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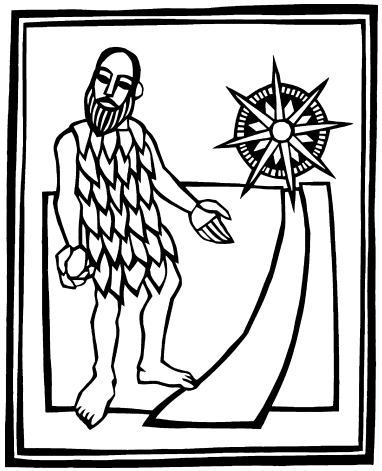
Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

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



Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

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

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Stand as you are able

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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: 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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The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear! Come share the magic of the season as we bring cheer and holiday classics to Bell Court.

653 Bell Ct, Woodsboro, MD 21798

Tuesday, December 9th starting at 6:00pm. We will sing till about 7:00. We hope to hear you there!

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.

Glade Valley Community Services

Donations for
Glade Valley Food Bank
are always accepted!

UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:

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

"This is what is meant by 'Thy king cometh.'
You do not seek him, but he seeks you.
You do not find him, he finds you"
—Martin Luther

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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 comfort bags: **Non food items**: Puzzle books, Mugs, Chapstick, Lotions, Shampoo, Soaps, Hand sanitizers, Small Christmas ornaments or items, Decks of cards, Candles, Combs/nail files/clippers, Cough drops. **Food items:** Breakfast bars or other breakfast items Chips, Small snacks, Chips/ popcorn/ nuts, Dried fruits Cookies/crackers, Tea, **Candy:** Candy canes, chocolate Hard candies, Other Now through December 14th - Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours, 9am-1pm or on Sundays (church).

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.

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.

GATHERING HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound! .....*ELW 239*
Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

****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 the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Temple Talk.....**Generosity**.....Lauren McCloskey

***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.

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

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 11:1-10

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72

[1] Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
[2] that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
[3] that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
[4] Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
[5] May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to an other.
[6] Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
[7] In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
[18] Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!
[19] And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's servicehttps://www.youtube.https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13SsfLZmZwE November 30, 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 Candace Foucart's Birthday by the Walker and McCloskey 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".

St. Paul's will have our traditional 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Please consider joining us in person to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

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

This Week at St Paul's

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
Monday, December 8th	
FEC	8am-5pm
Worship and Arts	10:00am
Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Tuesday, December 9th	
FHS	10am-3pm
Carling and Bell Court	6:00pm
Wednesday, December 10th	
FEC	8am-5pm
Thursday, December 11th	
FHS	10am-3pm
Cub Scouts	6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Sunday, December 14th	
Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Faith Formation	10:00am
Third Sunday of Advent	
Old English Inn	3.00pm

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: $ 576.96
Property Loan Fund: $ 100.00
Total: $ 676.96

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: $3,555.00
Property Loan Fund: $ 150.00
Total: $3,705.00

ATTENDANCE:
November 30, 2025
In person: 42
Virtual: 12

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

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 3:1-12*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon……*"Incarnation"*……..Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry……..ELW 249

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

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.

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:

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 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*
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 Stottlemyer*
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*
***Family of 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**

***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.

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*……*Blessed Be the God of Israel*……..ELW 250**

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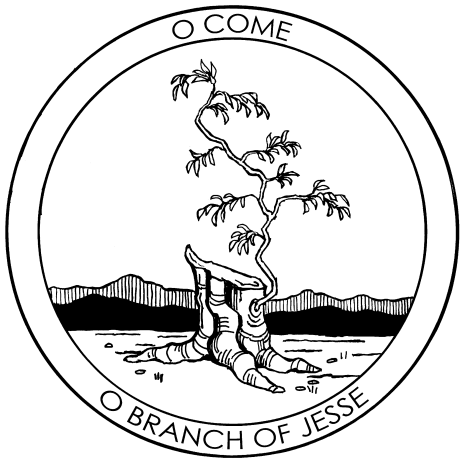
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