Sunday, November 1, 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***

****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

For All Your Saints, O Lord.....ELW 427

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

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)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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*.....*"In the Rising and the Setting Sun"

(We Remember Them) TUNE: MAHLEMIUT Verses, by Mary Louise Bringle, Refrain by Kate Williams, Arranged by James Biery

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FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34

[1] I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
[2] I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
[3] Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.
[4] I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
[5] Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
[6] I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
[7] The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.

[8] Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!
[9] Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
[10] The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
[22] O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

L: *The Word of the Lord.*
C: Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: *Matthew 5:1-12*
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth 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
Shall We Gather at the River.....ELW 423
Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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.

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

In addition to our tradition of remembering our saints who have gone before us in the last year, we will also offer the opportunity for you to light a candle in memory of others.

Our saint's names will be read, the bell tolled and a candle will be lit.

This year you may also pause to light a candle at the rail as you come forward for Communion.

****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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels an all the hosts of heaven, 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.

P: 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**

Give Thanks for the Saints..... ELW 428

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Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Betsy Galliher*, Member*
Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Parker Bazarewski*, Extended family of Ed Chaney*
Dudley Cate*, Family friend 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*
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
Christine Hickerson, *Friend of Lauren McCloskey*
Lauren McCloskey, *Member*
The Family & Friends of John Chicago (Jordan)*, Friend of the Waas'*
Ed Chaney, *Member*
Family of Carol Jean Beck*, Mother of Pastor Phil Beck*
Linda Leatherman, *Best Friend of Kay Wachter*
Dan Carroll and Mary Ann Ferguson*, Members*
The Family of Mark Holloway, *Husband 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, November 1st
All Saints

Worship, (Live Stream)	9:00am
Ministry Sunday	10:00am
Troop 1070	5:00pm
Cub Scout Comm. Mtg.	7:00pm

Monday, November 2nd

FEC	8am-5pm
Cub Scouts	7:00pm

Tuesday, November 3rd
Election Day

FHS	10am-3pm
Executive Council	7:00pm

Wednesday, November 4th

FEC	8am-5pm

Thursday, November 5th

FHS	10am-3pm
Cub Scout 1070	6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm

Saturday, November 7th

Property Clean Up	9:00am

Sunday, November 8th

Worship, (Live Stream)	9:00am
Faith Formation	10:00am
Worship & Arts Meeting	10:15am
Walkersville Veterans Memorial	1:00pm
Troop 1070	5:00pm
Cub Scout Comm. Mtg.	7:00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need:
$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
$350.00

October 25, 2026
Electronic/Mail-ins Income

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:
October 25, 2026

In Person:	42
Virtual:	7

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*******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=VuBDbPgOKFU *October 11,* 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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of family, by Jeff Gentry.

Church Clean Up Day
Saturday, November 7th
@ 9:00am

Join St. Paul's as we honor our Veterans Sunday, November 8th

We will be recognizing our Military Members. If you have served, are serving or if you would like to honor a Service Member, please send the name, branch and service dates to the Parish Office by Thursday, November 5th .

Faith Formation

Every Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month. Hope to see you November 8th. Please see Lauren McCloskey with any questions.

The Turkey Tree is up in the overflow area!

From October 5th through November 9th, please, fill an envelope with a generous donation, and put it in the offering plate so we can assist GVCS to help families have a blessed meal on Thanksgiving.

—Thank You.

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Lots of volunteers and donations for the bake sale are needed! Christkindl Market

Please keep a look out for sign up sheets and tags in the church overflow! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Cochran through the Parish Office.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL STOCKING STUFFING!

Sunday, November 29th @ 10:00am after worship! Get into the Christmas Spirit by helping us bring joy to others this holiday season. You are invited to our annual stocking stuffing event to prepare stockings for children in need within the Walkersville Community. See Kay Wachter for more details.

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

Saint Paul's Choir Rehearsals
Thursdays @ 7:00pm
in the Sanctuary

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.

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Dear St. Paul's Family,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we have a wonderful opportunity to share our blessings with our neighbors. On **Saturday, November 14th**, St. Paul's is partnering with **Autumn's Table** to provide holiday meals for families in need.

We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall to help assemble Thanksgiving meal bags. Beyond giving your time, you can also directly sponsor a family's Thanksgiving dinner for a donation of just **$8.00**. Please contact Roxanne Smith at your earliest convenience if you feel called to support a family or two this Thanksgiving Season.

Our collective goal is to support **130 FCPS families**, ensuring they can enjoy a warm, worry-free holiday. Every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful difference. Thank you so much for your continued kindness and support!

Get ready to embrace the Christkindl Magic!

Preparations are officially underway for the 9th Annual **Christkindl Market**, returning on Saturday, **December 5th** from 10am to 2:00pm.

Once again, our fantastic hosts at the Walkersville Historical Society are bringing the festive tradition to life. Here at St. Paul's, we will fill our halls with amazing local vendors, our famously delicious roasted nuts, our extraordinary bake sale along with our renowned Quilt sales and raffles.

We need your help to make this year's event shines! Please mark your calendars and consider sharing your time or talents.

The Bake Sale: Nancy Cochran is at the helm again this year! We will need plenty of bakers to help stock the tables with holiday treats.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are looking for friendly faces to help manage the different areas of the market throughout the day.

Keep your eyes peeled!: Official signup sheets for both volunteers and bake sale donations will hit the tables this November.

Let's come together to make this the best Christkindl Market yet!

Co-chairs are Amy and Russ Mildenstein.

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The Nominating Committee of St. Paul's Lutheran church is seeking nominations for three to five voting members to fill the open seats in serving a two year term from January 31, 2027 to January 31, 2029. *Nominations will be accepted through December 31, 2026.*

You might be asking yourself, "Why me?" and the response would be "Why not you!" This is an opportunity for personal growth and stepping outside one's comfort zone.

Please prayerfully consider serving on the Congregational Council. Please reach out to anyone on council, the Nominating Committee or Pastor Roy if you have any questions or are interested in serving on Council. Feel free to attend a council meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Nominating Committee
Ellen Buckheimer, Jamie Salina, and Roxanne Smith

See the Weekly Email or Epistle for more information.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Peter Roy
Lector.....Ed Chaney
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Bill and Barbara Cartwright
Acolyte.....Noah King, 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.