



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.

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

Holy Week

Wednesday - A blended Choir Service entitled **"Not My Will, But Yours"** @ Bethel 7:00PM

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

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

Easter Vigil—Saturday, 7:00pm

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



March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service—9:00 a.m.

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Ushers.....Bill and Barbara Cartwright
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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the time we QUIET our HEARTS for WORSHIP.

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: 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.**

GATHERING HYMN.....*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.....ELW 807

V. 1-3

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, 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.**

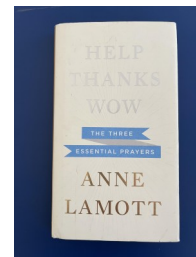
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The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project!

*In March we need floss sticks,
dental floss, bath puffs,
3 in 1 body wash for kids!
Feel free to give monetary donations to
Kay Wachter as well!*

ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring Family and Friends
Tuesday, April 1st & Saturday, April 19th, 5:00PM to 7:00PM
Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church
101 S Main St., Woodsboro, MD 21798
Ask Roxanne for more details!



As an option for a Lenten discipline, a short book study of Help, Thanks, Wow by Anne Lamott is being offered. If you have no prayer routine, don't know how to do "it", or want to expand what you currently do, then this is for you. The author uses humor and insight to explain how her view of prayer gets us through the day and shows us the way forward. Books will be provided. See Susan Hayes if you are interested or call the Parish Office. We will meet right after the service. All are welcome, we just need to be sure that we have enough books on hand.

LAGER FOR LENT ON APRIL 4TH.
Join us Friday's during Lent @5:00pm for
fellowship and conversation.
Details on future locations to follow.



Mark your Calendars!

Please join us Saturday, April 19th, 2025 from
3:00pm-5:00pm for an Easter Egg Hunt, Games,
Kona Ice and amazing fellowship!
See the weekly emails and bulletin boards
for more information.
Hope to see you there!


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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=kAVjYz5FEH8>, March 9, 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>

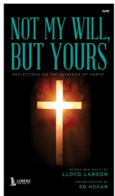



Donations for **Glade Valley Food Bank** are always accepted!

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!



“Not my will, but Yours.” These solemn words have echoed through the ages as Jesus embraced the will of Almighty God on the night before His crucifixion. Beginning shortly after the “hosannas” of Palm Sunday and concluding just before the “alleluias” of Easter Sunday, this brief Holy Week work, from composer Lloyd Larson, retells the last hours of our Lord’s earthly journey to remind us that Christ chose to walk the painful path of a criminal’s execution for our redemption.

Please join us Wednesday, April 16th as the combined choirs from St. Paul’s and Bethel perform this Cantata @ 7:00pm at Bethel.



Please join us Wednesdays in the Parish Hall from 6:00pm-7:00pm for soup, sandwiches and fellowship before our midweek service @ 7:00pm, as we journey through our Lenten Season 2025.

Help us decorate for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily.

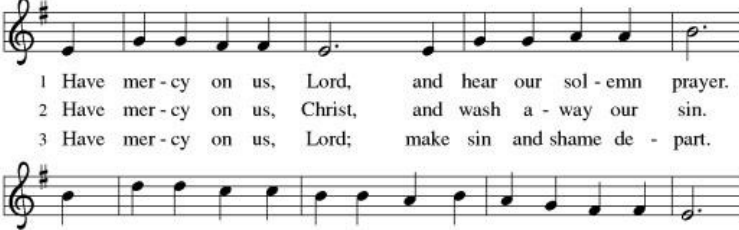


They are available for \$13.00 each. Sign up using the sign up sheet on the side bulletin board or call the Parish Office to purchase with a check or cash.

***Please don’t forget to designate Your dedication.**

April 13th is the final date to order!

*KYRIE (p. 203)



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol- emn prayer.
 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a- way our sin.
 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de- part.

We come to hear your liv- ing word; it saves us from de- spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be- gin.
 Re- new us with your sav- ing pow’r; cre- ate in us new hearts!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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..... Beneath the Cross by Keith Getty and Kristyn Lennox; arranged by Dan Forrest.....Choir
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FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

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

Psalms 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151) Return to the Lord your God**

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth 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..... **Our Father, We Have Wandered**.....ELW 606

V.1-4

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

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.**

***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

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, March 30th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Monday, March 31st

FEC 8am-5pm

Tuesday, April 1st

FHS 10am-3pm
Community Dinner 5:00pm
Executive Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 2nd

FEC 8am-5pm
6pm Soup & Sandwich 6:00pm
Mid Week Lenten Service 7:00pm

Thursday, April 3rd

Frederick Children's Choir 9:30am
FHS 10am-3pm
Cub Scouts Parish Hall 5:30pm
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
(w/Bethel@7:30)

Friday, April 4th

Lager for Lent 5:00pm

Sunday, April 6th

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Faith Formation 10:00am
Ministry Sunday 10:00am
Cub Scouts 7:00pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
\$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

March 16, 2025

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

In Worship Offerings

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

Electronic/Mail-ins Income

March 23, 2025

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

In Worship Offerings

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

ATTENDANCE:

March 23, 2025

In person: 47

Virtual: 13

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*
 Keith Harris, *friend of the Plowman Family*
 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, *Cousin of Ed Chaney*
 Tom Waters, *Member*
 Regina Baker, *Member*
 Heather Anderson, *Member*
 Geraldine Hills, *friend of St. Paul's*
The family of Elise Caffee, *friends of Katie Walker*
Charlie Snow, *Friend of Sue Snider*

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
 †Aaron Martz, U.S. Navy, Grandson of
Ken Martz

*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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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:

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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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 (ELW p. 153)

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE CONT'D

P: With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



***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: (ELW p. 154)

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION HYMN (P.155)

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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,
Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (ELW p. 155)

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN.....My Life Flows On in Endless SongELW 763**

V. 1-4

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

***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