

Second Sunday of Christmas January 4, 2026

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville,

Worship Service—9:00 a.m.

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

SERVING TODAY

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Lector.....Gary Wachter
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Patty Rimel and Kay Wachter
Acolyte.....Camden Plog & Kay Wachter

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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 © 2024 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

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**Stand as you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Quilts

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

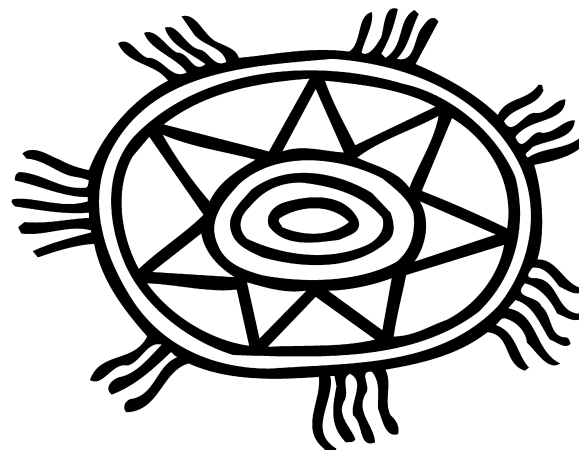
- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may 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.....O Word of God Incarnate.....ELW 514

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.



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Would you like to schedule a date 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, Hamburger Helper, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit and Peanut butter

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall, or you can put them in the basket by the side door and we will get them to the food bank for you!

Choir rehearsals will be Thursday Dec. 23rd at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.



***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 (p. 147)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Anthem "Christmastime" with Angels We Have Heard on High Arranged by Lloyd Larson, Words, and Music by Michael W. Smith and Joanna Carlson

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FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

P: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 147

¹² Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;

raise your God, O Zion,

¹³ who has strengthened the bars of your gates

and has blessed your children within you.

¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders

and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵ God sends out a command to the earth,

a word that runs very swiftly.

¹⁶ God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷ God scatters hail like bread crumbs.

Who can stand against God's cold?

¹⁸ The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;

the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹ God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.

²⁰ The LORD has not done so to any other nation;

they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY.....Of the Father's Love Begotten.....ELW 295**

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMMUNITY DINNER

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring Family and Friends
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 and
Saturday, January 17, 2026 5pm-7pm
Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church,
101 S Main St., Woodsboro, MD
Please see Roxanne Smith with any questions.



VICTORIA PARK
SOUPERBOWL EVENT
SOUP AND BINGO
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
NOON-2:00PM

Saint Paul's will be hosting this fun social event for the residents. We are looking for several volunteers to help and to provide soup and desserts for the event. Please see the link below to sign up. Donated items can be brought to Victoria Park at 11:30am on the day of the event or call if other arrangements need to be made.

Click this link to sign up: [Victoria Park - Souper Bowl Event](#)

Lori King 301-693-2328 or lb69king@yahoo.com

Amy Mildenstein 301-646-3304 or mrussamy28@gmail.com

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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. Video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6duei5WFP9E&t=2186s>, December 15, 2024. Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7-Q>

* *The altar flowers are given to the* *
* *glory of God and in celebration of* *
* *Christ's Hope, Peace, Joy* *
* *and Love of all!* *



TOWN HALL MEETING

JANUARY 18TH, 10:00AM

ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 25TH, 10:00AM

LEADERSHIP

'Calling all the helpers!'

We are at that time of year when the outgoing council members are seeking new hands to continue our work as the leadership of St Paul's. If you have ever felt a calling or curiosity about council leadership and what we do, please seek out Pastor, Patty, Sheila or any council member for answers!

**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 VINYARDS BE FRUITFUL (ELW 184)**

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923, Music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 (sung, 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)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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.**

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, January 4th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Second Sunday of Christmas

Quilt Blessing

Recognition Brunch 10:00am

Troop Meeting 5:00pm

Scout Committee Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 6th

Community Dinner 5:00pm

Executive Council 7:00pm

Thursday, January 8th

Girl Scouts 6:00pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Sunday, January 11th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Third Sunday of Christmas

Faith Formation 10:00am

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need:
\$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
\$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
December 21, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$ 916.96
Property Loan Fund: \$ 130.00
Total: \$1,026.96

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$4,806.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 50.00
Total: \$4,856.00

ATTENDANCE:
December 21, 2025

In person: 47
Virtual: 11

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
December 28, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$ 375.30
Property Loan Fund: \$ 15.00
Total: \$ 390.30

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$2,173.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 350.00
Total: \$2,823.00

ATTENDANCE:
December 21, 2025

In person: 48
Virtual: 9

HOLY COMMUNION:

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN (P.154)

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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,
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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace
and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN.....Let All Together Praise Our God.....ELW 287**

Text: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561; tr. hymnal version, Text © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

***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*

Jack Lotwick, *Friend of Robb and Dianne Port*

Parker Bazarewski, *Extended family of Ed Chaney*

Dudley Cate, *Family friends of Ed Chaney*

Patty Plitt, *Cousin of Ed Chaney*

Leanne Colwell, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

Charlie Snow, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

Kira Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

Pastor Phyllis Haynes, *A colleague of Pastor Phil Beck.*

Nancy Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

Family of Anne Barstow, *Sister of Dan Carroll*

Linda Koelsch, *Friend of Ed Chaney*

Joseph Evans, *Father of Patty Rimel and Mary Sulima*

Marion Lawrence, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemeyer*

Emily Kilmon, *daughter of Betsy Galliher*

Richard Pratt, *brother of Patty Rimel and Mary Sulima*

Dawn Lee Knoebel, *Daughter of Robb and Dianne Port*

Dottie Titmas, *Member*

Regina Baker, *Member*

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 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/>