

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 25/26, 2026



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Senior Choir & Chimes  
Jean Grube, Youth Choir Director

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

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**WELCOME!** The welcome mat is out for you! We are happy to have you here today as a partner in prayer, in song and in the hearing of God's word. We hope that you will stay for coffee after worship, so that we may become friends and be strangers no longer.

**TODAY IS** sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

**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 May 2/3: Acts 7:55-60, 1 Peter 2:2-10, and John 14:1-14.

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## GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE**                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      Aaron David Miller

### **BELL, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand as you are able to face the font for the Thanksgiving for Baptism.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*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.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN # 807**    *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## 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*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,

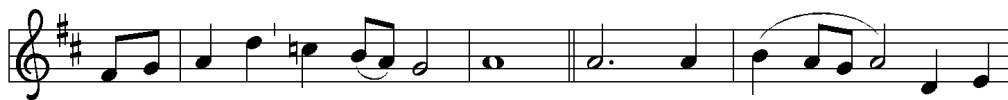


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

**Acts 2:42-47**

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

A reading from Acts.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

A reading from 1 Peter:

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, word of life.

**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**

**John 10:1-10**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit.*

## **SERMON**

*Stand as you are able for the Hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 782**

*My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

## **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 proceeds from the Father,  
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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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.*

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## MEAL

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### 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

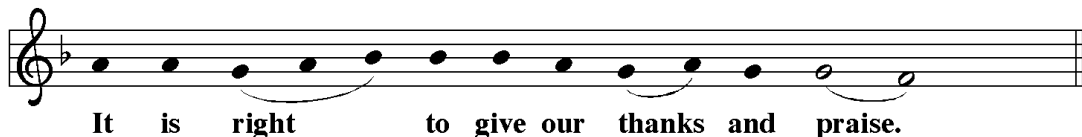
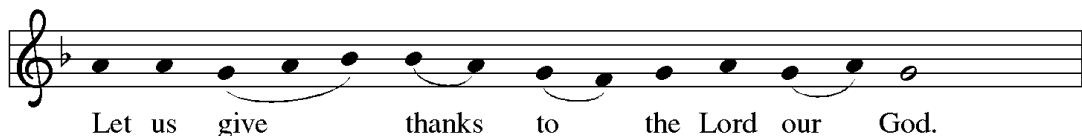
*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



*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.

Blessed are you, O God of the Universe. ... 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... burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places... 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 of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

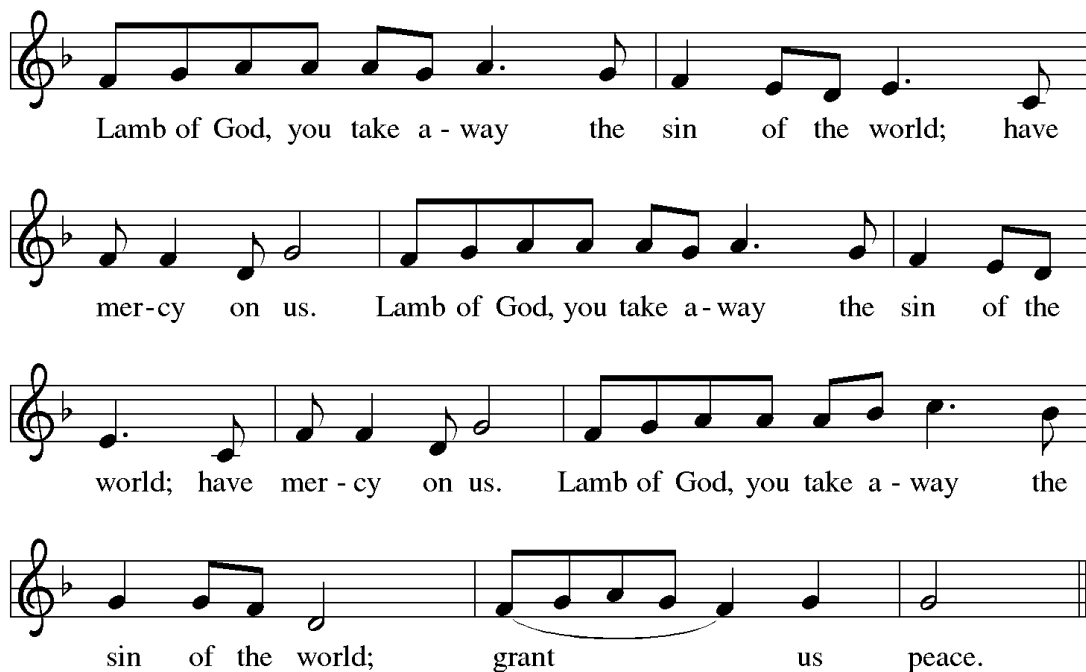
*The bread is broken for the communion and the assembly is seated. Online worshipers receive the word, The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.*

*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.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

God almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #362 (vs. 1, 6, 7, 8)** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

David Schack

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### SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters:	Marianne and Ray Mancke
Acolyte:	Volunteer needed
Assisting Minister:	Gail Smallwood
Lector:	Gail Smallwood
Communion Bread:	Cookie Fetterman
Saturday 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

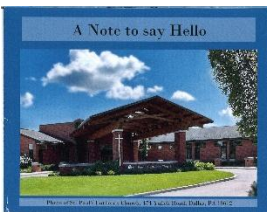


**BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God by the Smallwood family.

**THE YELLOW ROSE** is given in honor of Debra Bayer's birthday, by the Social Ministry Committee.

**A DONATION** has been given to the General Fund, in Honor of Pastor Grube, Staff, Council and Committee Members, by Wayne and Sandi Fassett.

**PLEASE JOIN US** following Sunday worship in the Sunday School Gathering Area for a continental Head Start breakfast and presentation of the donated grocery/gas gift cards which will help support our Head Start families. The Christian Education Committee thanks you for your support.



### **SHOW YOU CARE VIA A PERSONAL NOTE.**

Researchers cite the value of sending a note- including high rate of opening, deep connection, and lasting effect. People tend to save them! "Note to Say Hello" picture cards of St. Paul's are available in the church office Monday through Thursday; before/after weekend services; or by calling Grace Fisher at 570-262-8116 if other arrangements are needed. All proceeds benefit Dorcas Fundraising for service and community projects. Twelve cards/envelopes in durable folder for \$15.00. Cash or checks accepted- please make check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Psalm 118:24 is included inside: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

**RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE:** The Dorcas Society will sponsor a two-day rummage/bake sale, Friday, May 1, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm and 5:00 – 7:00 pm; and Saturday, May 2, 8:00 am – Noon (Bag Day). Donations of good clean, usable clothes, household items, dishes, pots and pans, holiday decorations, jewelry, books, games, puzzles, etc. will be accepted. Donation date & times are as follows:

Monday	April 27	9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 28	9:30 am – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	April 29	9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday	April 30	9:30 am – 2:00 pm (No donations accepted after 2:00 pm so items can be priced)

**Please do not bring televisions, computers/printers, exercise equipment, large appliances, cribs, strollers, artificial Christmas trees, VHS tapes, electrical cords and old telephones.**

Anyone (men and women) can assist during the week with setting up tables, unloading, displaying and/or pricing items to be sold. All bakers of St. Paul's are asked to donate homemade baked goods for the Bake Sale; the items should be brought to the church by 1:00 pm on Thursday, April 30, so they may be packaged and priced.



**PER DISCUSSION** with motion/vote at last January's Annual Meeting, later this year we will begin sending out the majority of our newsletters via email. This is in an effort to save on paper, toner, envelopes/labels, postage, etc. Please see the display table in the Narthex; there are three options for you to choose from – 1. Sign up for email version; 2. Sign up to pick up a printed copy at church; 3. Sign up to have a printed copy mailed to you. The June issue will be the last totally printed and mailed copy; the summer (July/August) issue will be the start of our new procedure. If you can't sign up at church, please contact the church office at 570.675.3859 or via email: [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) and indicate your option. And please note: our current monthly newsletters are always posted to our website! You can find the Good News easily by visiting our website at [www.stpaulsdallaspa.org](http://www.stpaulsdallaspa.org) and clicking on the newsletter link at the top of the page.

**IT'S FLEECE BLANKET MAKING TIME**— Please join the Social Ministry Committee in the Social Hall from 10:00-11:30 am to make blankets for the children's grief and special needs camps at Hillside Farm on any of the following dates: Mondays—May 4, 11, and 18 and Wednesdays—May 6, 20, and 27. No special skills are necessary. If you have a question, please contact Marianne Mancke.

**THERE WILL BE** a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, May 16; the sign-up sheets for volunteer helpers are posted in the Narthex. 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 needs 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](mailto: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/Head Start Project Breakfast

Monday: 9:30 am-4:00 pm—Rummage Sale item drop-off  
6:30 pm—Back Mountain Railroad Club meeting

Tuesday: 9:30 am-7:00 pm—Rummage Sale item drop-off  
10:30 am – Bible Study  
7:00 pm—Worship and Music meeting/Finance meeting

Wednesday: 9:30 am-4:00 pm—Rummage Sale item drop-off

Thursday: 9:30 am-2:00 pm—Rummage Sale item drop-off  
7:00 pm – Choir

Friday: 8:00 am-2:00 pm—Rummage Sale  
5:00-7:00 pm—Rummage Sale

Saturday 8:00 am-12 noon—Rummage Sale (Bag Day)  
12 noon-2:00 pm—Rummage Sale cleanup  
5:30 pm – Worship

Next Sunday 8:30 am – Chime Practice  
9:30 am – Worship  
10:45 am – Sunday School  
5:00 pm -- Cub Scout Pack 241; 6:30 pm – Boy Scout Pack 241

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

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Tom Ash, Chris Bellezza, Annie and Marty Bisher, Pam Cyphers, Mary Lou Daley Button, Fran Dierolf, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Grace Fisher, Marge Fritzingler, Lois Gdovin, Daniel Henderson, Robert Kline, June Lorah, Linda Lundberg, Cynthia Mahalick, Jonathan Mancke, Marissa Miller, Raelene Napierkowski, Leah Pambianco, Pat Peiffer, Rachelle Pryor, Wally Richardson, Val Rothrock, Greta Ruckno, Mark Sabol, Dave Scheff, Carol Swanson, Tim Swanson, John Thomas, Geri Williams, Peter and Carol Wittkamp, Alyson Wood, Justin Yost.

**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:* Alanna Berger, Darcy Bradley, Marjorie Catania, Susan Collini, Paul Davis, Susan DeArmitt, Janet DeCosta, Debbie Demuro, Ryan Doughton, Denise Ekdahl, Grace Sunglee Emmett, Nancy Gillies, Theresa Hahn, Nancy Harm, Debbie Hilbert, Marty Hille, Jenn Hubbard, Christine Ide, Michael Kaminski, Joe Kerestes, Debbie Kertesz, Bradley Kessler, Alice Laskowski, Jim Madonna, Carol Marker, Carleton McGrady, Becky Morgan, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Ryleigh Phillips, Paul Pryor, Abraham Quintanar, Febe Quintanar, Andy Reistetter, Robin Rosencrans, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Karen Sadler, Sandra Serhan, Nancy Shymanski, Richard Skurski, Sandy Sprau, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Pat Titus, Corrine Varneke, Tabitha Walters, Wayne Williams, Karen Wise, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Ashley, Bethann, Keith, Megan, the M family, Johnny, Donna, Betsy (no last names given).