

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14/15, 2026



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**WELCOME!** “Come and see the works of the Lord... the Lord Almighty is with us!” (Psalm 46:8a, 10a, NIV). We rejoice that you are here today! Let us join together in praising God and witnessing His goodness through Word and Sacrament. To our visitors, your presence brings us special joy—please come again soon!

**BAPTISM IS SOMETIMES** called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. “I was blind, now I see,” declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God’s beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**LEAVING THE SANCTUARY** during worship? Please use the side doors with the panic bar latches; they open and close silently.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for March 21/22: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11 and John 11:1-45.

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## GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

*Dearest Jesus, At Your Word*

Wayne L. Wold

### BELL, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Kneel or remain seated 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.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Stand as you are able for the hymn.*

**GATHERING HYMN #520** *Dearest Jesus, At Your Word*

## **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.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with our Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father 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**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.*

A reading from 1 Samuel:

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought,

“Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ENCOURAGEMENT**

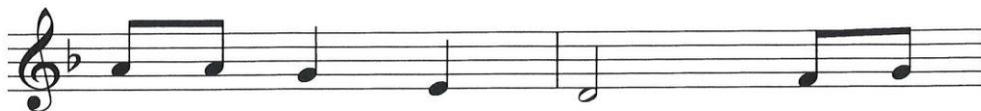
Let us pray.

Merciful and most high God, creator and life-giver of all that is, you have called all people from darkness into light, from error into truth, from death into life. We ask you, grant grace to us and bless us. Raise us by your Spirit. Revive us by your word. Form us by your hand. Renew in us the water of life and feed us with the bread and cup of blessing, that with all your people we may bear witness to your grace and praise you forever through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



Light of life be-yond con - ceiv - ing, might-y  
Give us eyes to see you clear - ly; make us



Spir - it of our Lord; give new  
child - ren of your light. Give us



strength to our be - liev - ing, give us faith to live your  
hearts to live more near - ly as your gos - pel shin - ing



word, give us faith to live your  
bright, as your gos - pel shin - ing



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Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: Marty Haugen  
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## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

A reading from Ephesians:

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will

speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit.*

**SERMON**

*Stand as you are able for the Hymn.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY #779 *Amazing Grace*

### APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the creed of our baptism.

**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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.  
**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.*

*Sit.*

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

**ANTHEM**            *What Wondrous Love Is This*            North American Folk Hymn  
Duet, Patricia Brosious and Jean Grube

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**MEAL**

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*The offering is presented.*

**OFFERTORY #186**            *Create in Me*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray. Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, .....we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread... almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

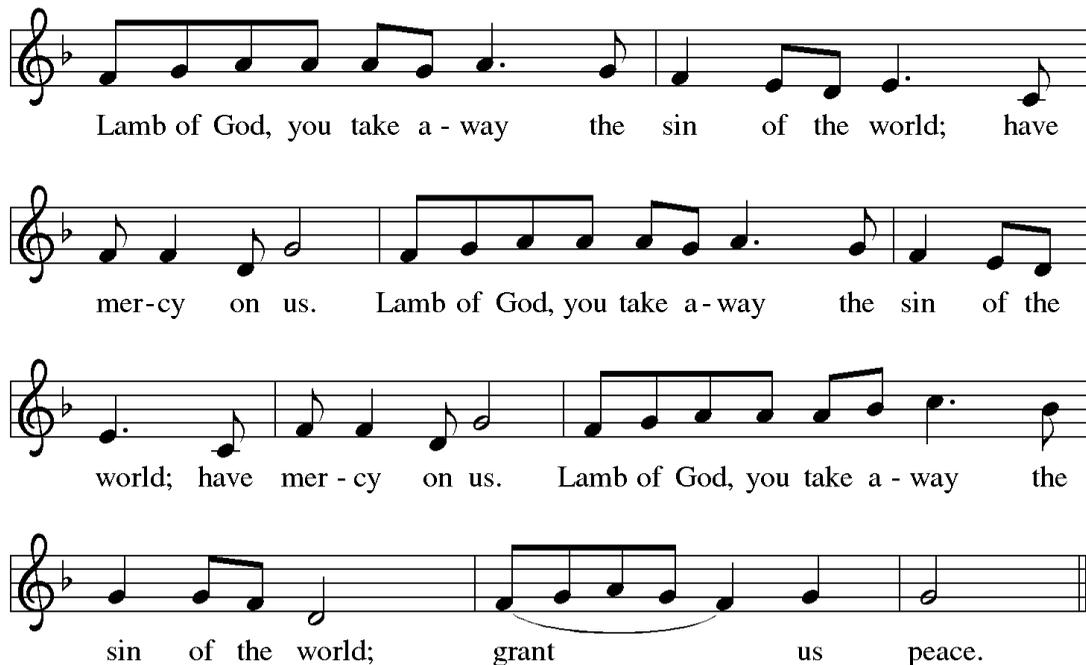
*The bread is broken for the communion and the assembly is seated. Online worshipers receive the word, The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.*

*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.

*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.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, make us to be Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #793** *Be Thou My Vision*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

Steven Wentz

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### SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter:	Cathy Ridout
Acolyte:	Volunteer Needed
Assisting Minister:	Frank Mariano
Lector:	Trish Brosious and Rocco Pericich
Communion Bread:	Grace Fisher
Saturday Altar Set Up:	Cookie Fetterman
Sunday Altar Clean Up:	Gail Smallwood
Minister of Technology:	Marissa Miller

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Martha Kush, for my Family and Friends.

**BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God, in Memory of Tom, by the Mertz family.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to James and Rhonda Kaiser and Family and also to Tony and Lauren Kaiser and Family on the death of Jim and Tony's mother, Lucille Marie Kaiser, on Thursday, March 5, 2026. Rest eternal grant her, Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May God comfort all who mourn.

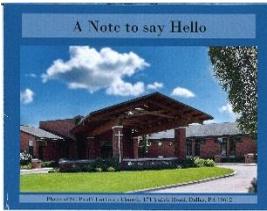
**PALM SUNDAY READERS** are needed to portray the characters in our Narrative Gospel, "The Passion of Our Lord According to Matthew." If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex, and add your name to a part. A copy of the script will be given and/or mailed to you prior to the service.

**THE WORD IN SEASON** a daily devotional book for April, May and June is available in the Narthex Kiosk; please feel free to take a copy.

**BEAR CREEK CAMP NEWS:** Pack your bags and press pause on routines – BCC is inviting you to laugh, explore, and reconnect together in the great outdoors during Spring Family Nature Retreat, March 20-22. Spend the weekend wandering 3,000 acres of forests, wetlands, bubbling streams, and mountain trails. Check out more information on their website: [bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org](mailto:bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org). Also available on the website is registration for Summer Camp 2026 – register early and you will receive a free Summer Camp themed T-shirt when you arrive at camp.

**ECUMENICAL SOUP AND SCRIPTURE** – This Lenten season St. Paul's and other local churches have renewed the practice of coming together for mid-week Ecumenical Soup and Scripture evenings. Each event will begin at 6:00 pm and will include a soup supper followed by a teaching from scripture. The schedule is as follows:

March 18	Lehman-Idetown UMC 1011 Mountainview Dr, Lehman
March 25	St. Paul's Lutheran 474 Yalick Rd., Dallas



**FULL COLOR NOTE CARDS** picturing our beautiful church are available before & after Friday night and Saturday services; in church office Mon. through Thurs.; or by contacting Dorcas member Grace Fisher at 570-262-8116. All proceeds benefit Dorcas Fundraising. 12 cards/envelopes in blue plastic folder for \$15.00. Cash or checks accepted- please make check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Perfect for: Easter Greeting, Personal Note, Get Well Wish, Sympathy, Birthday Wish, Graduation, Congratulations, Retirement Wish. Send messages of hope, love, and concern and let the Lord's light shine through!

**REMINDER:** Easter Lily order forms are due in the church office no later than Sunday, March 15. Once our order is placed on Monday, March 16, we cannot place additional orders. Order forms were included with the February newsletter, but there are extra forms on the table in the Narthex. You may also use our website to place your order through the on-line giving link.

**SHARED WORSHIP SERVICE** – The next Healing Service will be held here at St. Paul's on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm. Our indoor labyrinth will be open that day and will be available from 3:00-7:00 pm. This ministry is free and open to the public.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY PROJECTS:** Throughout the season of Lent, the Social Ministry Committee is inviting all members to donate their loose change to Pastor's Helping Hands Fund. A jar to collect the change will be in the Narthex. Social Ministry also is inviting all bakers of the church to contribute two dozen cookies by Monday, March 16; a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. The cookies will be placed in Easter baskets to be distributed to our members who cannot attend worship.

**THE RETIRED RAMBLERS** will meet for their next breakfast meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 8:32 am at the Skillet. Everyone is invited to attend.

**THE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will hold its next session on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm. This group is a joint ministry of St. Paul's and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church and is free and open to anyone who has experienced a loss.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE:** This year we mark our third annual exchange with our sisters and brothers of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church for celebrating Holy Week together. Following Palm Sunday worship on March 29, St. Paul's will offer worship on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm with Holy Communion and Individual Absolution. Our common Good Friday service, April 3, will be at St. Paul's at Noon with Pastor Grube presiding and Father Rafferty preaching. The Easter Vigil service, April 4, will be at Prince of Peace, with Father Rafferty presiding and Pastor Grube preaching. Please note that St. Paul's usual Saturday service at 5:30 pm will not be held that evening. We will celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday, April 5, at 9:30 am and there is no Sunday School that day.

**FOR THE PAST** few months, Pastor Grube has been in conversation with a leader of St. Therese's Catholic Church who is enthusiastic about sharing ministries, citing our relationship with Prince of Peace. St. Therese's membership has been invited to attend our monthly Grief Support Group and our meetings are now advertised in their parish bulletins and newsletter. In turn, St. Paul's and Prince of Peace have been invited to advertise and take advantage of St. Therese's free legal clinic. The clinic is open on Saturdays, usually 10:00 am to noon; the next scheduled date is March 28. Future sessions may be found on their "Parish Events Calendar" under the "Schedule" tab on their website, [sttherese-shavertown.com](http://sttherese-shavertown.com) or by calling the parish office at 570.696.1144.

**A ROAST BEEF DINNER** has been scheduled for Saturday, April 11; take-outs from 3:30 pm – dining in from 4 to 6:30 pm. Volunteers needed for various duties ranging from setting tables, helping with take-outs, making desserts, working the steam tables, waiting on tables, dishwashing and especially with clean-up. No experience necessary; on-the-job training gladly given! Please check out the sign-up poster in the Narthex. Tickets (\$16.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children under 12) will be available at the door the night of the dinner.

**THE BACK MOUNTAIN** Food Pantry reports that the following items are among the greatest needs right now: ramen noodles, applesauce, peanut butter and jelly, juice, pancake syrup, stuffing, pork & beans, canned fruit & vegetables, boxed mashed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna/salmon. Your donations may be placed in the grocery cart in the hallway by the Social Hall. Thank you for your donations and continued prayers for the Food Pantry and their clients.

**“HEADS UP”** – The Dorcas “Spring Rummage/Bake Sale” will be held May 1 and 2; items may be brought to church beginning the week of April 27.

**ANTHEM NOTE:** *What Wondrous Love Is This* – American Folk Hymn – Source: *Southern Harmony, 1835*. The melody for this hymn shows signs of Celtic influences, and the unusual meter is that of an old sea chanty about Captain Kidd. The tune first appeared in the valleys of the Southern Appalachians, where William Walker recorded it and included it in his historic *Southern Harmony*. Each stanza has a single thought which is underscored by repetition, but it is the haunting melody which has made this hymn so popular in this country.

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S**

Today: 8:30 am -- Chime Practice  
9:30 am – Worship  
10:45 am – Sunday School  
5:00 pm – Den Meeting  
6:30 pm – Boy Scouts  
Deadline for newsletter articles

Tuesday: 9:30 am—Social Ministry meeting  
10:30 am – Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday: 3:00-7:00 pm—Indoor Labyrinth Walk  
7:00 pm—Healing Service

Thursday: 8:32 am—Retired Ramblers breakfast at Lakeside Skillet  
6:30 pm—Grief Support Group  
7:00 pm -- Choir Practice

Saturday Set up for Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet  
5:30 pm -- Worship

Next Sunday 8:30 am – Chime Practice  
9:30 am – Worship  
10:45 am -- Sunday School  
Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet

**PRAYER LIST - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list.** Pray for the Congregation of the Indonesian Lutheran Church of Scranton, and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Chris Bellezza, Annie and Marty Bisher, Pam Cyphers, Mary Lou Daley Button, Fran Dierolf, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Marge Fritzingler, Lois and Joe Hardisky, Daniel Henderson, Ruth Ide, Robert Kline, June Lorah, Linda Lundberg, Cynthia Mahalick, Raelene Napierkowski, Leah Pambianco, Pat Peiffer, Rachelle Pryor, Wally Richardson, Greta Ruckno, Ann Sabol, Mark Sabol, Dave Scheff, Carol Swanson, Tim Swanson, John Thomas, Anita Weiss, Geri Williams, Peter and 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](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.**

*Family & Friends:* Ed Banaszak, Kelly Bellezza, Alanna Berger, Michael Bowanko, Marty Calabro, Michelle Casey, Marjorie Catania, Susan Collini, Daniel Cornell, Susan Coslett, Paul Davis, Janet DeCosta, Katrina Diel, Ryan Doughton, Denise Ekdahl, Leona Ellis, Grace Sungle Emmett, Bob Evans, Jeff Farley, Rich Fufaro, Jason Germani, Nancy & Christopher Gillies, Catherine Gilroy, Theresa Hahn, Ron Hall, Nancy Harm, Debbie Hilbert, Marty Hille, Scott Holbrook, Jenn Hubbard, Ashley Hutchins, Christine Ide, Frank Ide, Mimi Johnson, Jack Jones, Michael Kaminski, Joe Kerestes, Debbie Kertesz, Bradley Kessler, Alice Laskowski, Carol Marker, Julie Marra, Lillian McGrady, Becky Morgan, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Helen O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Ryleigh Phillips, Paul Pryor, Abraham Quintanar, Febe Quintanar, Rita Riley, Robin Rosencrans, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Joyce Rutherford, Sandra Serhan, John Sheeran and family, Nancy Shymanski, Dorothy Smith, Sylvan Smith, Sandy Sprau, Connor Spudis, Sandra Stankiewicz, Stevens Family, Flo Sutton, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold Thompson, Corrine Varneke, Lisa W., Eileen Walsh, Tabitha Walters, Wayne Williams, Karen Wise, Peg Wyda, Debbie Young, Mary Z., Paul Zawadzki, Carl & Ruth Zimmerman, Ashley, Bethann, Keith, Megan, Diane, Mary, Lori, Greg, Justin, the M family, Evan, Dominick, Kara, Bea, Marion, Cortland, Autumn, Holly, Johnny, Sandra, Robert, Kate, Donna (no last names given).