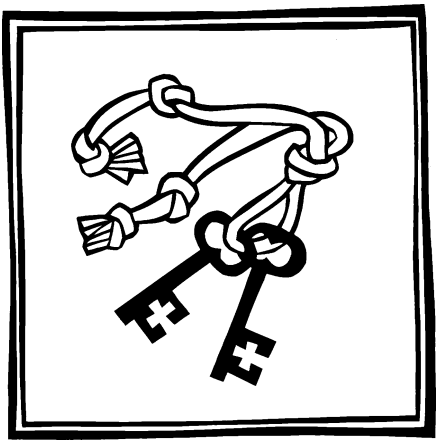

13th Sunday after Pentecost, August 23, 2026
Outside Worship at Walkersville Park
(No Livestream)

ST. PAUL'S & BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service—10:30 a.m.

Church Phone: 301-845-4600
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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

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

The Church's One Foundation.....ELW 654

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation

of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

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.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE Glory to God in the Highest* (p. 148)**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you along are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us

into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

[1] I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
[2] I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
[3] When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
[4] All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
[5] They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
[6] The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.
[7] Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
[8] You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th 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**
***Built on a Rock*.....ELW 652**

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937, adapt.
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1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;

he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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 worshipped 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 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

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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.
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

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less..... ELW 596

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

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 Stottlemyer*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
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*
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*
Adrian Smith, *Grandson of Sam and Marie Purswell*
***Our United States Military**, by Robb and Dianne Port*
Sheila Kahler*, member*
Trish Valcarcel**,** *member*
Jeff Gentry**,** *Music Director*
Davey Crockett*, Friend*
Caroline Dunning
Julia Gentry*, sister of Jeff Gentry*
Heather Anderson*, member*
Christine Hickerson*, Friend of Lauren McCloskey*
Lonnie and Rich Palmer, *Family of Marcia Gupta*
Charlotte Jones*, Member*
***Paul Holloway**, Step Son of Kate Stottlemyer*

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 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

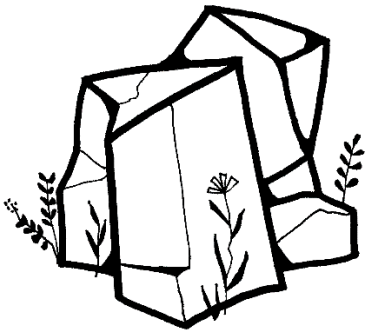
Sunday, August 23rd
13th after Pentecost
Worship in the Park 10:30am

Monday, August 24th
FEC 8am-5pm

Wednesday, August 26th
FEC 8am-5pm

Thursday, August 27th
FHS 10am-3pm
Cub Scout 1070 6:00pm

Sunday, August 30th
14th after Pentecost
Worship, (Live Stream) 9:00am
Book Club 10:00AM



LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need:
$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
August 16, 2026

Weekly Contributions:	$1,071.11
Property Loan Fund:	$ 350.00
Total:	$1,421.11

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	$1,776.00
Property Loan Fund:	$ 300.00
Total:	$2,076.00

ATTENDANCE:
August 16, 2026

In Person:	45
Virtual:	5

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/kF93mZVr5vI July 26, 2026. Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1l7_-Q

Call Committee Nominees Wanted
Nominees to be considered for the Call Committee ends on September 1, 2026. Council will review the list of nominees and select/vote for 4 individuals to serve on the Call Committee on September 15th (next Council meeting). *Please submit your nominations to the church office or a council member by the deadline.*

As we take part in **God's Work. Our Hands**. Collecting food for Glade Valley Food Bank. If you have a garden, please consider sharing fresh produce from your harvest. We will also collect nonperishable food items to help fill the food bank's warehouse and support our neighbors throughout the community.

In addition to feeding our neighbors through the food bank, we will also participate in ***Bread for the World's Offering of Letters***. Through handwritten letters to our elected representatives, we can raise our voices on behalf of those who are hungry and vulnerable, asking our leaders to protect and strengthen programs that help families here at home and around the world.

Please see the August Epistle or Roxanne Smith for details!

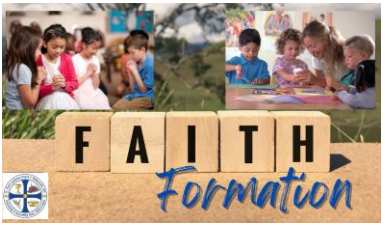
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring Family and Friends!
Tuesday, September 1, 2026 and
Saturday, September 19, 2026
from 5:00-6:30pm
Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church
101 S. Main St., Woodsboro, MD
Please see Roxanne Smith with any questions.

St. Paul's Choir Rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 3, 2026 @ 7pm. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

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

Dear families, faith formation classes begin on October 4th. We warmly invite you to enroll your children to help them grow in faith, have a fun and safe learning space, engaging Bible lessons and community.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations for ***Glade Valley Food Bank*** are always accepted!

****UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:**
Cereal, Juice (64 oz), Boxed Crackers, Spaghetti Sauce, Soup, Jams/Jelly

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!

Glade Valley Community Services

christkindl MARKET

We are beginning preparations for the 9th annual Christkindl market happening on **Saturday, December 5th** from 10am-2pm. Once again, the Walkersville Historical Society will be the event host. St. Paul's will have vendors and food similar to last year. Look for more information on those items as we get closer to the date. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the different areas so make sure you mark it on your calendars. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Co-chairs are Amy and Russ Mildenstein.

Please be assured that although we do not currently have a permanent Pastor, we do have an interim pastor, Rev. Peter Roy as well as a dedicated pastoral team in place. Our church continues to care for parishioners in all the usual ways. We are available to assist with funerals, repass meals, baptisms, and other pastoral needs. We will walk alongside families during times of grief, celebration, and everyday spiritual care. For arrangements or support, contact the Parish Office or any member of Council, and we will respond promptly and compassionately.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Peter Roy
Lector.....Gary Wachter
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Kate Stottlemyer & Linda Yopp
Acolyte.....Camden Plog, Journey Gardner & Kay Wachter

Staff

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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
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