

ORDER OF WORSHIP

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18/19, 2025

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L U K A S XVIII: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.



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H Y zeide ook een gelykenisse tot haar, daar toe [strekken] dat men altyd bidden moet, en niet vertragen. Zeggende, Daar was een zeker Rechter in een stad, die God niet en vreesde, en geen mensch en ontzag: En daar was een zekere weduwe in dezelve stad, en zy quam tot hem, zeggende, Doet my recht tegen myne wederpartye. En hy en wilde voor eenen [langen] tyd niet: maar daar na zeide hy by hem zelve, Hoewel ik God niet en vrees, en geen mensche en ontzie, Nochtans om dat deze weduwe my moejelyk valt, zo zal ik haar recht doen, op dat zy niet eindelyk en kome, en my het hoofd breekte. En de Heere zeide, Hoord wat de onrechtvaardige rechter zegt. En zal God dan geen recht doen zynen uitverkorenen, die dag en nacht tot hem roepen, hoewel hy langmoedig is over haar? Ik zegge u, dat hy haar haastelyk recht doen zal: Doch de Zoone des menschen, als hy komt, zal hy ook gebove vinden op der aarden?

KOLOSSENZEN IV: 2.

Houd sterk aan in het gebed, en waakt in 't zelve met dankzegginge.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

WELCOME! “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7, NRSV). Take time to greet another worshiper with the love of the Lord.

PRAY ALWAYS. Do not lose heart. This is Christ’s encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ’s table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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 October 25/26: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36.

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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Day by Day

J. Bert Carlson

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Stand as you are able for the hymn.

GATHERING HYMN # 790

Day by Day

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

Refrain S121

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of

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

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sit.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

A reading from Genesis:

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

Spoken responsively by whole verse by the lector and congregation.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

**²My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

**³He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;**

**⁴indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**⁵The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;**

**⁶the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

**⁷The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;**

**⁸the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

A reading from Second Timothy:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his

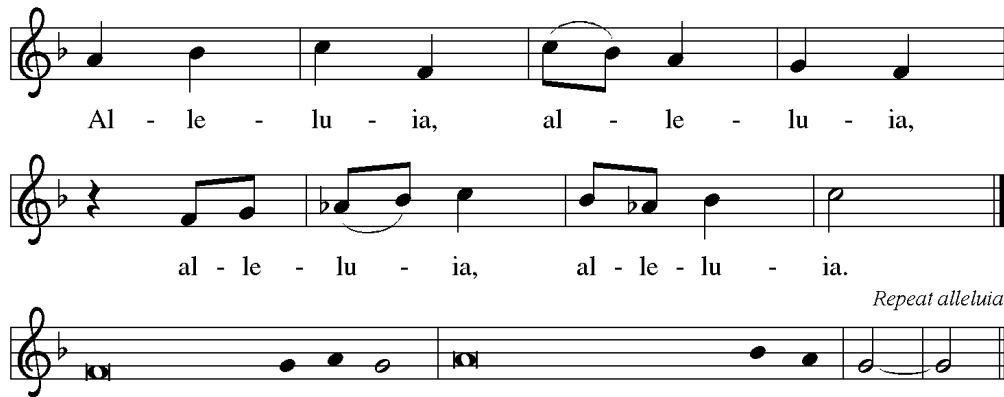
kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.



The word of God is liv- | ing and active,*
able to judge the thoughts and intentions | of the heart.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

SERMON

Stand as you are able for the Hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and lord. **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

OFFERTORY #181

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. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

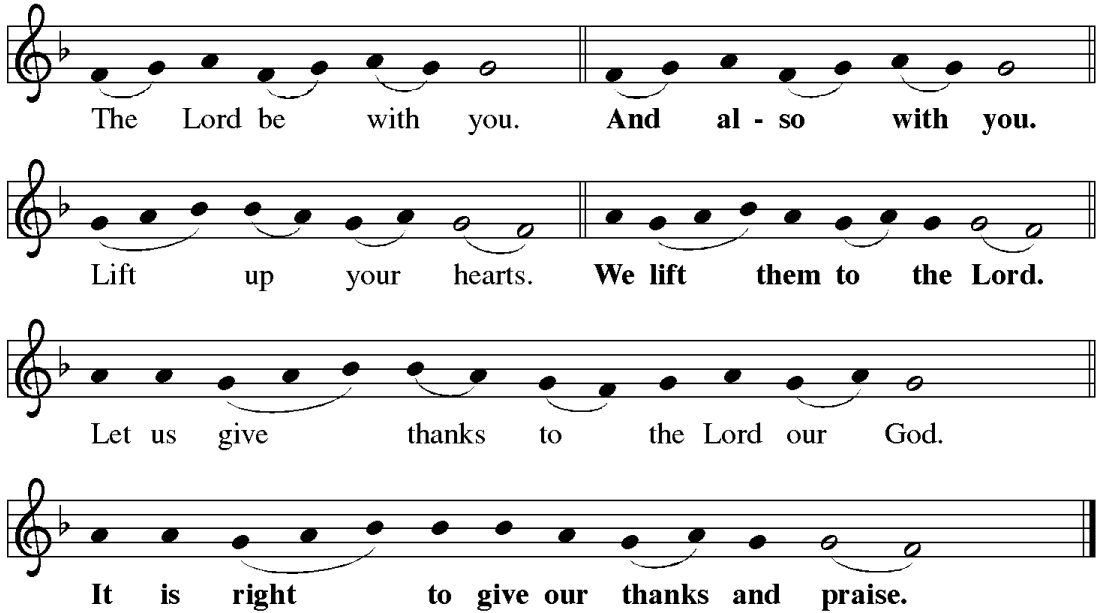
The assisting minister leads the prayer.

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 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.

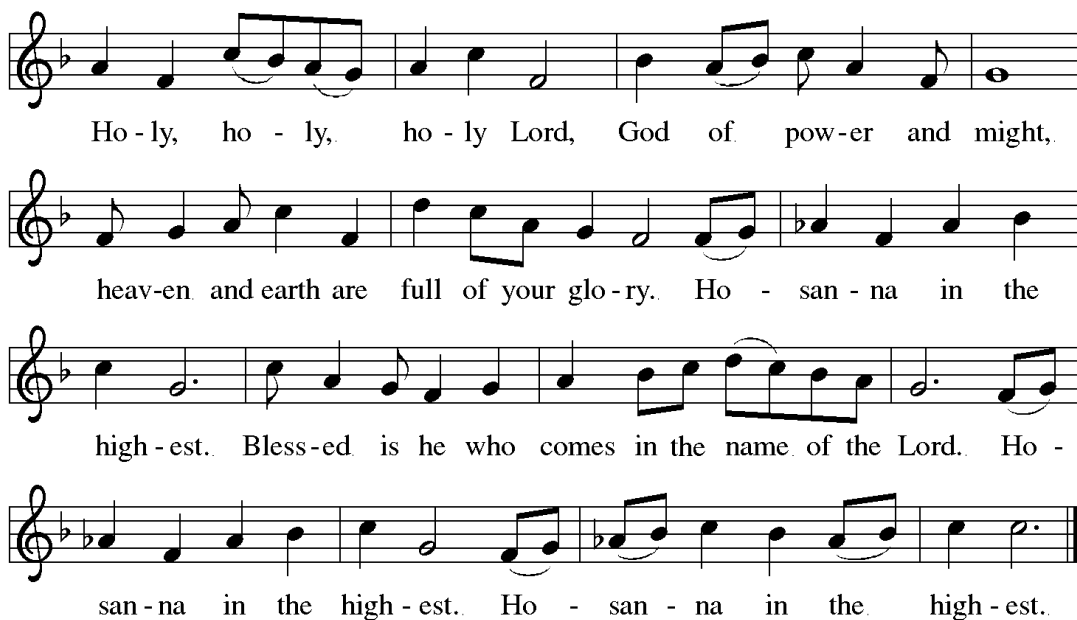
The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes with slurs connecting groups of notes.

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:



You are indeed holy, almighty...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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.

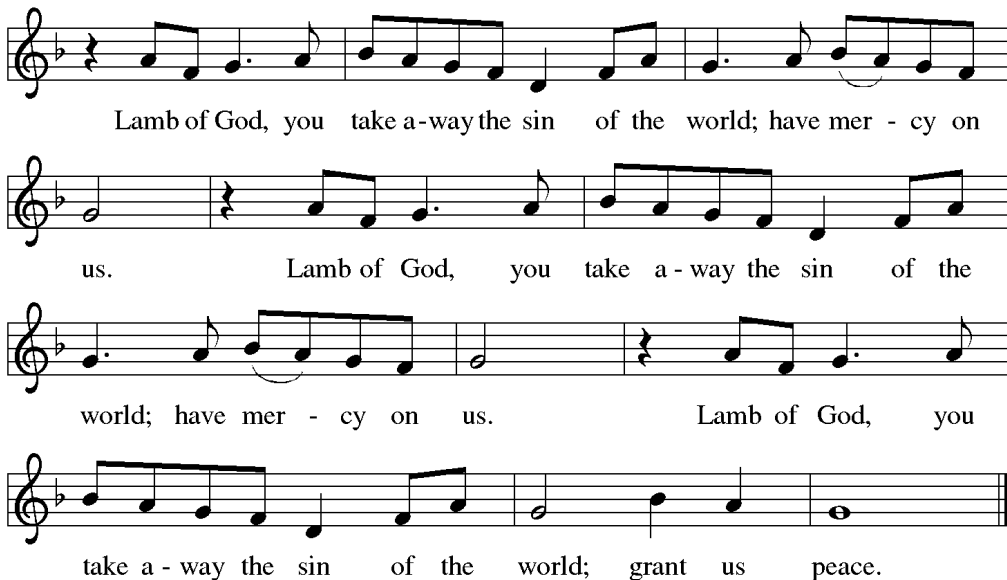
We invite you to come forward to stand on the floor at the predella step beginning with the person seated closest to the ambo. The communion ministers will come to you, beginning with the bread. Then, take an empty glass from the tray to be filled with wine from the pouring chalice or a prefilled glass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

Stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our goods with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

The service concludes with the blessing and the dismissal.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #624 *Jesus, Still Lead On*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Still Lead On

Paul Manz

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SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter:	John Thomas
Acolyte:	Volunteer Needed
Assisting Minister:	Frank Mariano
Lector:	Trish Brosious
Communion Bread:	Kelly Spudis
Saturday Altar Set Up:	Cookie Fetterman
Sunday Altar Clean Up:	Martha Kush
Minister of Technology:	Marissa Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Poppy Todd Holbrook, and in Honor of Alessandra Noel Miller's baptism, by Marissa Miller.

POSSIBLE EMAIL BREACH: Recently the church office discovered that St. Paul's may have been scammed. If you receive any unusual emails, text messages or phone calls that appear to be coming from St. Paul's, double check the address of the sender and please call the office if you have any questions or concerns about the message.

IT'S FLEECE BLANKET making time! Please join the Social Ministry Committee in the Social Hall to make blankets for the children attending grief and special needs camps at Hillside Farm on any of the following dates: Monday, October 20, 27 and 11/3; Wednesday 22, 29 and 11/5. We will meet at 10 am. No special skills are needed and bring a friend if you wish. Call Marianne Mancke at 570.675.9858 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for supporting this Social Ministry project!

ALL SAINTS DISPLAY: All Saints Sunday, November 1-2, will take on a special 100th Anniversary flavor in our display of the saints. In addition to the pictures of those who have died and those newly baptized this past year, we want to also feature pictures of our congregation's past leaders and members as well as the current saints who make up our congregation today. We invite you to gather pictures you may have of past church members as well as a picture of your own family. We hope to have a huge photo display of St. Paul's saints across its 100-year history right up to today. Please include labels with the names of those in your photos, and please bring them to the church office from October 27-October 31. You may take your photos home after the November 2 service. Included in the October newsletter is a form and envelope for our Annual All Saints Day appeal (due no later than Sunday, October 26) or you may make your donation via our on-line giving link (Vanco) by visiting our website at www.stpaulsdallaspa.org and clicking the link to on-line giving.

REMINDER: The deadline for submitting articles and/or information to the church office for the November issue of the GOOD NEWS is today.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: singers, instrumentalists, bathtub whistlers, anyone who can carry a tune! The music program at St. Paul's has dwindled due to age, illness, and infirmities. We need volunteers to help lead worship and to provide special music at worship services. The ability to read music is not required. On Thursdays at 7:00 pm, anyone who would like to participate is welcome to gather in the music room to review the hymns for the next Sunday, to practice easy anthems and, in the time remaining, to sing any hymns you wish or would like to recommend for future anthems. We plan to sing one anthem a month and for festival services. You need not attend every rehearsal and can leave whenever you like; anyone who has attended at least one rehearsal of an anthem is welcome to sing with us. So, mark your calendars and come make a joyful noise!

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, October 22 at 10:30 am.

THERE WILL BE a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 1; the sign-up sheets for volunteer helpers are posted in the Narthex. As usual, take-outs will begin at 3:30 pm; dinner will be served from 4:00 till 6:30 pm. The price of tickets is \$16.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children under 12. **The Brotherhood is in need of volunteers to help prepare, cook and serve the dinner as well as clean up afterwards, and is also looking for the bakers of St. Paul's to donate a dessert!** Please check out the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office at 570-675-3859, or email at stpaul@epix.net to let us know if you are able to assist. As always, thank you so much for your support!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today: 8:30 am Chime Practice; 9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School
Deadline for November newsletter articles
5:00 pm Scout Den Meeting; 6:30 pm Boy Scouts
Monday: 10:00 am Fleece Blanket Project
Tuesday 10:30 am Bible Study
Wednesday: 10:00 am Fleece Blanket Project
10:30 am Social Ministry Committee meeting
Thursday: 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Saturday: 5:30 pm Worship – Reformation
Sunday: 9:30 am Worship – Reformation Sunday
10:45 am Sunday School; Bonfire and Pumpkin Decorating
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 Congregations of St. Matthew United, Scranton, St. Peter, Scranton and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Linda Ash, Chris Bellezza, Annie & Marty Bisher, Sandra Weaver-Charney, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Sandi & Wayne Fassett, Marge Fritzinger, Morgan Holbrook, Brad Ide, Robert Kline, June Lorah, Pat Peiffer, Rachelle Pryor, Alan Pugh, Wally Richardson, Greta Ruckno, Mark Sabol, Dave Scheff, Jack Traver, Anita Weiss, Peter & Carol 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: Ed Banaszak, Robert Binger, Michael Bowanko, Judy C., Michelle Casey, Marjorie Catania, Ken Charney, Paul Davis, Janice DeFebo, Grace Sunglee Emmett, Rich Fufaro, Nancy & Christopher Gillies, Bonnie Goodrich, Nancy Harm, Jenn Hubbard, Ashley Hutchins, Christine Ide, Jack Jones, Michael Kaminski, Debbie Kertesz, Bradley Kessler, Alice Laskowski, Carol Marker, Sue & Dan McConnell, Lillian McGrady, Dwight McKee, Rob Merritt, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Helen O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Paul Pryor, Toni Quinn, Febe Quintanar, Robin Rosencrans, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, John Sheeran and family, Nancy Shymanski, River Grace Siperko, Dorothy Smith, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold Thompson, Judi Vietz and family, Jere Vietz, Karen Wise, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Paul Zawadzki, Carl & Ruth Zimmerman, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Keith, Diane, Mary, Rosemary, Morgan, Lori, Greg, Justin, Jim, the M family, Evan (no last names given).