



**Holy Trinity Sunday, May 31, 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**

**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

**Holy God, We Praise Your Name**.....ELW 414

*Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900*

**\*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 Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

***FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2-4a***

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!—**

<sup>2</sup> you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

**human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;

**with glory and honor you crown them.**

<sup>6</sup> You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle,

**even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

**L:**     *The Word of the Lord.*

**C:**     **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th 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, Join the Dance of Trinity.....ELW 412***

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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**

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*..... ELW 413**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, att.

**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*

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*

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*

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*

**Family of Darlene Kiever**, *Member*

### 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 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Holy Trinity Sunday*

Worship (Livestream)

9:00am

### **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Community Dinner

5:00pm

Executive Council

7:00pm

### **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Cub Scouts

6:00pm

### **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Cub Scout- Outdoor Meeting

10am-2pm

### **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship, (Live Stream)

9:00am

*Youth Sunday*

Ministry Sunday

10:00am

Cub Scouts

5:00pm

Cub Scouts Committee Mtg.

7:00pm

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:**

Current Fund Weekly Need:  
\$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:  
\$350.00

**Electronic/Mail-ins Income**  
**May 17, 2026**

Weekly Contributions: \$ 497.50  
Property Loan Fund: \$ 60.00  
Total: \$ 557.50

**In Worship Offerings**

Weekly Contributions: \$1,369.00  
Property Loan Fund: \$ 300.00  
Total: \$1,694.00

**ATTENDANCE:**  
**May 24, 2026**

In Person: 47  
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://youtu.be/VXq\\_JvqUrks](https://youtu.be/VXq_JvqUrks) May 24, 2026. Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow17\\_-Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow17_-Q)



*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Roxanne's sister, Billy Jo's, birthday.*



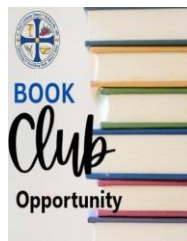
Join us for Worship  
lead by our Youth  
on June 7<sup>th</sup> @  
9:00am.

**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*



*Join us in reading*  
**"The Jesus Priorities - 8 Essential Habits"**  
**By Christopher Maricle**

**Book Club Opportunity** – Our first meeting is today after worship.



**\*\*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**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**American  
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

## **Blood Drive** **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

Parish Hall  
19 W Pennsylvania Ave  
Walkersville, MD 21793

**Friday, June 19, 2026**  
**11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Please scan the QR Code or  
call 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767) to  
schedule your blood donation!

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## 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.*



### **MERRY HALF CHRISTMAS**

**STOCKING  
STUFFING  
TIME  
WILL  
SOON BE  
HERE!**



**THE YEAR  
ROUND  
STOCKING  
STUFFER  
PROJECT  
NEEDS YOU!**

Summer sales will be all over the stores soon. Our Stockings need big erasers, cap erasers, colored pencils, crayons, fat markers, skinny markers, chapstick, toothpaste, 3 in 1 body wash for kids and most of all **YOUR SUPPORT!** You always have the option for a financial donation as well, see Kay Wachter for 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!*

## **SERVING TODAY**

Minister.....Pastor Peter Roy  
Lectors.....Pat Fellows  
Organist.....Jeff Gentry  
Ushers.....Bill and Barbara Cartwright  
Acolyte.....Camden Plog, Journey Gardner & Kay Wachter

### **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.