



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

**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

**SERVING TODAY**

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck  
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 Organist.....Jeff Gentry  
 Ushers.....Bill & Barb Cartwright  
 Acolyte.....Camden Plog & Annabelle Bush

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**March 9, 2025**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

**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  
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**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: 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..... **What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine** .....ELW 774

V. 1-3

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

**\*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**



**MARCH 16TH, next Sunday, worship will be held at Bethel at 11:15am with Pastor Terri Driver-Bishop presiding. Please feel free to call the office with any questions or concerns. (No Live Streaming)**

***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!***



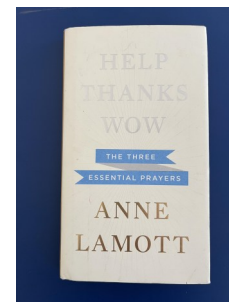
**Victoria Park Spring Event**

**Sunday, March 23rd, Noon—2pm**

Please join us for an afternoon of games with the residents at Victoria Park! We will be serving pizza and desserts. Please see the link below to sign up. Desserts can be brought to church on the day of the event or call if other arrangements need to be made.

[www.PerfectPotluck.com/XOIB2781](http://www.PerfectPotluck.com/XOIB2781)

*We are blessed to continue this relationship with the residents and live our mission of "Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind and spirit of all."*



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.



**Join us Friday's during Lent @5:00pm for fellowship and conversation.**

**\*\*We will not meet on March 14th but will resume for the remainder of Lent on March 21st. Details on future locations to follow.**

# 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=-aWcOhLwS-U>, March 2, 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q)



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!



### \*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:** O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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 Garden**; Arranged by Lloyd Larson.....Choir  
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### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 91

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
**who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—**  
<sup>2</sup> you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,  
**my God in whom I put my trust."**  
<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
**and the Most High your habitation,**  
<sup>10</sup> no evil will befall you,  
**nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**  
<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge over you,  
**to guard you in all your ways.**

<sup>12</sup> Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
**lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
**you will trample down the lion and the serpent.**  
<sup>14</sup> I will deliver those who cling to me;  
**I will uphold them, because they know my name.**  
<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will answer them;  
**I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.**  
<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy them,  
**and show them my salvation.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**Bring Family and Friends**  
**Saturday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00PM to 7:00PM**  
**Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**101 S Main St., Woodsboro, MD 21798**  
**Ask Roxanne for more details!**

Luther Seminary invites you to use the 2025 Lenten devotional, **"There in God's Garden"** for personal use throughout the Lenten season. Go to:  
<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/> to download and enjoy the daily devotionals during the Lenten Season.



**SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

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.....O Lord, throughout These Forty Days.....ELW 319**

V.1-4

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
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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 9th**

Worship (Livestream) 9:00am  
*Frist Sunday in Lent*

**Monday, March 10th**

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

**Tuesday, March 11th**

FHS 10am-3pm

**Wednesday, March 12th**

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

**Thursday, March 13th**

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

**Sunday, March 16th**

*Worship at Bethel* 11:15am  
*Second Sunday in Lent*

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:**

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:  
\$350.00

**Electronic/Mail-ins Income**  
**March 2,, 2025**

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

**In Worship Offerings**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**  
**March 2, 2025**

In person: 47  
Virtual: 20

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, *Friend of Ed Chaney*  
 Russ Mildenstein, *Member*  
 Larry Beard, *Friend of St. Paul's*  
**Tom Waters**, *Member*  
 Regina Baker, *Member*  
 Heather Anderson, *Member*  
**Leanne Colwell**, *friend of Sue Snider*  
**Geraldine Hills**, *friend of St. Paul's*

## 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.*

### 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.....Bless Now, O God, the Journey.....ELW 326**

**V. 1-3**

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**\*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