

# Palm Sunday

## March 29, 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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# Savior, Servant, Friend

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### \*BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

And, so, we begin our Palm Sunday worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C For his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)**

P Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

**C The Lord answered me and set me free. (Psalm 118:5)**

P The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

**C What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:6)**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C We bless you from the house of the Lord. (Psalm 118:26)**

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C For his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 118:29)**

**\*Opening Hymn.....*All Glory, Laud and Honor*.....ELW 344**

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of

Israel and David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels is praising you on high; And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise; To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring, O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P Save us, King Jesus, from all sin and condemnation that threatens to cut us off from friendship with you. Hear us now as we confess our sins and receive your forgiveness.

**C We have wrongly sought to save ourselves through our own strength and deeds, through our own efforts and power.**

P We have wrongly assumed that we rule over our own lives and control all things.

**C We have lorded our power and love, words and deeds over others rather than loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

P We have failed to protect those under our care and cared more for ourselves than anyone else.

**C We have departed from the kingdom of God and become ensnared by sin, death and the devil.**

P We have traded in King Jesus for all sorts of idols and false gods.

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

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that King Jesus loves and forgives us all the same despite our sin and rebellion.)*

P Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Your friend and King—Jesus—has not forsaken you on account of your sin. Rather, your friend and King forgives you and welcomes you into his kingdom through faith. Friends, your hope and joy, your Savior and Lord, comes to you righteous and having salvation. By the promise and power of King Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C What a friend we have in Jesus!**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Lord Jesus, our King and Friend, enter into our midst, and enter into our hearts just as you entered into Jerusalem on that very first Palm Sunday. Grant us your Holy Spirit so that we might be humble and lowly in heart, and always ready to receive you as our King. We pray this in your name.

**C Amen.**

**\*Anthem Choir - "A Joyful Hosanna"**

*Words by Jon Paige; Music by Brian Buda*  
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**Old Testament Reading ... Zechariah 9:9-11**

**Epistle Reading ... Hebrews 12:1-2**

**Gospel Reading ... Luke 19:28-40**

**Sermon.....Pastor Peter Roy**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**\*Hymn of the Day *Ride On, Ride on in Majesty....* ELW 346**

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue your road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies in the sky Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see th'approaching Sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh. The Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die, Bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

**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**

P Lord God, you have promised to hear the prayers of your people and to be present among us when we gather in your name.

Trusting in your promises and your presence, we come before you in prayer on this Palm Sunday. We come before you with cries of "Hosanna" and hearts that long to be saved by you. And so we pray. Lord God, you are our King, and you are worthy of all our adoration and praise.

**C God of Grace, hear our prayer.**

P Save us from false worship and misguided trust so that we can have no other King besides you.

**C God of Grace, hear our prayer.**

P Save this world from all who seek to do it harm—destroyers of peace, workers of injustice and all who seek to harm innocent lives.

**C God of Grace, hear our prayer.**

P Save us from our sin so that we may live for you alone.

**C God of Grace, hear our prayer.**

P Save all who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

**C God of Grace, hear our prayer.**

P Save this land that we call home, and bless our leaders with wisdom and integrity as they fulfill the duties of their offices.

**C God of Grace, hear our prayer.**

P Save us from greed and thanklessness, filling our hearts instead with thanksgiving and joy.

**C God of Grace, hear our prayer.**

P Save us as we approach your table to feast on forgiveness through your very body and blood.

**C Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

*\*The Peace*

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*"The Holy City"*, soloist – Steve King

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**\*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.**

**\*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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. 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:"

**\*(ELW, 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.**

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

P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

**\*Post Communion Prayer:**

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

P Friends, your King comes to you righteous and having salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey. Be blessed by your King and friend, Jesus Christ our Lord! May King Jesus bless you and keep you as he comes to overthrow sin, death and the devil. Hosanna!

**C What a friend we have in Jesus!**

**\*Sending Hymn.....*O Worship the King*.....ELW 842**

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love; Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust, nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love While angels delight to hymn you above! Your humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to your praise!



## 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*

### How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office

Administrator ([officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org](mailto: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

## This Week at St Paul's

### Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

*Palm Sunday*

Cub Scouts 5:00pm

### Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

FEC 8am-5pm

Girl Scouts 6:00pm

### Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

FHS 9am-3pm

### Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

FEC 8am-5pm

### Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Maundy Thursday*

Meal @ Bethel 6:00pm

Worship @ Bethel 7:00pm

FHS 9am-3pm

Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

### Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

*Good Friday*

Worship 7:00pm

### Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

*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**

**March 15, 2026**

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

**In Worship Offerings**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

**March 15, 2026**

In Person: 46  
Virtual: 11

# 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](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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q)



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*



ALTAR  
FLOWERS

SIGN-UP TODAY



*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*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE!



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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF

The Story of  
Easter!

WALKERSVILLE  
EASTER EGG HUNT

Games!

When: Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 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



**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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!**



## **Congratulations!**

In 2025, St. Paul's received \$869 through the Thrivent Choice® program — and that's worth celebrating! 🎉

Your work strengthens communities, and we're grateful for the impact you make every day. With the March 31, 2026 deadline approaching, we wanted to remind you to direct any remaining 2025 Choice Dollars® before they expire.

## **Good news ahead:**

We're excited to share that enhancements to the Thrivent Choice program are coming soon — including broader member eligibility, full-year flexibility, and a new year-end expiration date. Stay tuned — more details will be shared in the months ahead.

## **Don't forget:**

**2025 Choice Dollars® expire March 31, 2026.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

Save the Date



Glade UCC Annual  
**Spring**  
Community Concert

Join The Glade Choir,  
The Glade Tower Handbell Choir,  
Bill Powell and friends  
for an evening of

*Inspirational Spring Music*

**Wednesday, April 8th  
at 7 pm**

Light refreshments will be  
served following the concert.

Glade UCC - 21 Fulton Ave, Walkersville MD

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Property Clean-Up Day -**  
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.
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS) -**  
Week of July 6 - July 9, 2026 (evenings)
- **Annual service in the Park and Picnic -**  
August 23, 2026 @ 10:30 AM

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

**Easter Sunday**—9:00am @ Saint Paul's and 11:15am @ Bethel

## **SERVING TODAY**

Minister.....Pastor Peter Roy  
Lector.....Ed Chaney  
Organist.....Jeff Gentry  
Ushers.....Patty Rimel and Mary Sulima  
Acolyte.....Camden Plog, Journey Gardner & Kay Wachter

### **Staff**

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Office Admin:301-845-4600 (officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org)....Joann Valainis  
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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.