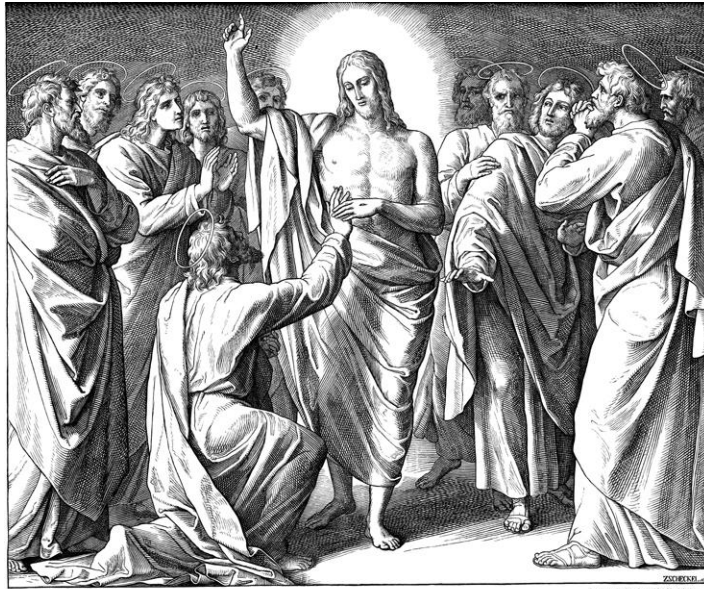


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26-27, 2025



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### Jesus erscheint den versammelten Jüngern.

Friede sei mit euch. Danach spricht er zu Thoma: reiche deine Finger her, und siehe meine Hände, und reiche deine Hand her, und lege sie in meine Seite; und sei nicht ungläubig, sondern gläubig. Thomas antwortete und sprach zu ihm: mein HERR und mein GOTT! Erriecht Jesus zu ihm: bleibst du mich verlassen hast. Thoma, so glaubst du. Selig sind, die nicht sehen, und doch glauben.

Ev. Johannis. Kap. 20. v. 26 – 29.

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Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:30 am till 4:00 pm

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**AFTER CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**, the disciples demonstrate many responses: not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion. Welcome to worship — no matter where you are on your faith journey.

**IN SPITE OF ALL** we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for 50 days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the Evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

**WORSHIP BEGINS** in our gathering. Please enjoy greeting and conversation in the Narthex, and respect those who have entered the Sanctuary to pray, meditate, and listen to the prelude with silence and an atmosphere of reverence and peace as we all prepare to hear God's word.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** devices are available; please ask an usher for help.

**THE BLUE WELCOME PAD** in the pew rack is our record of your attendance and communion (or you may leave a message for Pastor Grube, note a new address or phone number). Please take a moment to complete it.

**LEAVING THE SANCTUARY** during worship, please use the side doors with the panic bar latches; they open and close silently. **TURNING OFF** cell phone and other electronic devices is greatly appreciated.

**IF YOU'D LIKE** someone's name to be added to our prayer list spoken in worship and printed in the bulletin, please be sure to contact the church office or complete the prayer request card on the table in the Narthex before worship. Cards added after worship will be included in the following week's prayer list. In either case you will continue to have the opportunity to say aloud or remember silently that person's name during the intercessory prayers.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for May 3-4: Acts 9:1-6, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14 and John 21:1-19.

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## GATHERING

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*Please note: Parts of this service are omitted for Saturday's worship.*

### PRELUDE

*The Day of Resurrection*

J. Wayne Kerr

### BELL, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand as you are able to face the font for the confession*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen**

Let us come into the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever! **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN # 361

*The Day of Resurrection*

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This Is The Feast*

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.


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1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us




free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

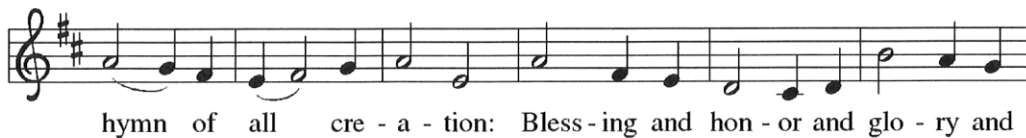
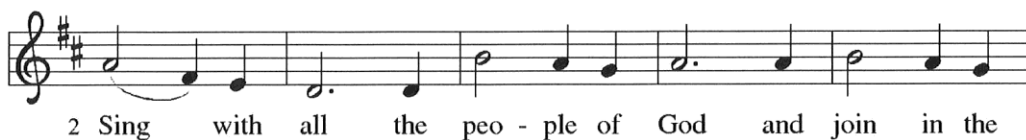


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

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## WORD

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### CHILDREN'S SERMON [SUNDAY]

#### FIRST READING

**Acts 5:27-32**

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

A reading from Acts.

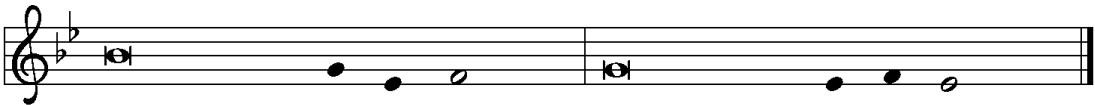
When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 150

*Sung by all in unison to Tone 7*



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise God in the <sup>|</sup> holy temple;  
praise God in the mighty <sup>|</sup> firmament.

<sup>2</sup>Praise God for <sup>|</sup> mighty acts;  
praise God for ex- <sup>|</sup> ceeding greatness.

<sup>3</sup>Praise God with <sup>|</sup> trumpet sound;  
praise God with <sup>|</sup> lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup>Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;  
praise God with | strings and pipe.  
<sup>5</sup>Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;  
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.  
<sup>6</sup>Let everything | that has breath  
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

## Revelation 1:4-8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present and end of all time.*

A reading from Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

**John 20:19-31**

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My

Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit.*

## **SERMON**

*Stand as you are able for the Hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 386**      *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*  
(Saturday vs. 1, 4 & 8 and Sunday vs. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8)

## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

*(Cont. on next page.)*

**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 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 INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**ANTHEM**            *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*            Jean Francois Dandrieu

*Please sign the blue pew pads as you listen to the anthem.*

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## MEAL

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*Stand as you are able as the offering is presented.*

### OFFERTORY #182

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

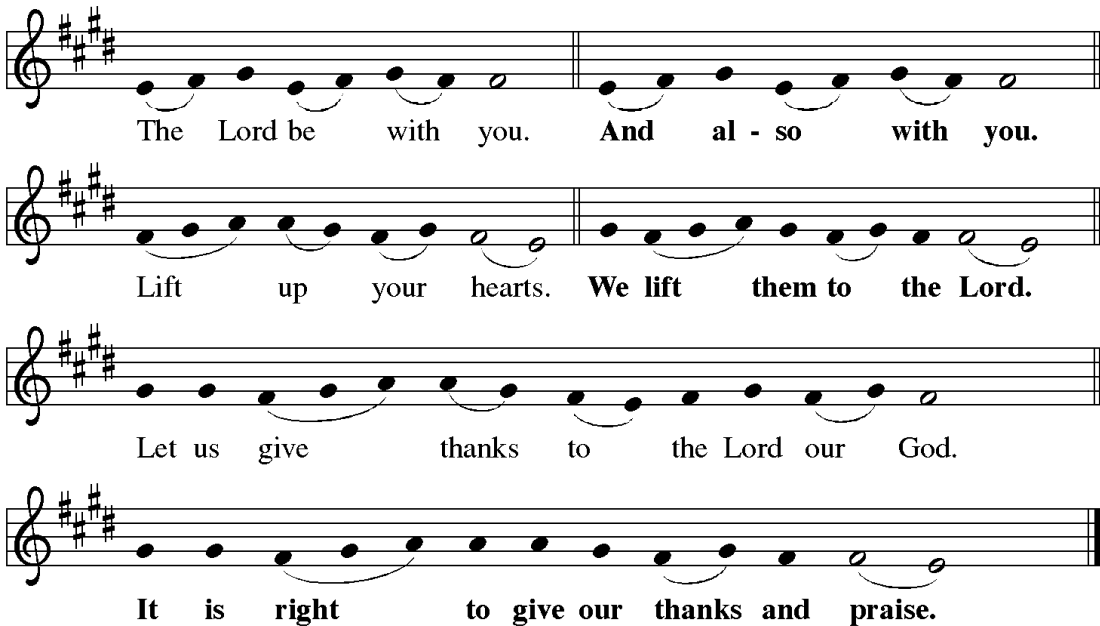
*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

*Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:*

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life...grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us...with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places...blessed and holy Trinity now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **COMMUNION**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*We invite you to come forward to stand on the floor at the predella step beginning with the person seated closest to the ambo. The communion ministers will come to you, beginning with the bread. Then, take an empty glass from the tray to be filled with wine from the pouring chalice or a prefilled glass of juice for those who cannot or prefer not to receive wine. When you have communed, return to your seat by the opposite end.*

*We invite all Baptized Christians and those who commune in their own churches to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children and those not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please inform an usher or neighbor of your desire to commune so they can inform the communion ministers, and they will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say,*  
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond* Amen.

*During the distribution, Lamb of God is sung:*



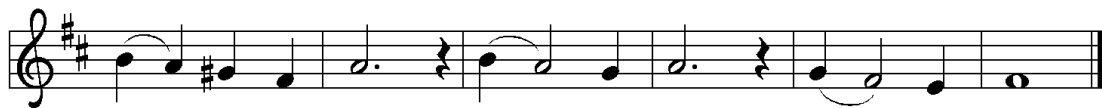
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*When the assembly and ministers have communed, the table is re-dressed and the assembly stands.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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*The service concludes with the blessing and the dismissal.*

### BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN # 382**    *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new!

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**    *Toccata on O Sons and Daughters. Let Us Sing*    Lynnwood Farnam

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## SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter:	Linda Gillies
Acolyte:	Ava Brezovsky
Assisting Minister:	Gail Smallwood
Lector:	Gail Smallwood
Communion Bread:	Fran Dierolf
Altar Clean Up:	Gail Smallwood
Minister of Technology:	Marissa Miller

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ST. PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family called together by God and united by a common faith. Our mission is to share with all people God's Love and Grace through Word and Sacrament. Through the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to witness and serve, treating one another with love, compassion, forgiveness, and understanding. By our commitments, actions, deeds, and resources, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ, reaching out to our community, nation and world.

— Adopted, May 1993

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**BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God, by Sandi & Woody Fassett.

**MANY THANKS** from 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chair Annie Bisher to all who helped with the Easter morning breakfast. This wonderful group managed the set-up, serving and best of all the clean up after a successful event. You did a great job! Many thanks as well to all who made butterflies; the squares and the group of seven women from Masonic Village that helped make the squares into butterflies. If you did not receive one, please see Annie. We will be giving them out again on May 25 at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pig Roast.

**WOW...**May is almost here! It will be a busy month with the culmination of May 25 – our anniversary celebration. We encourage you, our members, to be here for the special service celebration with Bishop deForest presiding and preaching. It is a time to be together with the many families that have joined us to reunite with making St. Paul's the church it is today. Take a stroll down memory lane and look at the pictures of our church from its beginning until now; you might catch yourself and your family in action! Our pig roast should be full of stories being shared and it will be a time to be honoring all those who came before and all those that are keeping faithful to St. Paul's and our Lord and Savior.

**CAMP REGISTRATION** - If you plan on having a child attend Bear Creek Camp this summer, please bring a copy of the completed registration form you submitted to the camp, so we can distribute the financial assistance.

**GRADUATION SEASON** is fast approaching! Do you have a soon-to-be-graduated family member from either high school or college? Please let the church office know (570.675.3859) or via email at [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) and we will announce your great news in the June newsletter.

**JOIN US** for “Fellowship in Art” on Saturday, July 26 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. The event will include a quilt show, art exhibit, silent auction baskets and a tea, beginning at 12:30 pm, with cost of admission at \$15.00. For questions about the overall event, quilts or the tea, you can contact Annie Bisher by email at monarch1023b@hotmail. For questions about the art exhibit, you can contact Cynthia Mahalick at 570-466-5233, and for silent auction baskets, you can contact Karen Mertz at 570-762-1138. If you are interested in helping with any of these projects please contact Annie, Cynthia, Karen, Julie Holbrook, or the church office.

**RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE:** The Dorcas Society will sponsor a rummage/bake sale, Friday, May 2, 8:00 am-2:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm; and Saturday, May 3, 8:00 am-12 noon (Bag Day all day). Donations of good clean, usable clothes, household items, dishes, pots and pans, holiday decorations, jewelry, books, games, puzzles, etc. will be accepted. The church will be open on the following days/times for donation drop-off: Monday, April 28, 9:30 am-4:00 pm; Tuesday, April 29, 9:30 am-7:00 pm; Wednesday, April 30, 9:30 am-4:00 pm; Thursday, May 1, 9:30 am-2:00 pm. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING televisions, computers/printers, exercise equipment, large appliances, encyclopedias, cribs, strollers, artificial Christmas trees, VHS tapes, electrical cords and old telephones.** Anyone (men and women) can assist during the week with setting up tables, unloading, displaying and/or pricing items to be sold. All bakers of St. Paul’s are asked to donate homemade baked goods for the Bake Sale; the items should be brought to the church by 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 1 so they may be packaged and priced.

**THE ST. PAUL'S BROTHERHOOD** will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm. All men of St. Paul's are encouraged to attend. The main agenda item will be the May 17 roast beef dinner.

**A ROAST BEEF DINNER** has been scheduled for Saturday, May 17; take-outs from 3:30 pm—dining in from 4:00-6:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for various duties ranging from setting tables, helping with take-outs, making desserts, working the steam tables, waiting on tables, dishwashing and clean-up. Please look for the sign-up poster in the Narthex. Tickets for the dinner will be available at the door the night of the dinner.

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

Today:	8:30 am Chime Practice
	9:30 am Worship
	10:45 am Sunday School
Monday:	9:30 am-4:00 pm Rummage Sale drop-off
Tuesday:	9:30 am-7:00 pm Rummage Sale drop-off
	7:00 pm Brotherhood meeting
Wednesday:	9:30 am-4:00 pm Rummage Sale drop-off
Thursday:	9:30 am-2:00 pm Rummage Sale drop-off
	10:00 am Back Mountain Alzheimers Support Group (meeting in the Choir Room due to the rummage sale)
	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday:	8:00 am-2:00 pm, 5:00-7:00 pm Rummage/Bake Sale
Saturday:	8:00 am-12:00 pm Rummage/Bake Sale (Bag Day)
	5:30 pm Worship
Sunday:	8:30 am Chime Practice
	9:30 am Worship
	10:45 am Sunday School
	5:00 pm Scout Den Meeting
	6:30 pm Boy Scouts

**PRAYER LIST** - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregation of St. Mark, Pond Hill.**

**Pray for those suffering illness:** *Members:* Chris Bellezza, Annie & Marty Bisher, Mary Lou Button, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Lee Fett, Marge Fritzinger, Jean Grube, Robert Kline, Karen Henderson, Catherine and Emilia Policare, Rachelle Pryor, Cathy Ridout, Greta Ruckno, Carol Scheff, Betty Schray, Gerald Siperko, Carol Swanson, John Thomas, Jack Traver, Alyson Wood, Shirley Zimmerman.

**Please note:** Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

***Family & Friends:*** Robert Binger, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Janice DeFebo, John Diel, Manfred Diel, Gene Eyerman, Jeffrey Farley, Thomas Fortner, Rich Fufaro, Deacon Barb Gessner, Nancy & Christopher Gillies, Jenn Hubbard, Christine Ide, Michael Kaminski, Joe Kerestes, Bradley Kessler, Elsie Kosmach, Rebecca & Ryan Kozloski, Alice Laskowski, Carl London, Todd Lozo, Audrey Mace, Carol Marker, Debbie Maskalis, Sue & Dan McConnell, Dwight McKee, Bryant Mesick, Rob Merritt, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Helen O'Brien, Peg O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Paul Pryor, Toni Quinn, Febe Quintanar, Robin Rosencrans, John Roushey, Lisa Rowe, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Marilyn Roll Shaver, Nancy Shymanski, Debbie Smith, Mark Sokolowski, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Raymah Tasco, Abigail Thomas, Arnold Thompson, Judi Vietz and family, Jere Vietz, Bill Ward, Karen Wise, Woody Wolfe, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Paul Zawadzki, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Cindy, Keith, Diane, Mary, Rosemary, Morgan, Lori, Greg, Josh, Justin, Jim, Megan (no last names given).