

## **Bendersville Lutheran Parish**

**St. James**  
Wenksville  
8:25 am

**Christ**  
Aspers  
9:45 am

**Bethlehem**  
Bendersville  
11:00 am

# **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 21, 2023



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRELUDE

### \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

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.

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

***“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”***

**LBW 158**

**\*GREETING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**



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



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis-dom and



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



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



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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



## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## **FIRST READING:**

**Acts 1:6-14**

*The First Reading is from Acts, the first chapter.*

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together

with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:**

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

L: Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

C: **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish  
at the presence of God.**

L: But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

C: **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;  
exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

L: In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

C: **you give the solitary a home and  
bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

L: O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

C: **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

L: You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C: **Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

L: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

**C: You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

L: Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**C: How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

## **SECOND READING:**

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

*The Second Reading is from First Peter, beginning with the fourth chapter.*

<sup>4:12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand.)*

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## \*GOSPEL:

**John 17:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

<sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**



**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*    **WOV 756**  
*(Verses 1, 2 and 3)*

**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;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 CHURCH**

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

*Each petition concludes:*

**P:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

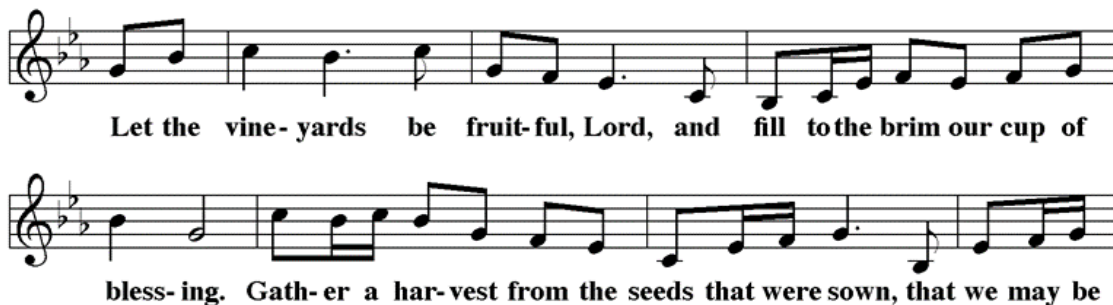
## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**



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 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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray.

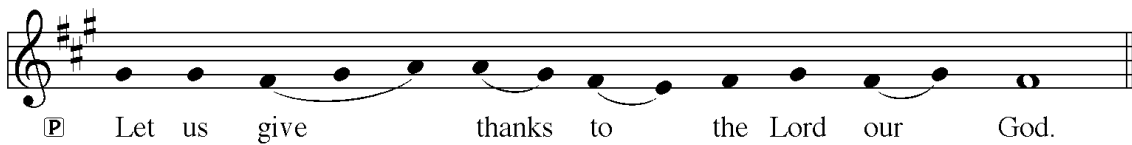
Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.  
 We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
 In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.  
 In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;  
 through Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## DIALOGUE

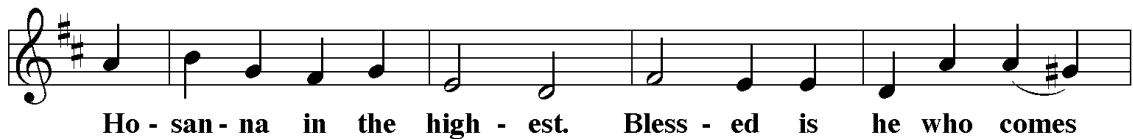
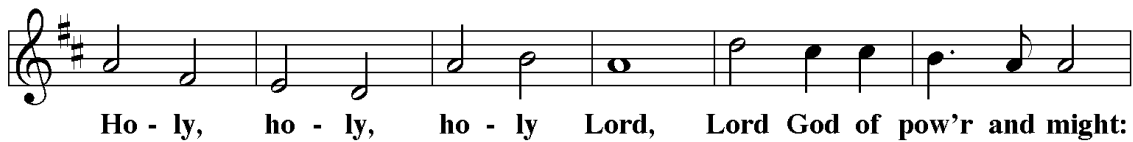
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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



## PREFACE *(sung by the pastor)*

## SANCTUS



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: O God most mighty ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**]

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**]

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

P: O God, you are Breath ... life in you, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

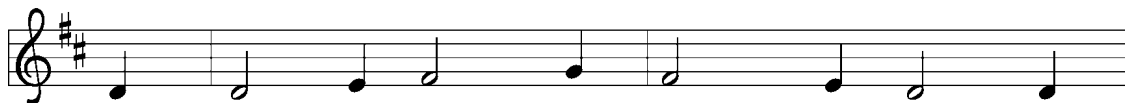
## THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who wish to encounter Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to the Table. As directed, please come forward. The elements will be given by Pastor Susan or the Communion Assistant. If you would like a verbal blessing only, please place your hands on your own shoulders to let the Pastor know. Holy Communion may also be received at your seat. Just inform the Pastor or usher. The elements will be partaken at the Pastor's or Communion Assistant's direction:*

***The body of Christ given for you.***

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

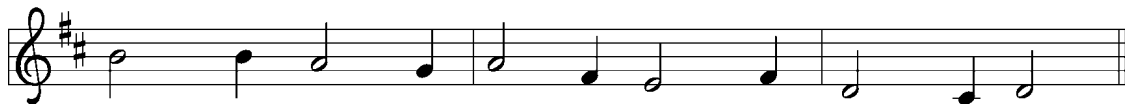
## COMMUNION HYMN “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” ELW 384



1 That Eas - ter day with joy - was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## **\*POST-COMMUNION**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## **\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

P: The God of all,  
who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

## **\*SENDING HYMN**

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

**LBW 170**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

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## **CONGREGATION MEETING**

**• Today: May 21, 2023 •**

Each congregation council made a motion to recommend to the congregation the amendment of its governing documents by substitution of the updated Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolution for the previous version.

Members should have received copies of the old and proposed constitutions, as well as a cover letter in the same manner that you receive the monthly newsletter. Hard copies will be available at each church for your review.



# • MAY/JUNE 2023 •

SUN. May 21	MON. May 22	TUES. May 23	WED. May 24	THURS. May 25	FRI. May 26	SAT. May 27
<b>8:25 am:</b> St. James*  <b>9:45 am:</b> Christ*  <b>11:00 am:</b> Bethlehem*  <i>*Congregation Meeting</i>	<b>7:00 pm:</b> Council Meeting (Bethlehem)  <i>Birthday:</i> <b>Shelvey Dugan</b>	<i>Birthday:</i> <b>Christine Ascencio</b>	<b>7:00 pm:</b> Bible Study (Bethlehem)  <b>Chapter 4:</b> Household Economics  <i>Anniversary:</i> <b>Larry &amp; Francene Gantz</b>	<i>Birthday:</i> <b>Henry Taylor</b>		<b>1:30 pm:</b> Memorial Day Service (Wenksville)  <b>3:30 pm:</b> Memorial Day Service (Bendersville)
SUN. May 28	MON. May 29	TUES. May 30	WED. May 31	THURS. June 1	FRI. June 2	SAT. June 3
<b>Day of Pentecost</b>  <b>JOINT SERVICE</b> <b>10:00 am:</b> Christ  <i>with</i> Pastor Eric Snyder  <i>"WEAR RED!"</i>	<i>Birthday:</i> <b>Samuel Slaybaugh</b>	<b>1:00 pm:</b> Care & Share Meeting (Bethlehem)  <i>Birthday:</i> <b>Barbara Bretzman</b> <b>Dennis Carey</b>	<b>7:00 pm:</b> Bible Study (Bethlehem)  <b>Chapter 2:</b> Honoring The Body			
SUN. June 4	MON. June 5	TUES. June 6	WED. June 7	THURS. June 8	FRI. June 9	SAT. June 10
<b>8:25 am:</b> St. James  <b>9:45 am:</b> Christ  <b>11:00 am:</b> Bethlehem	<div></div> <hr/> <b>SUN., June 4</b> <i>Birthday:</i> <b>David Disbrow</b> <b>Ed Staley</b>	<i>Birthday:</i> <b>Mike Stoner</b>  <i>Anniversary:</i> <b>Mike &amp; Vanessa Shank</b>	<b>7:00 pm:</b> Bible Study (Bethlehem)  <b>Chapter 9:</b> Shaping Communities	<i>Birthday:</i> <b>Laura Albright</b>	<i>Birthday:</i> <b>Madison Kuhn</b>	

*Reference from Today's Sermon*

**Dr. Juss Kaur's TED talk on "Oneness"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FceIUoC80pE&t=411s>

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*Lector*

J Bettina McBeth  
C Larry Gantz  
B Bruce Schachle

*Greeters/Ushers*

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Bob & Pat Junkins

*Altar Guild*

Harold & Kathy Stoner  
Deb & Dave Copenhaver  
Kathy Singley

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

**St. James, Christ & Bethlehem**  
*To the Glory of God*



**OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL NEEDS**

Pastor Susan has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm at the Parsonage. You are welcome to stop by the Parsonage to visit. Her official day off is Friday, but she is available for pastoral emergencies.

**For all your pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Susan Scott by phone/text at 717-497-1013 or email [pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com).**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 28, 2023**

• One Service at 10 a.m. at Christ •

Pr. Susan will be at Upper Bermudian (Ground Oak) on Pentecost Sunday for the baptism of Jacob Sowers, son of Curt and Susanne Sowers and grandson of John and Diane Heller. Pr. Eric Snyder of Upper Bermudian and Mt. Zion (Gardners) will be preaching and presiding at Christ. Please welcome Pr. Eric and remember to wear your red as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY ...

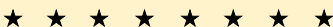
Bible Study continues each **Wednesday at 7 p.m.** at Bethlehem with our study of *Practicing Our Faith*, edited by Dorothy C. Bass.

*The schedule is as follows:*

- May 24:** Chapter 4 – Household Economics
- May 31:** Chapter 2 – Honoring the Body
- June 7:** Chapter 9 – Shaping Communities
- June 14:** Chapter 14 & 15 – Practicing a Way of Life

### WENKSVILLE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE – MAY 27, 2023

The Wensville Memorial Day Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on May 27, 2023, with music being provided prior to the service beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m. by the Apple Core Band. The speaker will be Colonel, USAF Retired Pete Lindquist. Bring your lawn chair, enjoy the music, and honor the 108 veterans buried in Wensville Cemetery. In case of rain, the service will be held in the Wensville United Methodist Church.



### BENDERSVILLE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE – MAY 27, 2023

The Bendersville Memorial Day Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on May 27, 2023, at the Bendersville Cemetery and include a guest speaker and special music provided by the Apple Core Band.

### BENDERSVILLE PARISH TO PARTNER WITH NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

The Bendersville Parish is partnering with New Hope Ministries beginning **June 12**. A mobile food pantry will be located at Bethlehem to serve the hungry in our community. Clients will be able to shop for fresh produce, meats, and dairy products. Volunteers are needed to work with the staff of NHM on the second Monday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. If you can help, please contact Pr. Susan. More information will be forthcoming.

### ON-LINE SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship is livestreamed on YouTube at 11 AM on our Bendersville Lutheran Parish channel (this info can also be found on our website – [www.bendersvillelutheranparish.com](http://www.bendersvillelutheranparish.com)).



## **Prayer List - Parish Members**

Dixie Atha c  
Kay Black j  
Ruth Bretzman b  
Tony Bretzman b  
Mary Chronister b

Patsy Gochenauer j  
Wahnettah Harvey c  
Harold Hollabaugh b  
James Hollabaugh b  
Loren Mortorff b

Larry Peters b  
Alan Showers j  
Bill Slaybaugh j  
Dan Turner c  
Mike Wolfe c

## **Friends of the Parish**

Douglas Barbour  
Doug Baugher  
Jean Behney  
Jeff Black  
Bev Bretzman  
Nathan Bretzman  
Jane Carey  
Jeanne Cuttitta  
Helen Daniels  
Bonnie DeHaven  
Esperanza

Diane Feters  
Luann Fix  
Pat Gantz  
Jane Hollabaugh  
Vickie Hollabaugh  
Robert Irvin  
Susanna Kidwell  
Jeannette Kime  
Harold Kint  
Glenn Kuykendall  
Ike Kuykendall

Jack Leib  
Emily Maiolo  
Bradley Metz  
Diane Myers  
Zach Pelc  
Brian Reed  
Ginny Rinehart  
Jim Rodgers  
Lynn Woerner  
Anne Young

## *With Deepest Sympathy*

*We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have died in the faith and who are now at rest with their eternal Father (our saints who have gone before us).*

*Diane Baugher, Dolores Gillelan, David Jacoby, and Stanley Lupp*