 147)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath

O come, O come Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God
appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and
stay; teach us your will and guide
our way.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Anthem: "Star of Advent" by Pepper Choplin.....Choir

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the
LORD."

² Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O
Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes
of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to
praise the name of the LORD.

⁵ For there are the thrones of
judgment,
the thrones of the house of
David.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love
you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your
towers.

⁸ For the sake of my kindred and
companions,
I pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD
our God,
I will seek to do you good."

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Join us for our **Annual Stocking Stuffing:**
TODAY!
directly after worship in the Parish 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!

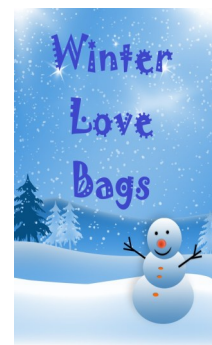
Is there someone you know who might benefit from a little winter love from our church community? We're assembling gift bags for individuals in need.

Now through December 5th submit names of loved ones to receive a Winter Love bag to the Parish Office either via email or by phone 301-845-4600.

Congregational Life Committee is asking for your support by donating monies for last minute fresh food or by purchasing the following items to help us fill the Love Bags.

Please see the weekly emails or the side bulletin board for details!

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!



**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.**

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



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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 celebration of Journey Gardner and
Elias Plowman's 10th Birthdays
by their Families.*



The Season of Advent is upon us.

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"

QUILT MINISTRY

WANTED:

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

Please
See Kate Stottlemeyer for details.



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.



Sermon.....Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is FlyingELW 436

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. Composite, Text © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

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.

*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:****DOXOLOGY**.....ELW 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (ELW p. 144)

P: Let us pray.
God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW P. 153)

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, November 30th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
First Sunday of Advent
Stocking Stuffing (Parish Hall) 10:00am

Monday, December 1st

FEC 8am-5pm
Cub Scouts 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 2nd

FHS 10am-3pm
Community Dinner 5:00pm
Executive Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 3rd

FEC 8am-5pm
Walkersville Tree Lighting 7:00pm

Thursday, December 4th

FHS 10am-3pm
Cub Scouts 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Saturday, December 6th

Christkindl Mart 10am-2pm

Sunday, December 7th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
Second Sunday of Advent
Love Bags 10:00am
Ministry Sunday 10:00am
Troop Meeting 5:00pm
Scout Committee 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

November 23, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$
Property Loan Fund: \$
Total: \$

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$
Property Loan Fund: \$
Total: \$

ATTENDANCE:

November 23, 2025

In person: 48
Virtual: 14

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/>

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW P. 153) CONT'D

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION HYMN (P.154)

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray,
God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make
known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in
harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you
may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN.....Lift High the Cross.....ELW 660**

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*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
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
Jacqueline, Friend of Kay Wachter and Charlotte Jones

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