



Our Lenten Journey will be a series entitled **"Words That Last Forever"** which we will follow each Wednesday during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

**Ash Wednesday**

March 5, 2025 7:00PM, at St. Paul's (No Soup and Sandwich)

**Lenten Midweek Worship**—7PM at St. Paul's (Soup & Sandwich @6PM)

**Sunday, March 16th** Worship will be at Bethel @ 11:15, with Pastor Terri Driver-Bishop presiding.

**Holy Week**

**Wednesday** - A blended Choir Service entitled **"Not My Will, But Yours"** @ Bethel 7:00PM (Soup and sandwich at 6pm)

**Maundy Thursday** - 7:00PM at ST. Paul's

**Good Friday** - Noon at Bethel and 7:00PM at St. Paul's

**Easter Sunday** - 9AM Worship at St. Paul's, 11:15AM Worship at Bethel

**SERVING TODAY**

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck  
Lector.....Marie Purswell  
Organist.....Jeff Gentry  
Ushers.....Sunday School  
Acolyte.....Camden Plog & Annabelle Bush

**Staff**

Minister:202-497-0584 (pastor@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org).....Pastor Phil Beck  
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



**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 23, 2025**

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

**Worship Service—9:00 a.m.**

Church Phone: 301-845-4600 E-mail: info@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org

Web Site: <http://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org>



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

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President—Sheila Kahler  
Vice-President—Lauren McCloskey  
Treasurer—Patty Rimel  
Secretary—Kate Stottlemeyer



## 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/TM0UxuX4CRA> , February 16, 2025

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7-Q>



*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of our son,  
Liam Lear McCloskey's 4th Birthday  
on March 12th.  
Love, The McCloskey's*

The Red Cross and St. Paul's continue to partner in 2025 to bring a blood drive into our community. This will be our first drive of the year! **March 21st!** Please consider making your appointment today, your donation is very much needed!

See the Weekly email for the link to sign up or call the Parish Office for assistance.



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!*

### Best Price Of The Year

Gather your *Hersheypark Family and Friends* and get ready to go all in on summer fun! Start planning your visit early and save with the Best Price through March 31.

\$37 for the early season, May 2025 through June 2025  
\$45 for any day July 2025 through January 4, 2026

***Tickets must be ordered by March 31, 2025***

See Kay Wachter for more details!



**\*KYRIE (p. 147)**

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Anthem.....Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace** by Mary McDonald.....Choir  
Copyright 1986 Purifoy Publishing. Assigned 1989 to Lorenz Publishing Company, division of The Lorenz Corporation. This arrangement 2017 Lorenz Publishing Company

#### **FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalms 37**

- <sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
**do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**
- <sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
**and like the green grass fade away.**
- <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
**dwelt in the land and find safe pasture.**
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
**who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
**and see what God will do.**
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
**and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.  
**Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

- <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
**do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- <sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off,  
**but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.**
- <sup>10</sup> In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
**even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**
- <sup>11</sup> But the lowly shall possess the land;  
**they will delight in abundance of peace.**
- <sup>39</sup> But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;  
**you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**
- <sup>40</sup> You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;  
**you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.**



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151)

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, 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.....Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive.....ELW 605  
V.1-4 Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-1987, alt. Text © Oxford University Press 1969

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.

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, February 23rd

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Faith Formation 10:00am

Monday, February 24th

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

Tuesday, February 25th

FHS 10am-3pm

Wednesday, February 26th

FEC 8am-5pm  
FEC Open House 5:30pm-8:00pm

Thursday, February 27th

Frederick Children's Choir 9:30am  
FHS 10am-3pm  
Cub Scouts Parish Hall 5:30pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Sunday, March 2nd

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Faith Formation 10:00am  
Ministry Sunday 10:00am  
Cub Scout Committee Meeting 7:00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

February 9, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$ 351.60  
Property Loan Fund: \$ 20.00  
Total: \$ 371.60

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$1,000.00  
Property Loan Fund: \$ 410.00  
Total: \$1,410.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

February 16, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$1,183.81  
Property Loan Fund: \$ 280.00  
Total: \$1,463.81

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions: \$1,172.00  
Property Loan Fund: \$ 250.00  
Total: \$1,422.00

ATTENDANCE:

February 16, 2025

In person: 44  
Virtual: 14

## PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*  
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*  
Sue Snyder, *Member*  
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*  
**Joseph Matthew Moschella**, *Friend of the Plowmans*  
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*  
**Cindi, John and Deirdre MacKenzie**, *friends of St. Paul's*  
Parker Bazarewski, *Extended family of Ed Chaney*  
Joanne and Dudley Cate, *Family friends of Ed Chaney*  
Patty Plitt, *Friend of Ed Chaney*  
**Russ Mildenstein**, *Member*  
**Larry Beard**, *Friend of St. Paul's*  
**Tom Waters**, *Member*  
**Regina Baker**, *Member*  
**Heather Anderson**, *Member*

## 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.**

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

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923, Music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

#### 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)**

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

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.....Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling .....ELW 608*  
*V. 1-3* Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

**\*DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, CHRIST IS WITH YOU.  
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. 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