



13th Sunday after Pentecost—August 18, 2024

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Annual Worship and Picnic in the Park—10:30 a.m.



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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Sam Purswell
Organist.....Jeff Gentry

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Patty Rimel
Vice-President—Sheila Kahler
Treasurer—Bill Cartwright
Secretary—Kate Stottlemeyer

***Please stand as you are able.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.”

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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GATHERING HYMN.....O Day of Rest and Gladness.....ELW 521

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| <p>1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.</p> <p>2 On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a threefold light was giv'n.</p> | <p>3 Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.</p> <p>4 New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
We sing to you our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.</p> |
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Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

L: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34

- ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
- ¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing
that is good.**
- ¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

- ¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- ¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
- ¹⁴Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 142)**

GOSPEL: John, 6:35, 41-51

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY.....***O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts***.....ELW 658

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| 1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call. | 3 For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blest, when by faith we hold you fast. |
| 2 We taste you, ever-living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead;
our thirsting souls from you we fill. | 4 O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light. |

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: ... God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION:

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW P.146)

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN.....Go, My Children, with My BlessingELW 543**

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| 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my
own.” | 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and
free.” |
| 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can
cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and
pure.” | |

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt., Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

***DISMISSAL**

**GO IN PEACE, AND LET’S EAT!
THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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.

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PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Hank Holiday, *Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Marion Lawrence, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemeyer*
The Jones Family, *Close family friends of Joann Valainis*
Gil Eiker, *Husband of Rebecca Eiker*
Doug Ashbrook, *Family Friend of Pastor Phil*
Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Family of Sharon Kahler, *mother of Sheila and Rodney Kahler, members*
Lin Snider, *Member*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Shannon Smith, *Friend of the Mildenstein Family*
Bob Schmidt, *brother of Dottie Titmas*
Marea Palmer, *Niece of Marcia Gupta*
Parker Bazarewski, *extended family of Ed Chaney*
Joseph Matthew Moschella, *dear friends of the Plowman Family*
Lillian Foucart, *Member*
Jan and Sam Urick, *Cousins of Candy Foucart*
Eileen Trihoulis, *Sister of Merle Anderson*
Gary Wachter, *Member*
The Family of Ursula Wandel, *Sister of Regina Baker*
Heather Anderson, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Dottie Titmas, *Member*
Florence Schell, *Member*
Kira Wynne, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Merle Anderson, *Member*
Bonnie Kay Cartwright, *Daughter of Bill and Barbara Cartwright*

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

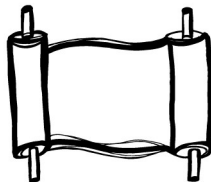
- +Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,
niece to Linwood Snider
- +Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,
grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
- +U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,
grandson of Sam Purswell
- +Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of
Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
- +Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law
of 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

*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

***Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially those that are **bold**.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.*

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

There is in Wisdom a spirit that is intelligent, holy,
unique, manifold, subtle,
mobile, clear, unpolluted,
distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen,
irresistible, beneficent, humane,
steadfast, sure, free from anxiety,
all-powerful, overseeing all,
and penetrating through all spirits
that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle.
For Wisdom is a breath of the power of God,
and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty.
She is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.
She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she orders all things well.
—*Wisdom of Solomon 7:22-26; 8:1*



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/>

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,145.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income August 4, 2024:

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,049.85
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 355.00
Total:	\$1,404.85

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$2,797.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$3,097.00

ATTENDANCE: August 11, 2024

In person: 42
Virtual: 14

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, August 18th

Annual Worship in the Park 10:30am
With Picnic & Blessing
of the Backpacks

Tuesday, August 20th

Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 21st

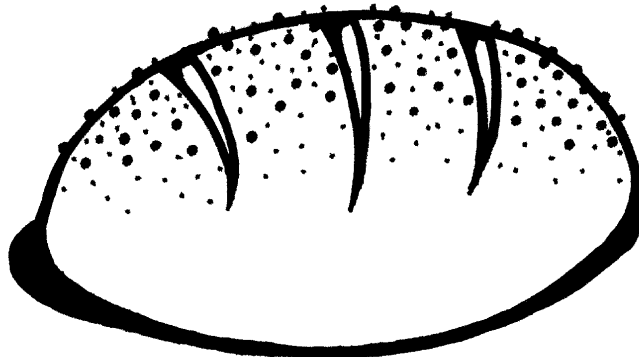
First Day of School

Saturday, August 24th

Rally Day 6:00pm

Sunday, August 25th

Worship (Live Stream) 9:00am
First Communion



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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

https://youtu.be/-b3_ZV8O9sQ, July 14, 2024

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow1I7-Q>

Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project!

**As fast as Summer came, it's almost over!
The Christmas season will be upon us
before we know it!**

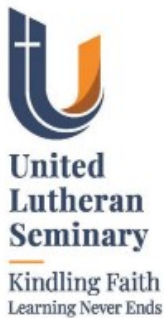
Children in our community are counting on us! Your continued generosity has allowed this labor of love, this Saint Paul's Christmas tradition, to stay alive!

Let's end this summer season in a big way! For the months of August and September, ***we need Hot Wheels, markers, pens, pencils, colored pencils and 24 count crayons!*** *Let's load 'em up! You can bring your donations to church or you may also give a financial donation! Please See Kay Wachter for more details!*



Come Join us!

What does it mean to be Lutheran in a crucial election year?



Thanks to one of our members, the cost for these seminars have been paid. We will be airing these on the big screen in the overflow area in the church from 7-8:30pm on the appointed evenings. There will also be a link available if you are not able to make it and would like to watch it from home. This will be like a follow up of our Gathered at the Table Series. Please contact the office to let us know you will be attending and feel free to bring snacks and drinks. Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards or check the weekly email for the dates and more details ***The next session August 27th.***

****IMPORTANT UPDATE****

ELCA Social Statement Webinar Date Change

"Our presentation on the ELCA's social statement on abortion with Dr. Caryn Riswold is currently slated for Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm EST. Since this is also the same evening as the US Presidential Candidate debate, we have opted to move the webinar to Sunday, September 8th at the same time. For those of you who are unable to attend on Sunday, there will be a link to our YouTube page where you will be able to access the recording of the webinar at a later date. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. "

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Save the date!

“Rally” literally means “a renewal of energy in joint action”, and that’s what we’ll be doing on Saturday, **August 24th!** Join us from 6pm-8pm to rally together and celebrate new beginnings! See the weekly email or bulletin boards for more info.

The logo for GriefShare, featuring the word 'Grief' in a serif font and 'Share' in a sans-serif font, with a stylized white cross symbol between them. The logo is set against a dark green rectangular background.

Griefshare is a 13 session Christ centered grief support group. Each session you will meet for about two hours with a group of people who are grieving the loss of someone close to them. The 1st Hour is a video of personal stories of persons in their grief and healing process, who have found healing after a loved ones death. Grief counselors, pastors, teachers also share. The next hour is a small group sharing from insights from the video and challenges you face ahead. A Griefshare group is being offered starting Sept. 12 at 10 am at Keysville Lutheran Church. Carol Baldwin and Pastor Cathy Feil are the group facilitators. ***It is Free and all are welcome.*** Register by calling Ellie Slayback at 410-259-9816.



Friday,

September 6th

5:00pm – 9:00pm

Parish Hall

FOOD | FUN | PRIZES

Call or email the Parish Office to RSVP by Monday September 2nd and let us know what you're bringing to share!

301-845-4600

officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

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COMMUNITY DINNER

All are welcome!

St. Paul's and Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Churches will be sponsoring monthly dinners in September. **Tuesday, September 3rd and Saturday, September 21st from 5pm-7pm @ Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church.** Please contact Roxanne Smith if you would like to volunteer your time or desserts. roxiesmith@verizon.net

**Would you like to schedule a date to sponsor Altar flowers?
Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.**



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

****UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:****

Spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, boxed crackers, Peanut butter and cereal

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!

It's that time again to update your contact information for the church directory. If there's been any name changes, address changes, phone number or email changes within the last two years please let us know so we can update the directory. You can email the Parish Office at officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org or you can call directly at 301-845-4460.

**CHURCH
DIRECTORY
UPDATE**



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