



Fourth Sunday in Lent March 15, 2026

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service—9:00 a.m.

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

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****Stand as you are***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CANDLES LIT

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: 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound.....ELW 779

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

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:**

P: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Anthem: Choir - "Behold the Lamb"

Arranged by Stewart Harris; Words and Music by Diane Hannibal

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FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

P: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151) Return to the Lord**

GOSPEL: John 9:1 to 41

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor Peter Roy

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY..... Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies.....ELW 553**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

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

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P: We affirm our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.....ELW 884

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

P: With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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,
Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION (ELW p. 155)

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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN..... In the Cross of Christ I Glory.....ELW 324*

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

***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*

Kira Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

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

Nancy Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

Linda Koelsch, *Friend of Ed Chaney*

Family of 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*

Regina Baker, *Member*

Jaqueline, *Friend of Kay Wachter and Charlotte Jones*

Mary Zeiman, *Mother of Amy Mildenstein*

Linda Brown, *Friend of the Mildenstein Family*

Steve Jones, *very close personal friend of Joann Valainis*

Laura Wertz, *Daughter of Betsy Galliher*

Michael and Serena Anderson, *Friends of Linda Yopp*

Bob Schmidt, *Brother of Dottie Titmas*

Emily Hess, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

Adrian Smith, *Grandson of Sam and Marie Purswell*

Mary Wachter, *Sister-in-law of Gary Wachter*

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!

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, March 15th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Bell Court Worship 2:00pm

Monday, March 16th

FEC 8am-5pm

Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 17th

Saint Patrick's Day

FHS 9am-3pm

Congregational Life 6:00pm

Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 18th

FEC 8am-5pm

Soup and Sandwich in the Parish Hall 6:00pm

Worship 7:00pm

Thursday, March 19th

FHS 9am-3pm

Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Friday, March 20th

Blood Drive 10am-4pm

Saturday, March 21st

Community Dinner 5:00pm

Sunday, March 22nd

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Bell Court Worship 2:00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need:
\$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
\$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

March 8, 2026

Weekly Contributions: \$ 242.55
Property Loan Fund: \$ 35.00
Total: \$ 277.55

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$ 691.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 250.00
Total: \$ 941.00

ATTENDANCE:

March 8, 2026

In person: 47

Virtual: 10

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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=a6_lammQtvY February 15, 2026. Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow1I7_-Q

There will be NO altar flowers during Lent, however you may plan ahead and reserve a date for Easter or after. 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!

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring Family and Friends!
Saturday, March 21, 2026 5pm-7pm
Woodsboro Evangelical Church,
101 S. Main St., Woodsboro, MD
Please see Roxanne Smith with any questions



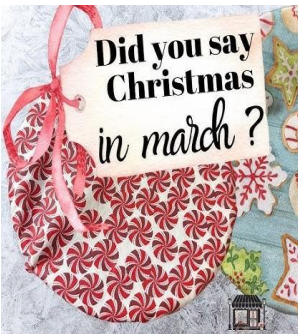
COMMUNITY DINNER

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Our past members have generously donated funds specifically designated for camperships at Mar-Lu-Ridge. If you are interested in having your children participate in a campership at Mar-Lu-Ridge, please contact Lauren McCloskey for more information.

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Year-Round Stocking Stuffer Project!

MARCH

Bath Scrubbies, Toothpaste, Regular Coloring Books *(not color & activity)*

You may bring donations to worship and place them in the designated Christmas box or you may drop them off at the Parish Hall Monday through Friday between 9am and 1pm. Please see Kay Wachter with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Help us decorate for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily. They are available for \$14.00 each.

Sign up using the sign-up sheet on the side bulletin board or call the Parish Office to purchase with a check or cash.

Remember, you don't have to throw these beautiful lilies away; they can be planted in your garden for next year's blooming!

****Please don't forget to designate your dedication.***

March 22nd is the final date to order!



**Come one, come all!
Saint Paul's MOVIE DAY!**

Saturday, March 28th

2:00p-4:00pm

**In the overflow
section of the Church**

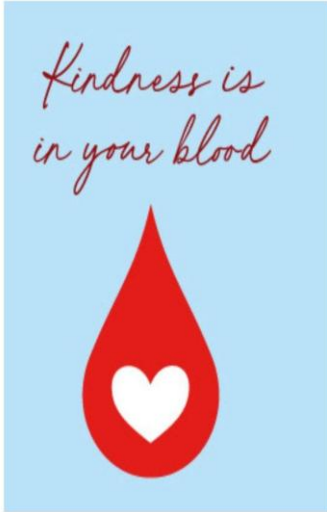
RISEN

Risen is the story of a Roman centurion's involvement in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

Call Kay Wachter 301-693-5256 or Gary Wachter 301-693-3453 with any questions.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Blood Drive



**SAINT PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

19 W. Pennsylvania Ave.,
Walkersville, MD 21793

**FRIDAY
MARCH 20, 2026
10AM to 4PM**



EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

We are looking for individually wrapped candies to use for our Easter Egg hunt this year.

Please make sure they will be small enough to put inside of a plastic egg.

We will be collecting until Sunday, March 22nd.

All donations can be brought in to the church in the donation box inside the Nave.

Thank you all so much!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE!



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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF

WALKERSVILLE
EASTER EGG HUNT

The Story of
Easter!

Games!

When: Saturday, April 4th, 2026

Time: 3:00PM- 5:00 PM

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
14 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
Walkersville

Goats!

Crafts!

Egg Hunt Times

3:30- Ages 0-2

3:45- Ages 3-5

4:00- Ages 6-9

4:15- Ages 10+



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY



*Strawberry
Festival*

Meeting

When: Sunday, March 15th
Right after service

Where: Overflow

**Who is to come: Anyone who is
called to help at the festival.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our annual Yard Sale is approaching fast!

Donations will be collected on the Parsonage front porch beginning today, March 15th. Donations can be dropped off anytime through Wednesday, May 13th. If you have things you'd like to donate but can't get them to the Parsonage, please call the Parish Office to arrange a pick up.

Volunteers are needed to help sort donations and prepare them for set up. If you can lend a hand please contact Kay Wachter through the Parish Office or speak to her after Worship. Thank you so much for your continued support of the annual Yard Sale at St. Paul's!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lenten Wednesday Worship—

Soup and Sandwich @ 6pm, and Worship @ 7:00pm,
both in the Parish Hall.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – 6:00pm Meal and Worship at 7:00pm @ Bethel

Good Friday – 7:00pm @ Saint Paul's and Noon at Bethel



Choir rehearsals will

be on Thursdays

at 7:00pm

in the sanctuary.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Peter Roy
Lector.....Trish Valcarcel
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Patty Rimel and Mary Sulima
Acolyte.....Camden Plog & Kay Wachter

Staff

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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 © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved | License # SAS103410, Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #736745-A. All rights reserved CCLI Copyright © 2026 License 21412874, Streaming 21412867 All rights reserved