

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 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 able***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING OF THE QUILTS**

**CHURCH BELL RUNG**

**CANDLES LIT**

**GATHERING**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

***\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS***

**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

**My God, How Wonderful Thou Art.....**ELW 863

*Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863*

**\*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)**

**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.**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE This is the Feast (p. 149)**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**P:** Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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**

**“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” .....**Choir

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

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**FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31**

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66**

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;

**let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living

**and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us;

**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

<sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net;

**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,

**but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

<sup>13</sup> I will enter your house with burnt offerings

**and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips

**and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;

**I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe,

**and I will tell you what God has done for me.**

<sup>17</sup> I called out to God with my mouth,

**and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart,

**the Lord would not have heard me;**

<sup>19</sup> but in truth God has heard me

**and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,

**nor withheld unfailing love from me.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Gospel: *John 14:15-21***

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th 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**

***Come, Holy Spirit, Descend*.....ACS 980**

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***\*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

**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.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)**

**P:** Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

**P:** Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

**P:** We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

**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 for the remembrance of me.

**P:** 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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C: 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.

### ***HOLY COMMUNION:***

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **COMMUNION HYMN (p.155)**

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. 155)**

P: Let us pray,  
Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**BENEDICTION**

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*..... ELW 392

**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*

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*

Michael and Serena Anderson, *Friends of Linda Yopp*

Adrian Smith, *Grandson of Sam and Marie Purswell*

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

Sheila Kahler, *member*

Patty Rimel, *member*

Geneva Coren, *Close friend of Kay Wachter*

Trish Valcarcel, *member*

**Family of Jon Brundage**, *member*

**Jeff Gentry**, *Music Director*

### 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 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  
through the Parish Office.*

## 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, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am

### ***Mother's Day***

Quilt Blessing 9:00am

Faith Formation 10:00am

Bell Court Worship 3:00pm

### **Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

FEC 8am-5pm

Worship and Arts 10:00am

Girl Scouts 6:00pm

### **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

FHS 9am-3pm

Yard Sale Set Up 9:00am

### **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

FEC 8am-5pm

Yard Sale 9am-3pm

### **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Yard Sale 9am-3pm

Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

### **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Strawberry Festival Set Up

### **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Strawberry Festival set up 8:00am

Festival 9am-2pm

### **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Worship 9:00am

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:**

Current Fund Weekly Need:  
\$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:  
\$350.00

**Electronic/Mail-ins Income**  
**May 3, 2026**

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

**In Worship Offerings**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

**May 3, 2026**

In Person: 45  
Virtual: 6

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*\*\*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=tLqmiUgOT8Q> 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/UCSP619JEggsBUXlow17\\_-Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP619JEggsBUXlow17_-Q)



Happy  
*Mother's Day*

*For some, Mother's day isn't always a day of celebration. It can be bittersweet, sometimes mixed with sadness. Please remember, that is OK. Our Prayers are with you and for you and please know you are never alone.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Bring Family and Friends!**

**(Saturday , May 16, 2026 CANCELLED)**

**Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**101 S. Main St., Woodsboro, MD**

*Please see Roxanne Smith with any questions*



COMMUNITY DINNER



**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!***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



***6 DAYS and counting  
TILL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!***

***Our 60th Annual Strawberry Festival will be on  
May 16th from 9am-2pm! The Clock is  
ticking and our success depends on you!***

*Hello everyone, Thank you all for your continued support and willingness to serve—it truly makes a difference in bringing our community together.*

After careful consideration, we've made the decision not to sell hot dogs at this year's Strawberry Festival. Unfortunately, we don't have enough volunteers to properly staff and serve that station. We're grateful for those who were ready to help, and we're hopeful we can bring it back next year with a larger team.

***That said, we still have a wonderful festival planned—  
but we need your help to make it happen!***

As you can see, there are still many opportunities to jump in and serve. Whether you can help for an hour or the whole event, donate items or monetarily, every bit of help matters and helps ensure the day runs smoothly for everyone who attends.

***Please take a moment to sign up using the Signup Genius link below. There are still MANY things we need. Your participation is what makes events like this possible, and we truly can't do it without you.***

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094FAFAF29A4F94-63913523-strawberry>

I am working on setting up a Venmo account for the church to make transactions easier during the festival—more details to come soon.

We may be working with a smaller team than in past years, but with your help, we can still make this Strawberry Festival a joyful and successful event for our whole community.

Again, I appreciate everyone who is helping out with this. Please reach out with any thoughts, comments, or concerns.

Lauren

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Strawberry shortcake bakers!!**

#### **\*\*\*Important\*\*\***

We need people to bake 30 cakes for the Strawberry Short Cake tent! They are available for pick up in the church over flow area!

*Please make sure when you take a pan, you put your name on the sign-up sheet!*

***\*\*Drop off cakes Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 2pm in the Parish Hall or the Social Hall. If you need to arrange a special drop off time please contact Candy Foucart through the Parish Office.***



**Calling all Bakers** - The Bake Table needs donated bake goods to sell at the Strawberry Festival. All donations must be wrapped and all the ingredients listed on a “yellow tag”. “Yellow Tags” can be found at the sign-up table in the church.

We will be receiving baked goods for the Strawberry Festival on **Friday, May 15th** at the Parish Hall during business hours (9AM to 1PM) or late afternoon/early evening (4PM to 6PM) The “yellow tags” will also be available at drop off to write down the ingredients. Please contact Nancy Cochran through the Parish Office with any questions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Would you like to schedule a date to sponsor Altar flowers? Please use the sign up on the bulletin board or contact the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a date to honor or remember.***



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***

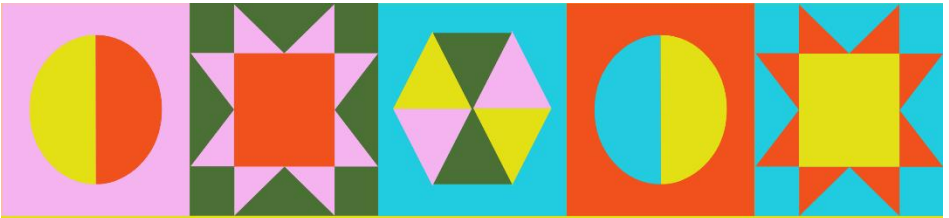
*Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall, or you can put them in the basket by the side door and we will get them to the food bank for you!*



**Our annual Yard Sale is approaching fast!**  
**Donations will be collected on the Parsonage front porch. Donations can be dropped off anytime through Tuesday, May 12<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!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Strawberry Festival Quilt Raffle

# QUILT

**Chances\* will be on Sale at the Festival!**

**1 chance \$3 --- 2 chances \$5**

\*Approx. 72" x 72"

(spread for twin bed, coverlet for double)

\*Shades of blue, cream and pink

\*Top is hand stitched



# RAFFLE

**GET YOUR CHANCES EARLY!  
SEE KATE STOTTMAYER**

*\*Suggested Donation*

Drawing May 16; need not be present to win



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Church Lawn Care Volunteers Needed – 2026 Season!

Do you have a knack for lawn care?  
Your talent is much needed!

We are seeking volunteers to help mow and maintain  
our church lawn throughout the 2026 season.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, enjoy time  
outdoors, and take pride in keeping our church  
grounds welcoming and beautiful.



### **Schedule Options:**

We offer flexible mowing times—  
whether you prefer weekday evenings,  
weekend mornings, or a time that  
fits your schedule, we'll work with you!

### **Time Commitment:**

Typically 2-3 hours per  
scheduled mowing session.

### **Requirement:**

For safety reasons, **volunteers must be 18 or older** to operate the riding mower.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please contact:

**Sheila Kahler, Lauren McCloskey or Susan Hayes**

Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or call the Parish Office  
301-845-4600

*Let's work together to keep our church grounds looking their best all season long*

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

**We need volunteers to mow, edge and spruce up on  
May14th, prior to Strawberry Festival**



*The month of May has sprung upon us!*

We are **halfway** there to Stocking Stuffing Time! This month we need:  
**\*Game Cards (crazy 8's, etc.), washcloths for infant boys**  
 You always have the option for a financial donation also.  
 Please see Kay for more details.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**Bring Family and Friends!**

**Staff**

Minister:.....Pastor Peter Roy  
 Office Admin:301-845-4600 (officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org)....Joann Valainis  
 Music Coordinator .....Jeff Gentry  
 Flower Coordinator.....Patty Rimel  
 Administration/Purchasing .....Ed Chaney  
 Sexton .....Larry Beard  
 Stephen Ministry.....Linda Yopp  
 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.