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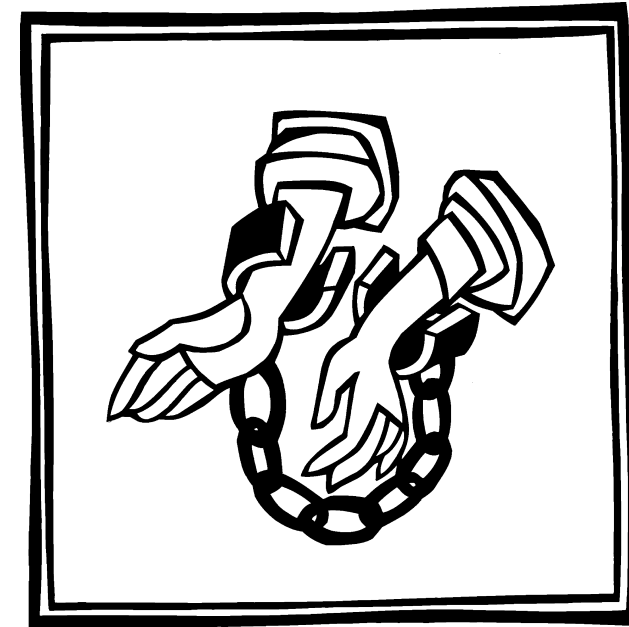
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St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording 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 © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved | License # SAS103410, Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #736745-A. All rights reserved CCLI Copyright © 2024 License 21412874, Streaming 21412867 All rights reserved



**Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 26, 2025**

**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**

This is the time we QUIET our HEARTS for WORSHIP.

**CHURCH BELL RUNG**

**CANDLES LIT**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: **Amen.**
- 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.....**Arise, Your Light Has Come!**.....ELW 314  
V. 1-4

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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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project is already moving into February!***

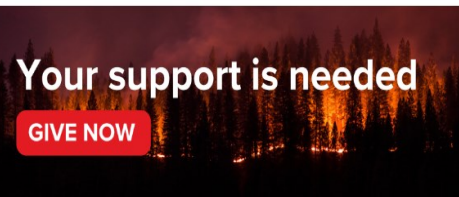


In February we are in need of Toothpaste, (kids formula) and individually wrapped toothbrushes with soft bristles appropriate for ages 2-6 and 7-12 year olds.

Santa’s elves work all year long to make Christmas special for the kids and so do we! Keep the Christmas spirit alive all year long by contributing to the ***Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project!***

There is a box wrapped with Christmas paper in the overflow area where you can drop off your donations each month.

You always have the option for a financial donation as well. Please see Kay for more details.



"As Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton said in her statement about the wildfires, "The prophet Isaiah writes that even when fires rage, the final word is faith, not fear. God redeems us and calls us by name to be agents of healing and hope, even amid staggering loss. In faith, we respond through prayer, accompaniment and action."

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to address immediate needs amid the destruction and assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come. Please consider giving by using this link, <https://give.elca.org/page/email?mid=e39cba4635da47b1b7d5186b89c31372>, or a special offering in the offering plate marked Wildfire Disaster Relief or by giving on line at: <https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/> again noted Wildfire Disaster Relief.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*\*\*\*\*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=E4uPqjCx094>, January 19, 2025


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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow1I7-Q)



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

**TODAY!  
10:00am**



Now through February 9<sup>th</sup>,  
bring in soup cans for the food bank.

Can we beat our score of  
75 cans from last year?

**YOU ARE HEREBY CHALLENGED!!**



**Altar Flowers**

*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:\*\***

*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!*

## \*KYRIE (p. 147)

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Anthem.....You Are Wonderfully Made by Pepper Choplin.....Choir*  
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### FIRST READING: *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

P: *The Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### *Psalm 19*

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
**and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.**

<sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another,  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language,  
**and their voices are not heard,**

<sup>4</sup> their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
**where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
**it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

<sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
**the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.**

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
**the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened,  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup> Who can detect one's own offenses?  
**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the second 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.....Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness .....ELW 843  
V.1-3**

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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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 worshiped 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.

**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, January 26th**

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Faith Formation 10:00am  
ANNUAL MEETING 10:00am

**Monday, January 27th**

FEC 8am-5pm  
Girl Scouts 6:00pm

**Tuesday, January 28th**

FHS 10am-3pm

**Wednesday, January 29th**

FEC 8am-5pm  
FEC Open House/Sanctuary 6:00pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

**Thursday, January 30th**

Frederick Children's Choir 9:30am  
FHS 10am-3pm  
Cub Scouts Parish Hall 5:30pm

**Sunday, February 2nd**

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am  
Presentation of Our Lord  
Installation of New Council 9:00am  
Faith Formation 10:00am

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:**

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,145.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:  
\$360.00

**Electronic/Mail-ins Income**

**January 5, 2025**

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

**In Worship Offerings**

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

**Electronic/Mail-ins Income**

**January 12, 2025**

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

**In Worship Offerings**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

**January 19, 2025**

In person: 33  
Virtual: 11



# PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*  
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
Sue Snyder, *Member*  
**Gary Wachter**, *Member*  
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*  
**Joseph Matthew Moschella**, *Friend of the Plowmans*  
Tom Waters, *Member*  
Billy Welty, *Friend of Betsy Galliher*  
Sandy Eyler, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
Keith Harris, *friend of the Plowman Family*  
Victoria Hessler, *Family friend of Marcia & Emily Gupta*  
Jack Lotwick, *Friend of Robb and Dianne Port*  
Bob Schmidt, *Brother of Dottie Titmas*  
Jacob Dietzel, *Grandson of Merle Anderson and Son of Heather Anderson*  
Adrian Smith, *grandson of the Purswell's*  
Rosaleen DaRos, *friend of Marie Purswell*  
**Family of Florence Schell**, *Member*  
**Family of Ken Martz**, *member*  
**Leanne Olive**, *Friend of Sue Snyder*  
**Will Fluman**, *friend of Candace Foucart*

## 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 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 at  
301-845-2317.  
All requests are confidential.*

*\*\*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.*

### **\*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 LET THE VINYARDS BE FRUITFUL (ELW 184)**

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### **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.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING, MEAL (sung, 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 153)**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:*

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught...

C: **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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**COMMUNION HYMN (P.154)**

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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.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray,  
God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

*\*SENDING HYMN.....O Zion, Haste .....ELW 668*

*V. 1,-3*

*Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923*

**\*DISMISSAL**

**GO IN PEACE, CHRIST IS WITH YOU.  
THANKS BE TO GOD.**