

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 10/11, 2025



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Margaret Quintanar, Director of Music/Organist
Senior Choir & Chimes
Jean Grube, Youth Choir Director

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP

WELCOME, AND HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail.

THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 17/18: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, and John 1:31-35.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd

W. Searle Wright

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.**

Stand as you are able for the hymn

GATHERING HYMN # 847

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

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.

All



I 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

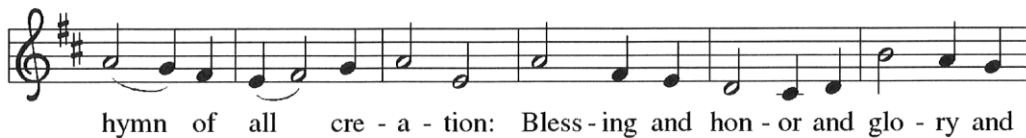
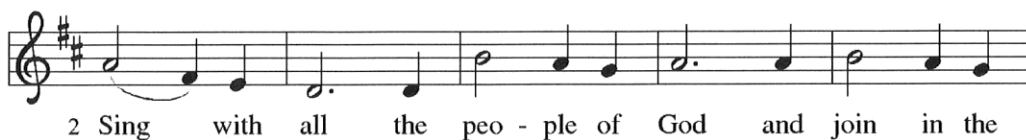


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

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 peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit.

WORD

ANTHEM

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. The biblical blessing has been turned into praise and petition.

A reading from Acts.

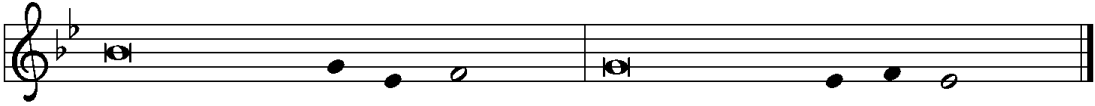
Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Sung by all in unison to Tone 7



¹The LORD [|] is my shepherd;
I shall not [|] be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down [|] in green pastures
and leads me be- [|] side still waters.

³You restore my [|] soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall [|] fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they [|] comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence [|] of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is [|] running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days [|] of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the [|] LORD forever.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

A reading from Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one

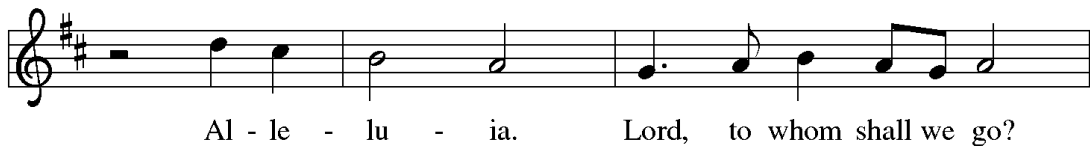
of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If

you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

SERMON

Stand as you are able for the Hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 778

The Lord’s My Shepherd

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.**

(Cont. on next page)

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 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.

MEAL

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



bless - ing. 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.

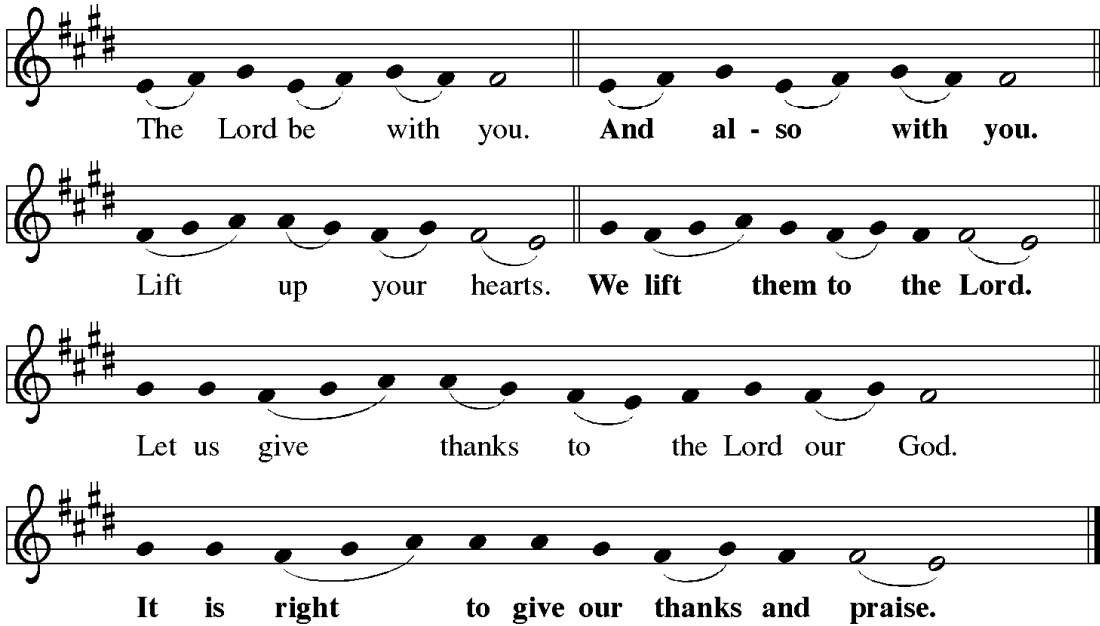
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

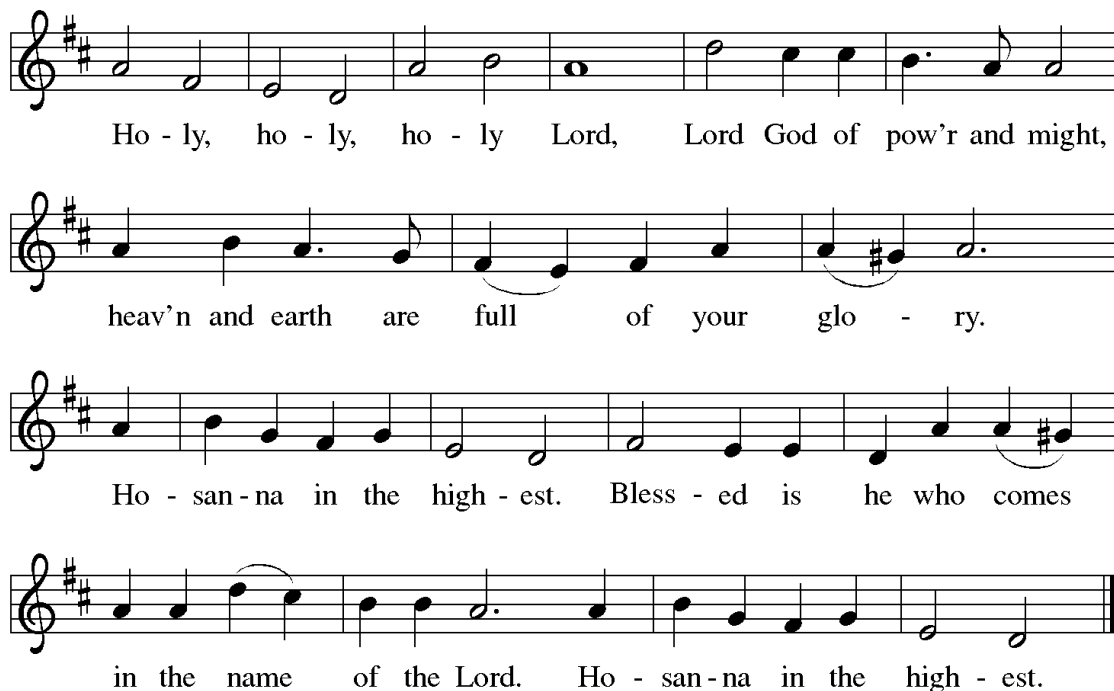
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

SENDING

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 # 427 *For All Your Saints, O Lord*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

For All your Saints, O Lord

Barbara Harbach

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SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter:	Ellen Babuscak
Acolyte:	Nick Pyett
Assisting Minister:	Cynthia Mahalick
Lector:	Gail Ide
Communion Bread:	In Memory of Jan Martinchak
Saturday Altar Set Up:	Cookie Fetterman
Sunday Altar Clean Up:	Volunteer needed
Minister of Technology:	Marissa Miller

MOTHER'S DAY BLANKETS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Roberta Hafker and Nancy Hafker, by the Hafker Family
Jan Martinchak, by Gene, Ann & Jodi
Loved Ones, by Joan Williams
Evelyn M. Daley, by Mary Lou Daley-Button
Anna M. Covert & Barbara Kessler, by Robert & Nancy Kline
Alice Beagle and Rose Ide, by Brad & Ruth Ide
Pauline Kistner and Agnes Weiss, by Fred & Anita Weiss & Family
Catherine Grieshaber, by Cathy, Emilia and Michael
Margaret Hardisky and Mary Ryman, by Joe & Lois Hardisky
My Mother, Helen Pugh, by Marjorie Fritzinger
Loved Ones, by Geri Williams
Julia Hardaker and Alice Mancke, by Marianne & Ray Mancke
Loved Ones, by Cookie & John Fetterman
My Mom, by Dianna Smith
Freida Mueller, by Linda Gillies
Lillie Mae Hansen and Emily Jean Husted, by Pamela Husted
Mary Stiles, by Cheryl Everhart
Alice Baer, by the Smith's
Alice Baer, by Karen Mertz
My Mom and Mother-In-Law, by Pat Kowalek

MOTHER'S DAY BLANKETS GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Holly O'Brien, by Adam O'Brien
My Family, by Marjorie Fritzinger
Our Mothers, by Miguel & Stephanie Younger
Carrie, Lisa, Jennifer, Lily and Brooks, by Cookie & John Fetterman
Michelle Waschek and Pearl Evangelista, by Marianne & Ray Mancke
Megan Estock, Kristen Skrobanek and Geri Williams, for Her Many Kindnesses,
by Joe & Lois Hardisky
Mary E. Button, by Mary Lou Daley-Button
Kristin and Micaela, by Pat Kowalek

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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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God, in Memory of Nelson Williams, by the Williams Family. **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God, in Honor of all our Mothers and Grandmothers.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Tom and Betty Ann Duffy, on the death of Betty Ann's mother, Elizabeth Betty Doherty, on April 29. May God comfort all who mourn.

COUNCIL UPDATE: Communications Committee: a new laptop to run the Sunday Zoom broadcast has been purchased. **Christian Education:** the committee is preparing for the last Sunday School class of the year on Sunday, May 18 and has contacted members of Prince of Peace Church about collaborating on a Vacation Bible School program. **Finance/Property Committee:** The church's lawn mower is being serviced; along with regular maintenance, the clutch needs to be replaced. Due to leaks, the old caulking on the Baptism Font is being removed and new caulking will be applied. Expansion joints in the sidewalks and along the curbing also need to be recaulked. The flashing over the take-out window in the kitchen has been replaced.

100th Anniversary: The next anniversary event is the May 25 worship service and pig roast. Bishop Christopher deForest will lead the service. The anniversary committee also is working on plans for the July 26 Fellowship in Art Quilt and Art Show and Tea, which will also feature baskets sold at a silent auction.

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 and we will announce your great news in the June newsletter.

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 posters in the Narthex. Tickets for the dinner will be available at the door the night of the dinner.

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. PAUL'S? Pastor Grube will be holding a New Members' Orientation during the Sunday School hour (10:45-11:45 am) on Sunday, June 1, and new members will be received during worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office or Pastor by Sunday, May 25 so that we can have enough materials for everyone.

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.com. 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Articles for the June issue of the GOOD NEWS are due in the church office by Sunday, May 18; items for the Saturday/Sunday bulletins are due in the church office by Noon on Thursdays.

SILENT AUCTION BASKET DONATIONS – The Anniversary Committee is looking for basket donations for the Silent Auction to be held in conjunction with the Art & Quilt Show/Tea on July 26. Some basket ideas include: Ethnic Foods (Italian, Asian, Mexican), Back to School Items, Tools, TV Night with Snacks, Drinks, Movies, Games, Baby items, Coffee/Tea, Baking, etc. It's a good idea to chose a theme and begin shopping for the items a little at a time. Questions??? Call Karen Mertz at 570.762.1138.

THE BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following types of items: all types of soups, jelly, Hamburger Helper, pasta, canned fruits & vegetables, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cereal and all types of snacks. These items represent an ongoing need at the pantry. Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the hallway. Thank you for your caring and support!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today:	8:30 am Chime Practice 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School
Tuesday:	10:30 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Dorcas Meeting
Thursday:	6:30 pm Grief Support Group 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Friday:	1:00 pm Set Up for Roast Beef Dinner
Saturday:	3:30 pm Take-outs begin for Roast Beef Dinner 4:00 till 6:30 pm Roast Beef Dinner Served 5:30 pm Worship
Sunday:	8:30 am Chime Practice 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Pack 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 Congregations of Holy Trinity, Kingston and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.**

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, Catherine and Emilia Policare, Rachelle Pryor, Cathy Ridout, Greta Ruckno, Carol Scheff, Betty Schray, Gerald Siperko, Carol Swanson, Jack Traver, Peter Wittkamp, 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 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, Karen Evanish, 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, Sandy Rebo, David Reistetter, Joe Reilly, 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, Ed Stofko, 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).