

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 31 / June 1, 2025**



**Believe on the  
Lord Jesus,  
and you  
will be  
saved...**

Acts 16:31, NRSV

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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.** Before his death Jesus prayed that all his followers “may be one” (John 17). We gather as the one body of Christ to worship and grow.

**IT IS POSSIBLE** to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history – to our day – and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

**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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for June 7/8: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17.

**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.

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## GATHERING

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*PLEASE NOTE: Parts of this service are omitted for Saturday's worship.*

**PRELUDE**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Jeffrey Blersch

**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 # 855**


*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

## 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

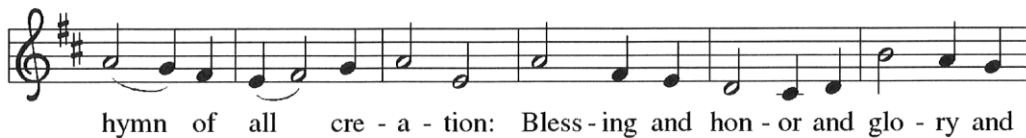
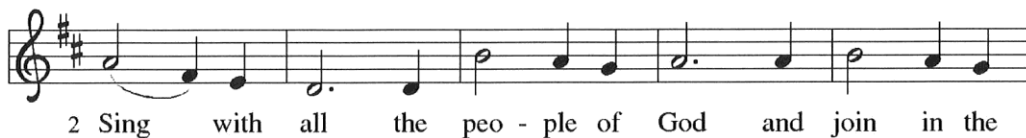


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*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, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

#### FIRST READING

**Act 16:16-34**

*Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

A reading from Acts.

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his

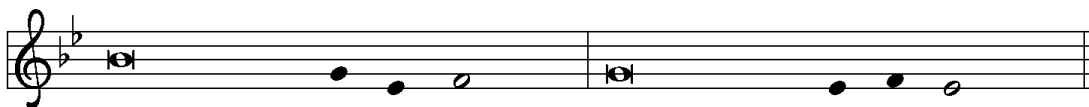
house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 97

*Sung by all in unison to Tone 7.*



The LORD reigns; let the <sup>|</sup> earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the <sup>|</sup> isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness sur- <sup>|</sup> round the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations <sup>|</sup> of God's throne.

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes be- <sup>|</sup> fore the LORD,  
burning up enemies on <sup>|</sup> every side.

<sup>4</sup>Lightnings light <sup>|</sup> up the world;  
the earth <sup>|</sup> sees and trembles.

<sup>5</sup>The mountains <sup>|</sup> melt like wax  
before the Lord of <sup>|</sup> all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare your righteous- <sup>|</sup> ness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples <sup>|</sup> see your glory.

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight <sup>|</sup> in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, <sup>|</sup> all you gods.

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<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju-<sup>1</sup> dah rejoice,  
because of your judg-<sup>1</sup> ments, O LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over<sup>1</sup> all the earth;  
you are exalted far a-<sup>1</sup> bove all gods.

<sup>10</sup>You who love the<sup>1</sup> LORD, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of the saints  
and rescues them from the hand<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns<sup>1</sup> for the righteous,  
and joy for the hon-<sup>1</sup> est of heart.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the<sup>1</sup> LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's<sup>1</sup> holy name.

## SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

A reading from Revelation.

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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 17:20-26**

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

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

*Sit.*

## SERMON

*Stand as you are able for the Hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 496**      *One Bread, One Body*

**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.**

**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

*All for Thee*  
Senior Choir

Frances R. Havergal and  
Henri A. Cesar Malan  
Arr. Jack Schrader

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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

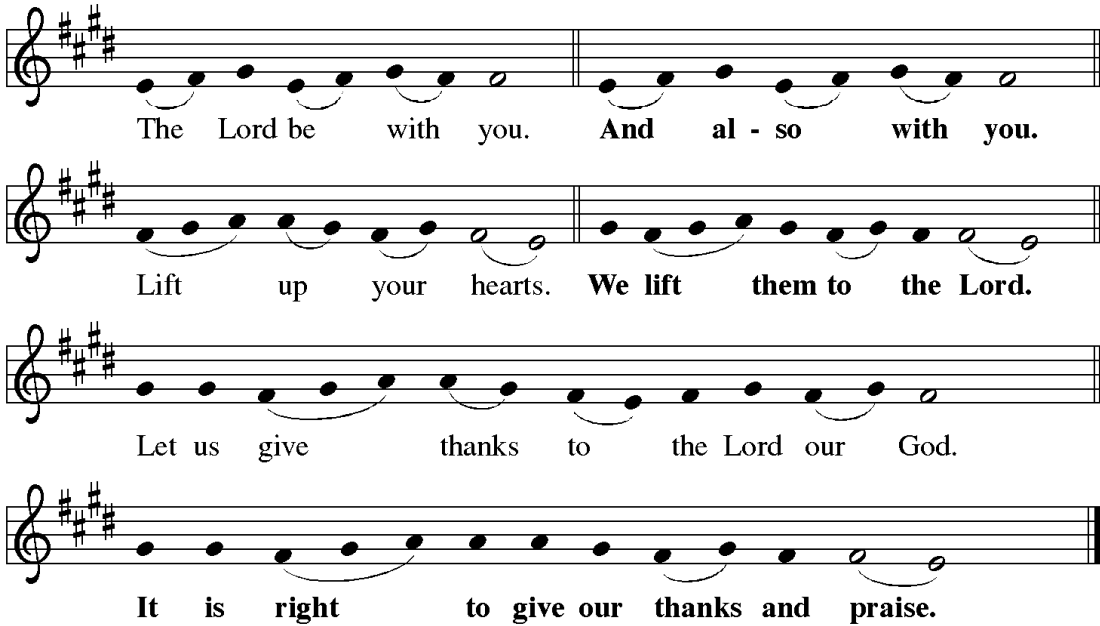
*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

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.

*The bread is broken for the communion and the assembly is seated. Online worshipers receive the word, The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.*

*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 # 826**    *Thine the Amen*

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new!

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

*Thine the Amen*

Kristina Langlois

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### SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter:	Lois Gdovin
Acolyte:	Volunteer needed
Assisting Minister:	Cynthia Mahalick
Lectors:	Bill Peiffer
Communion Bread:	Fran Dierolf
Sunday Altar Set Up:	Cookie Fetterman
Sunday 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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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God, in Memory of Todd Holbrook, by His Family.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is Pentecost (the color is red). Each year we decorate the Sanctuary with red geraniums to symbolize the coming of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to order some geraniums, the sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex; payment envelopes are there also. You may also go to our website and use the Online Giving link to place your order.

**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.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. PAUL'S?** Pastor Grube will be holding a New Members' Orientation today following the worship service; new members will be received during worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. If you are interested in becoming a member, but cannot attend the orientation, please contact the church office or Pastor.

**THE DEADLINE** for the Summer Edition (July & August combined) of the GOOD NEWS is Sunday, June 15; items for the weekly bulletins are due in the church office by Noon on Thursdays.

**JOIN US** for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event “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 the tea. 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.

**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; she has baskets available for use.

**ST. PAUL’S DORCAS SOCIETY** will hold their June Picnic/Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. All ladies of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring a covered dish to share; dessert and beverages will be provided. Hostess are Susan Siperko, Dianna Smith and Martha Kush.

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S**

Today:	9:30 am Worship
	10:45 am New Member Orientation
	10:45 am 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting
Monday:	6:30 pm Back Mountain Railroad Club Meeting
	7:00 pm Pack Committee Meeting
Tuesday:	10:30 am Bible Study
	7:00 pm Council Meeting
Thursday:	10:00 am Alzheimer’s Support Group
	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Saturday:	5:30 pm Worship
Sunday:	9:30 am Worship; New Members Received & Fellowship Reception

**PRAYER LIST** - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregations of St. Paul, Mountain Top 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, Marge Fritzinger, Jean Grube, Robert Kline, Catherine and Emilia Policare, Rachelle Pryor, Cathy Ridout, Greta Ruckno, Carol Scheff, Betty Schray, 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](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

***Family & Friends:*** Robert Binger, Michael Bowanko, 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, Lindsey Lattari, Carl London, 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, 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, Frank and Cheryl Wright, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Paul Zawadzki, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Cindy, Keith, Diane, Mary, Rosemary, Morgan, Lori, Greg, Josh, Justin, Jim, Megan, April (no last names given).