



Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 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***

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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

How Great Thou Art.....ELW 856

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***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: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68

¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;

let those who hate God flee.

² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;

**as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish
at the presence of God.**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides
the clouds;

I Am is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;

but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,

when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence
of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ Your people found their home in it;

**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the
poor.**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

sing praises to the Lord.

³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;

you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe power to God,

**whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the
skies.**

³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,

giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Gospel: John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th 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**

***Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*.....ELW 398**

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892

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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 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.

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

Blessed Assurance..... ELW 638

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe Knapp, 1830-1908

Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

*****Please remember to return name tag pins to the containers at the side door or the front door before leaving today.***

– thank you, Kay Wachter



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*

Nancy Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder*

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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*

Davey Crockett, *Friend*

Family of Mary Wachter, *Sister in law of Gary and Kay Wachter*

Kathleen Twenhafel, *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!

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 24th

Pentecost, New Member
Worship (Livestream)

9:00am

Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26th

Congregational Life
Council

6:00pm
7:00pm

Thursday, May 28th

Cub Scouts

6:00pm

Saturday, May 23rd

Boy Scout Training, Social Hall

8:00am

Sunday, May 31st

Worship, (Live Stream)
Holy Trinity

9:00am

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need:
\$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
\$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
May 10, 2026

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:
May 10, 2026

In Person: 40
Virtual: 8

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/vrEwIG8Ymqc> 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/UCSP619JEpgsBUXlow17 -Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP619JEpgsBUXlow17-Q)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Marie Purswell's, Pat Sorge's and J.T. Valcarcel's birthdays!



Thank you to everyone who so generously donated their time and talents to St. Paul's 60th Annual Strawberry Festival!

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

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026 and
Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 5:00-6:30pm**

**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!

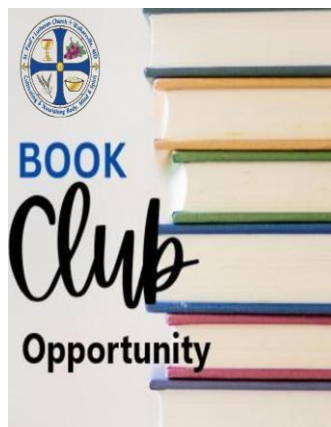
GATHER all those coins laying around and bring them to church through May 24th! We will be collecting loose coin offerings to take to the Synod Assembly at the beginning of June. **Bring on the change!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us in reading
“The Jesus Priorities - 8 Essential Habits”
By Christopher Maricle

Book Club Opportunity - To meet as a group once a month on Sundays after Worship Service

- May 31st - Overview, Priority 1
- June 28th - Priorities 2-4
- July 26th - Priorities 5-7
- August 30th - Priority 8 + Making Jesus Priorities Our Essential Habits

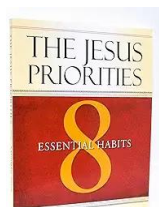


The eight priorities can be divided, like the Ten Commandments, into two primary categories.

- *Pray and Seek God’s Will* - provides guidance for building our relationship with God.
- *Heal, Love, Spread the Word, Build Up Treasure in Heaven, Accept Children as Precious, and Live with Humility* - provide guidance on essential habits for Christian life as it is lived in action.

Our own spiritual reflection and growth can begin with these two questions:

1. **What** am I doing?
2. **Why** am I doing it?



RSVP with Sheila Kahler or Susan

***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.***



ANNOUNCEMENTS



*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.



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!*

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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.