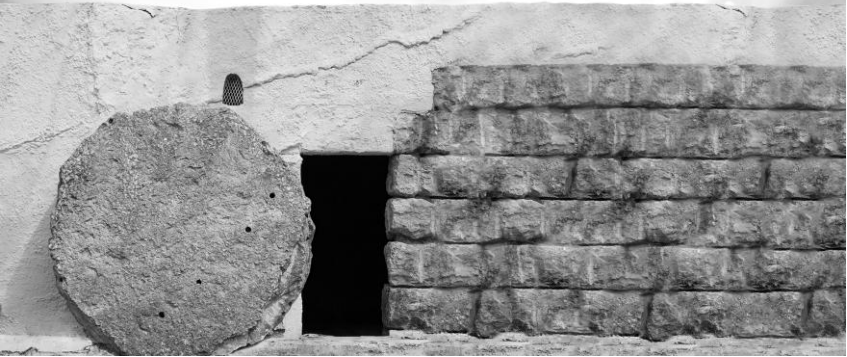


E A S T E R



Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service—9:00 a.m.

Church Phone: 301-845-4600

E-mail: info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

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

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Savior, Servant, Friend

Redeemer

Order of Service

*I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you. John 15:15*

Invocation and Call to Worship

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Our friend Jesus lives!

C To forgive our sins and heal our wounds!

P Our friend Jesus lives!

C To listen to our prayers and encourage us!

P Our friend Jesus lives!

C To protect us from all harm and bring us comfort!

P Our friend Jesus lives!

C To be our King, Servant and Savior!

P Our friend Jesus lives!

C What a friend we have in Jesus!

Confession and Forgiveness

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Jesus has left the tomb empty to empty sin of its power. Just as the stone was rolled away from the tomb on that first Easter morning, O Holy Spirit, roll away the stones from our hearts. Enable us to confess our sins, repent of them and receive Christ's forgiveness.

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

P O Lord, we bring before you all of our sins—what we have said and done, what we have failed to say and do.

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

P O Lord, we bring before you all of our sins—the pride and arrogance, the gossip and slander, the hurtful thoughts and words.

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

P O Lord, we bring before you all of our sins—the lust and disobedience, the selfishness and rebellion, the greed and gluttony.

C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ's love is greater.)*

P Your redeemer lives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead.
Your redeemer and friend, Christ Jesus, forgives you of all of your sins. Just as the tomb was left empty, Jesus has emptied sin of its power over you, and he has set you free. Know that your redeemer lives, and know that your redeemer declares to you:
Your sins are forgiven!

C What a friend we have in Jesus!

Opening Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619

I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save, he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to
the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet,
priest, and king!

KYRIE Pg. 147

P In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

***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.

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, what a Redeemer you are! You free us to live a new
life as your holy and redeemed people. By the very same power
that overcame the grave and left the tomb empty, empower us to
live with great hope, joy, celebration and peace. Place in our
mouths the great Good News that our Redeemer lives. We pray in
your name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Choir - "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed"

Arranged by James Koerts; Words & Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty & Ed Cash
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First Reading ... Job 19:23-27a

P: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

² Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord;

here the righteous may enter."

²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ By the Lord has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading ... Galatians 3:13-14

P: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ... John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor Peter Roy

Hymn of the Day *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* **ELW 365**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia! Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem
our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our
heav'nly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation hath
procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where
the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love,
Alleluia! Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son
and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

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

P Lord God, you are mighty to roll away stones and leave tombs empty. You are mighty to wipe away our sins and set us free. We come before you now with our prayers and petitions knowing your mighty promises to hear our prayers and answer them according to your wisdom and knowledge.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Risen Redeemer, roll away the stones from our hearts and souls, opening us up to come before you just as we are.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Risen Redeemer, deliver us from all doubt and despair, draw us back from our wandering and return us to live for you alone.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Risen Redeemer, protect this world from the enemies of peace, grant safety to the vulnerable and guide the work of our leaders with wisdom and truth.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Risen Redeemer, empower your church to be witnesses of the empty tomb, heralds of resurrection joy and peacemakers in the name of our friend Jesus.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Risen Redeemer, heal the brokenness of our hearts and minds, souls and bodies, so that we can live as your redeemed and restored people now and for all eternity.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Risen Redeemer, you live to bless us with your love; you live to plead for us above; you live our hungry souls to feed; you live to help us in our time of need. Let us live knowing that our Redeemer lives.

C What a Redeemer we have in Jesus. Amen.

**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 FlowELW 884

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.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW, 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

***Holy, Holy, Holy (p.153)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power and might, heaven 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

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 in 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 in remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

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.

P All are welcome at Christ's Table, come as you are. The Table is set, the feast is prepared, come and eat.

Post Communion Prayer

P God of abundance,

C with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

P Go now, knowing that your Redeemer—Christ Jesus—lives and frees us to live a new life of resurrection peace and power, joy and jubilee. Amen.

C Let us ever walk with Jesus!

Sending Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

ELW 385

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of song to strew his way; Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

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*

Emily Hess, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

Adrian Smith, *Grandson of Sam and Marie Purswell*

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

Family of Bob Schmidt, *Brother of Dottie Titmas*

Our United States Military, *by Robb and Dianne Port*

Nancy Green, *friend of Sue Snyder*

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

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/>

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, March 29th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Palm Sunday

Cub Scouts 5:00pm

Monday, March 30th

FEC 8am-5pm

Girl Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 31st

FHS 9am-3pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 1st

FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, April 2nd

Maundy Thursday

Meal @ Bethel 6:00pm

Worship @ Bethel 7:00pm

FHS 9am-3pm

Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Saturday, April 4th

Good Friday

Worship 7:00pm

Sunday, April 5th

Easter Sunday

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

Ministry Sunday 10:00am

Troop 1070 Meeting 5:00pm

Cub Scout Meeting 7:00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need:
\$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
\$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

January 25, 2026

Weekly Contributions: \$ 664.55
Property Loan Fund: \$ 35.00
Total: \$ 699.55

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Electronic/Mail-ins Income

February 1, 2026

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:

February 8, 2026

In person: 42

Virtual: 9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. Video link https://youtu.be/FhF_y5LncdM 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/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q



***The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Ron Chesnik.
by Connie Chesnik.***



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!
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 and
Saturday, April 18, 2026 5pm-7pm
Woodsboro Evangelical Church,
101 S. Main St., Woodsboro, MD**

Please see Roxanne Smith with any questions



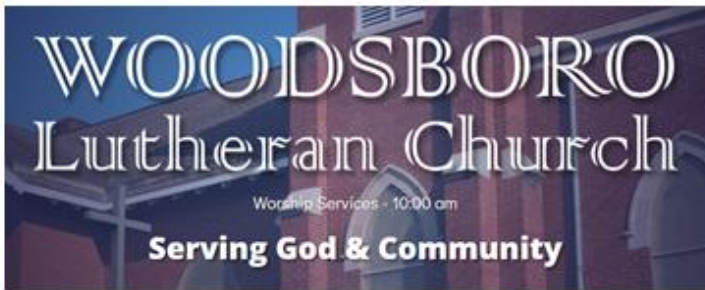
ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are coming upon the time of change...

Noisy change that is!

Start gathering all those coins laying around and bring them to church! From April 26th through May 24th we will be collecting loose coin offerings to take to the Synod Assembly at the beginning of June. ***Bring on the change!***



Preorder by Wednesday April 22
Pick up on Saturday April 25 @ 11am-2pm

Turkey & Ham Slippery Pot Pie \$9

By the Quart

Country Ham Sandwiches \$5

Delicious Homemade Baked Goods Also Available



Go to: <https://woodsborolutheranchurch.com/pot-pie/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our annual Yard Sale is approaching fast! Donations will be collected on the Parsonage front porch.

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.

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!

Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th at First Ev. Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, MD.



Need 2 members from St. Paul's to attend.

A great opportunity to learn what's happening around the DE/MD Synod and network with members from other churches. Interested, please see Pastor Roy, Sheila Kahler or call the Office **by April 12, 2025.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



This is the time for anticipating the wonderful enjoyment that the St. Paul's annual Strawberry Festival brings to our community. Our historical festival will happen on May 16, 2026.

This event is one of the major draws for Walkersville Days and shows that St. Paul's is active in the Lord's work of bringing all people together in celebration.

We are in the process of planning all the details for this event. ***We really need your help.*** There is something for everyone. No experience necessary.

Please see Lauren McCloskey about lending your talents!



May 2, 2026 from 8 to Noon. A time to gather and do some spring cleaning in preparation for the Strawberry Festival. More details to follow.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 6, 2026 in observance of Easter.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Peter Roy
Lector.....Ed Chaney
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Sam and Maddie Carroll
Acolyte.....Camden Plog, Journey Gardner & 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.