# St. Paul Lutheran Church "Let's Make a Difference Together"



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month & Festivals

Christian Education: Sunday's at 10:15 A.M. Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible

# Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family?? Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through

the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**SILENT MEDITATION...** Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

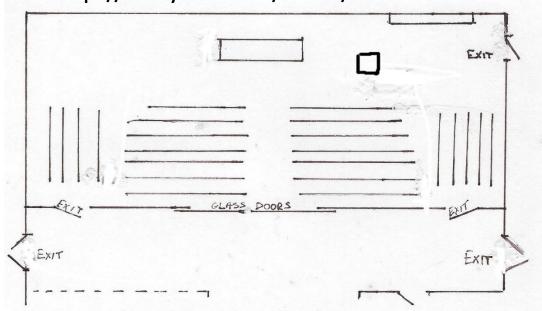
Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

Pastor: Reverend Rashion "Woody" Santiago Parish Administrator: Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline Choir Director/Organist: Mr. Robert Jones

#### **2023 Council Members**

Grant Allen, Dawn Bartron, Bill Below, Chris Kinsley Sr., Nicole Kresge, Carl Reindl, Deb Storman, Beth Werkheiser, Leanna Wickline

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# Worship Service Day of Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

\*Please stand, if able.

Words in bold print denote congregational response.

#### **Chimes**

#### **Announcements**

Prelude Bell Choir- "Fantasy on 'Hyfrydol"" - H. Hopson

#### \*Confession

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

#### Amen.

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us. God in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame.

#### Amen.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to almighty God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

#### Eternal God,

Whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

#### \*Absolution

God, hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life

We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **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,  $\oplus$  one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

#### Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

#### \*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

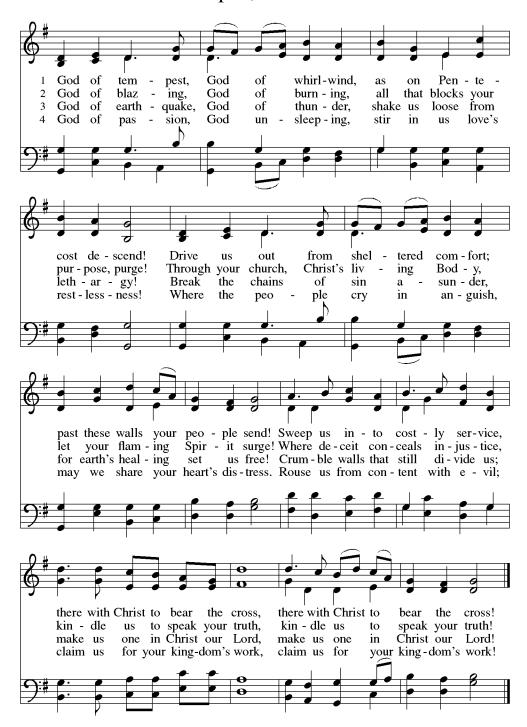
# And also with you.

Share a sign of peace with one another.

Please stay in your pew area and show a sign of peace and greeting with one another.

#### \*Hymn

# God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



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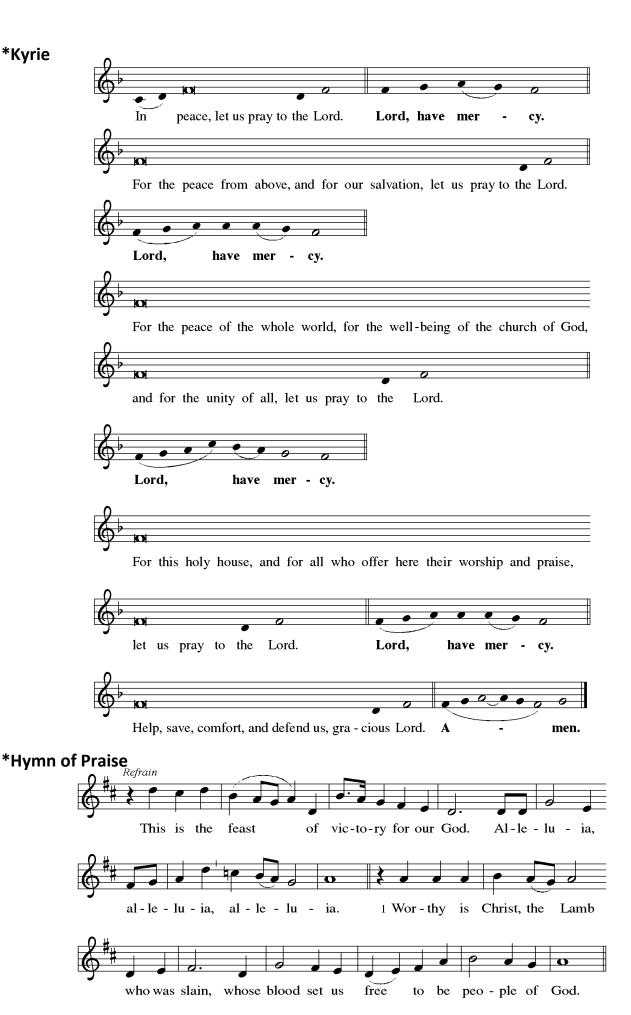
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# \*Greeting

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.

#### \*Kyrie





#### \*Prayer of the Day (Lector)

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

- <sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place.
- <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. <sup>3</sup> They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them.
- <sup>5</sup> Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> They were astounded and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues." <sup>12</sup> They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But some sneered and said, "They're drunk on new wine."
- <sup>14</sup> Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it's only nine in the morning. <sup>16</sup> On the contrary, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- <sup>17</sup> And it will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all people; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> I will even pour out my Spirit
- on my servants in those days, both men and women and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will display wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below: blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the

great and glorious day of the Lord comes. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

- <sup>24</sup> How countless are your works, Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup> Here is the sea, vast and wide, teeming with creatures beyond number living things both large and small.
- <sup>26</sup> There the ships move about, and Leviathan, which you formed to play there.
- <sup>27</sup> All of them wait for you to give them their food at the right time.
- <sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
- <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.
- <sup>30</sup> When you send your breath, they are created, and you renew the surface of the ground.
- <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.
- <sup>32</sup> He looks at the earth, and it trembles; he touches the mountains, and they pour out smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live.
- <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him; I will rejoice in the Lord.
- <sup>35</sup> May sinners vanish from the earth and wicked people be no more. My soul, bless the Lord! Hallelujah!

# **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

- <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>4</sup> Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are different ministries, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person. <sup>7</sup> A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good:
- <sup>8</sup> to one is given a message of wisdom through the Spirit, to another, a message of knowledge by the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another, faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another, the performing of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, distinguishing between spirits, to another, different kinds of tongues, to

another, interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> One and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as he wills.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body — so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free — and we were all given one Spirit to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation



\*Gospel: John 20: 19-23

The holy gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because they feared the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> Having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you." <sup>22</sup> After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

"The gospel of the Lord."

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

#### \*Hymn of the Day

# Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



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#### \*The Nicene Creed

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 and the Son,\* 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 the People

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

At this time, you are welcome to share your joys and concerns, either out loud or silently. *Pause.* Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

# Amen.

#### **Offering Prayer**

Generous God,

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you. (Please share a sign of peace with one another from your seat.)

# \*The 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.

#### \*Proper Preface

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

#### Come, Holy Spirit.

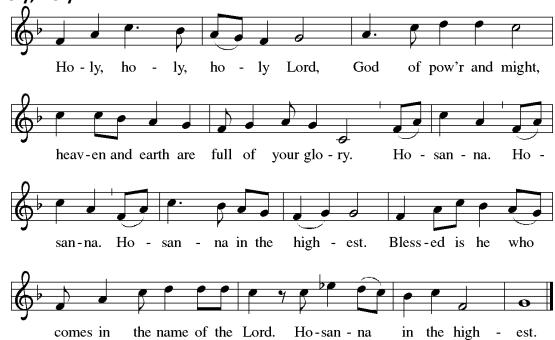
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

#### Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

#### \*Holy, Holy, Holy



# \*Lord's Prayer

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.

#### **Invitation to the Table**

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

#### Communion

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Music During Communion Chancel Choir- "Holy Spirit, Speak to Me" - D. Nolan

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### \*Blessing

The God of all, who raised  $\oplus$  Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

# Amen.



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#### \*Choral Benediction



#### \* Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

# "The worship ends. . .the service begins."

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Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

Specialist William "Blake" Allen; Sr. Master Sargent William F. Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Dillon Berenti; Major Matthew Blessing; Captain Katy Blessings; David Brong; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; the family of Chris Finnerty at his passing; Jamie Fisher; Todd & Anna Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; the family of Chris Haley Jr.; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Steven Moore; Ada Morales; Nelson Morales; Donna Myers; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gina Santiago; Claudette Segear; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Brenda Van Why; Scott Wickline; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic. Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.

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Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food Pantry! Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. Items of particular need are peanut butter, cereal, pasta/spaghetti, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, soup, canned fruit, chicken, and tuna



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# Father's Day

With Father's Day just around the corner, the United Ministry committee has decided to ask the congregation to make a monetary collection for Lutheran Disaster Response for the severe weather experienced in the Midwest of the United States. This is being done in lieu of our Dad receiving a small token gift from the congregation. There will be special envelopes by the offering plate.

#### **Grocery Tapes**

If you shop at Kinsley's Shoprite or Weis markets we get a percentage of your purchase. Just bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the table in the Narthex. In order for us to receive credit, the receipts must include the date and store number. Please don't tear off the bottom of the receipts.

#### **Inside Out Church**

Inside Out Church is held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, in Spies Hall. We join together with a meal and a deep dive into the scriptures. This is an opportunity to grow your faith and increase your knowledge and understanding of God's Word and the Bible.

## **Vendor – Craft – Yard Sale July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Spaces are available to sell items at our Vendor, Craft & Yard Sale, Saturday, July 15 from 8:00-2:00pm. Volunteers to help with set up and a bake sale table (as well as goodies to sell at the bake sale) are needed and welcomed.

# St Paul Night at the Ball Game

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, St Paul Tannersville is joining with St Paul, Craig's Meadow (Smithfield) and Cherry Lane United Methodist, for a night of baseball and Christian fellowship. We will be going to Scranton/ Wilkes Barre PNC Field for a game between the RailRiders and the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. Our seats are in the Infield Box area at \$15.00 per ticket. GREAT SEATS!! Sign up sheet is available on round table in the Narthex.

# Women of the ELCA Gathering

September 21-24, 2023 in Phoenix Arizona, the Women of the ELCA will join together and explore and act on God's call to Just Love! "...for just love to unfold in any situation, we must first weep with those who weep. We must have empathy for those who suffer from injustice." Rev. Dr. Christa Compton & Rev. Gladys Moore. Early registration is until June 15<sup>th</sup>. Visit welca.org to learn more and register. Online participation also available.

# Enjoy a blessed Memorial Day Weekend!