

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21/22, 2025

### Jesus Casts Out Legion Into Swine



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

*The People of St. Paul's, the Ministers*

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

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**WELCOME!** We worship in the same way that we live — in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**THIS SUNDAY'S TEXTS** paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

**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 28/29: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62.

**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**                      *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*                      Johann Sebastian Bach

### **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.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant  
life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we  
grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Heal us, break our  
bonds, and lead us on the path of life. Amen**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of  
+ Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed  
with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

*Stand as you are able for the hymn.*

**GATHERING HYMN # 510**

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

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## WORD

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 65:1-9**

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

A reading from Isaiah.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs and spend the night in secret places; who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed

repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 22:19-28**

*Spoken responsively by whole verse by the lector and congregation.*

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not <sup>1</sup> far away;

O my help, hasten <sup>1</sup> to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>**Deliver me <sup>1</sup> from the sword,**

**my life from the power <sup>1</sup> of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the <sup>1</sup> lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have <sup>1</sup> rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>**I will declare your name <sup>1</sup> to my people;**

**in the midst of the assembly <sup>1</sup> I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise!

All you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup> line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- <sup>1</sup> spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;**

**neither is the LORD's face hid- <sup>1</sup> den from them;**

**but when they cry out, <sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the <sup>1</sup> great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat <sup>1</sup> and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise!**

**May your hearts <sup>1</sup> live forever!**

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<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow <sup>1</sup> before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,**  
**who rules o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations.**

## SECOND READING

**Galatians 3:23-29**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

A reading from Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

**Luke 8:26-39**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit.*

## SERMON

*Stand as you are able for the Hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 611**     *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, let us pray for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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. Please sign the blue pew pads.*

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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



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.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

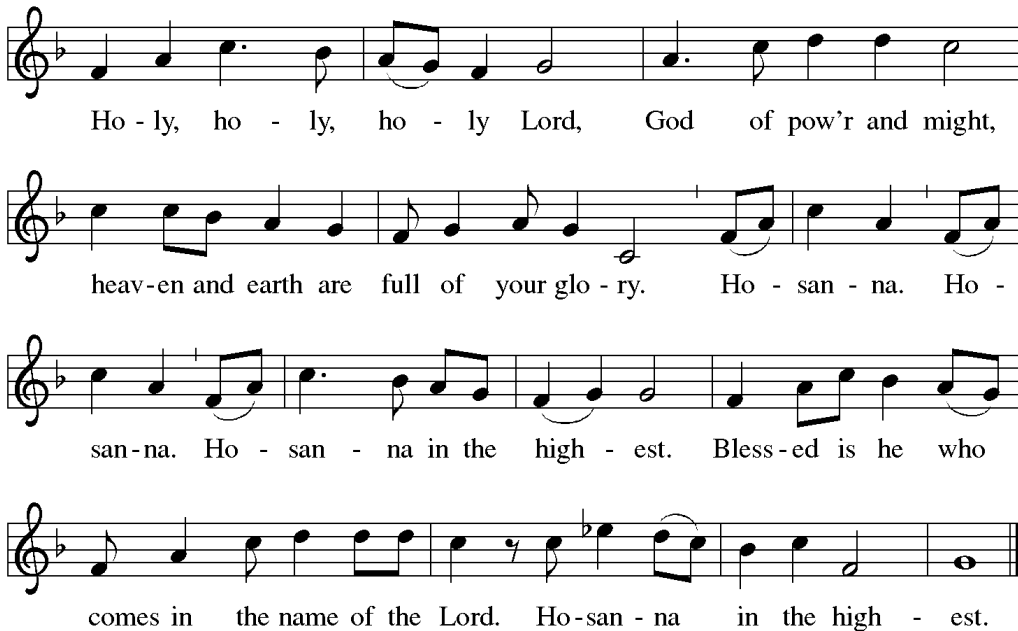
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*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, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

We give you thanks, Father,...both 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**

The Kingdom of God is set before you. Come, eat, and rejoice.

### ***ONLINE WORSHIPERS***

*Taking the bread, the minister looks at the camera to declare to online worshipers:*

**To our online worshipers, the body of Christ given for you.**

*Handing the bread to the assisting minister, taking the cup, and looking to the camera:*

**The blood of Christ shed for you.**

*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.*

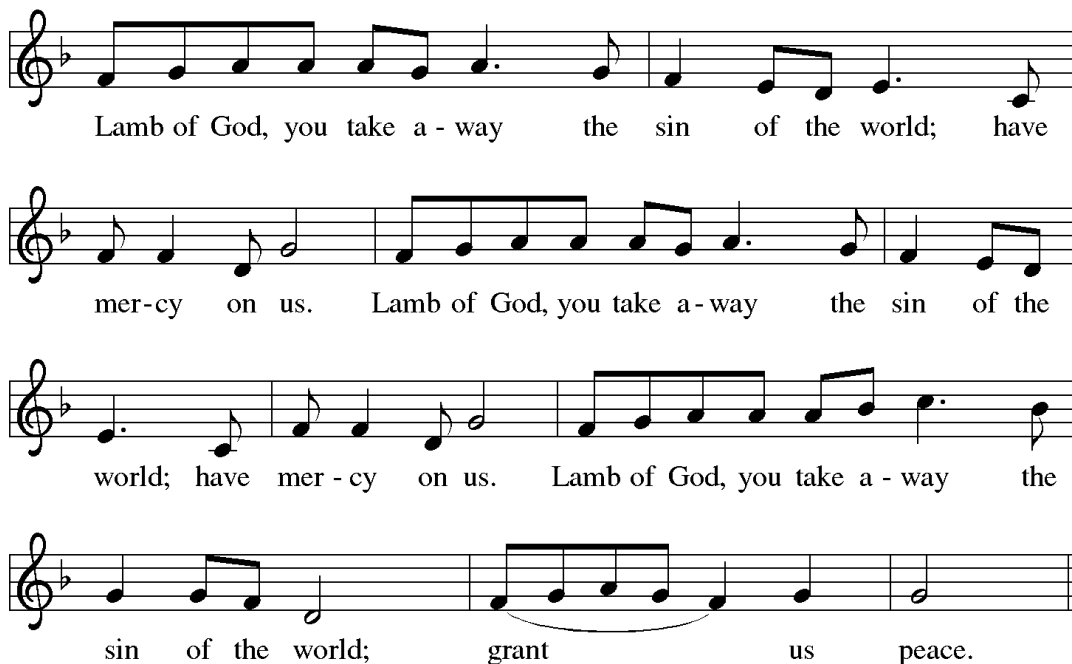
*We invite you to come forward to stand on the floor at the predella step beginning with the person seated closest to the ambo. The communion ministers will come to you, beginning with the bread. Then, take an empty glass from the tray to be filled with wine from the pouring chalice or a prefilled glass 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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Stand as you are able.*

*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

Loving God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING OF THE BLANKETS

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### SENDING

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

### BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN # 798

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Robert J. Powell

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### SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter:	Martha Kush
Acolyte:	Volunteer needed
Assisting Minister:	Gail Smallwood
Lector:	Bill Peiffer
Communion Bread:	Geri Williams
Saturday Altar Set Up:	Cookie Fetterman
Sunday Altar Clean Up:	Martha Kush
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 Dave Kowalek, by His Family.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Dianna Smith on the death of her sister, Audrey Mace. Our Christian Sympathy is also extended to Edward & Raelene Napierkowski, on the death of Ed's mother, Dorothy E. Hosey Napierkowski, last Saturday. May God comfort all who mourn.

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS** – In Memory of Betty Schray, gifts have been given to the Memorial Fund, by Fran Dierolf, and Marty & Annie Bisher; to the Landscaping Fund, by Val Rothrock; and to the General Fund, by Janet W. Doherty and Ronald & Jean Steele.

**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 choose 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.

**THE WORD IN SEASON**, a daily devotional booklet for July through September, is now available in the Information Center kiosk in the Narthex. Feel free to take one!

**THE BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY** is in need of the following types of items: all types of soups, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruits, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cereal, canned vegetables, canned meats, juice, rice, pasta. 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!

**CELEBRATE AMERICA: AN INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT--** The Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter, American Guild of Organists will present Celebrate America: An Independence Day Concert on Sunday, June 29 at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. The program will feature performances by organists Bernie Gardzalla, Canon Mark Laubach, and Carl Ruck, pianist Dr. Alan Hack, a brass quartet, and a choir under the direction of John Vaida. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.agopane.org](http://www.agopane.org) or call the church office at 570-824-2478.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION** – If you have had a change of mailing address, email address, and/or phone number (did you drop your land line number?), please notify the church office at [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) or 570.675.3859. Please help us to keep you informed and to avoid charges from the post office for returned mail.

**MEN'S CLOTHING COLLECTION**—Pyramid Health managers have notified Karen Mertz that their clients are in need of men's clothing, in small and medium sizes. If you have any clothing to donate, please drop it off in the marked basket in the hallway. Thank you!

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

Today: 9:30 am Worship  
Saturday: 5:30 pm Worship  
Sunday: 9:30 am Worship

**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, Morgan Holbrook, Robert Kline, Rachelle Pryor, Cathy Ridout, Greta Ruckno, Carol Scheff, 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, Paul Davis, Janice DeFebo, John Diel, Manfred Diel, Karen Evanish, Thomas Fortner, Rich Fufaro, Deacon Barb Gessner, Nancy & Christopher Gillies, Jenny Graveira, Jenn Hubbard, Joe Hudak, Christine Ide, Michael Kaminski, Joe Kerestes, Bradley Kessler, Elsie Kosmach, Rebecca & Ryan Kozloski, Alice Laskowski, Lindsey Lattari, Carol Marker, Sue & Dan McConnell, Dwight McKee, Bryant Mesick, Rob Merritt, Joe Miller, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Helen O'Brien, Peg O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Paul Pryor, Toni Quinn, Febe Quintanar, Joe Reilly, John Roushey, Lisa Rowe, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Nancy Shymanski, Debbie



Smith, Mark Sokolowski, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Ed Stofko, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold Thompson, Judi Vietz and family, Jere Vietz, Bill Ward, Jerry Wilt, 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).