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### WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

### **Our Purpose:**

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

# **Guiding Principles:**

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -Providing for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

# **Important Worship Notes**

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

**P**: Pastor

C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

# + 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + July 20, 2025

### INTRODUCTION

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God. the word of life.

#### THE GATHERING

#### **WELCOME**

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

# C Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God.

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

### Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

### C Amen.



#### \*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

### THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

L The First Reading according to Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁶ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹0a Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 15 read responsively

- A LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup> Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;
  - <sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
  - <sup>4</sup> In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown. Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

# SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

L The Second Reading according to Colossians 1:15-28 <sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. <sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



\*GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

# **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Dan Yeiser

Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Church leaders are dismissed to Children's Church and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

SERMON \*HYMN OF THE DAY Pastor Dan Yeiser ELW 754



### \*APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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 THE PEOPLE

A In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair (*especially*). Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

#### Amen.

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

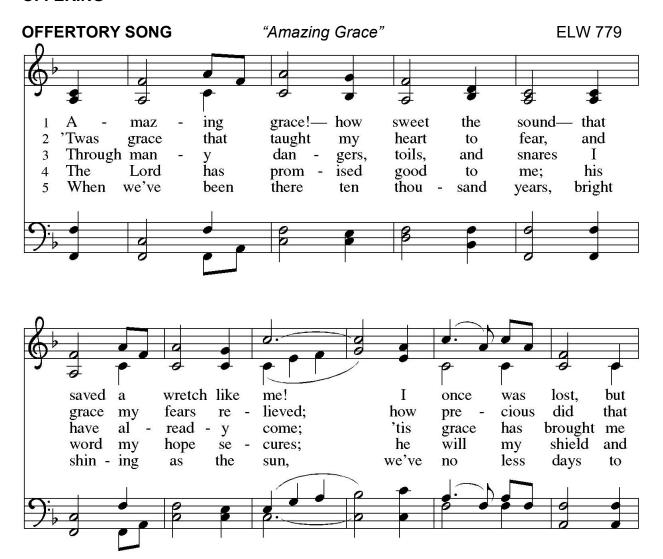
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

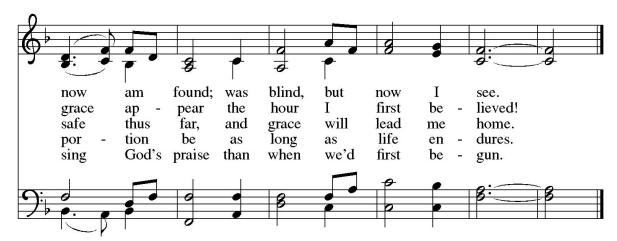
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

### THE MEAL

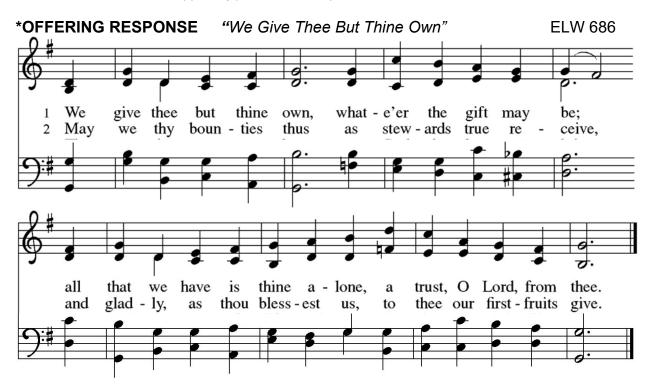
#### **OFFERING**





There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at <a href="https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give">https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give</a> and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.



### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- Р Let us pray, Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*DIALOGUE

- Р The Lord be with you.
- C 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.

### \*PREFACE

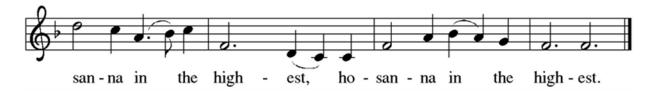
Р It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# \*SANCTUS



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.





#### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

# \*LORD'S PRAYER

P 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 to the banquet, for all in now ready.

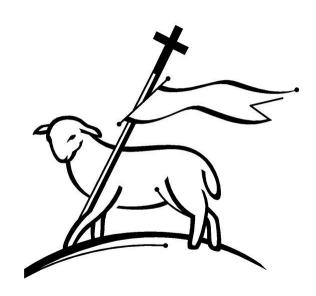
All are welcome to commune.

If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know.

# Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

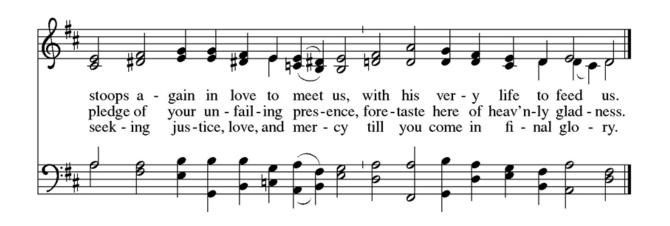
### \*AGNUS DEI O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way; O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way; Lamb of God, you bear the sin 3 O of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION









- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

#### \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Parenting God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

### \*BLESSING

- P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior + Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.
- C Amen.





# \*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- C We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

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	July 20	July 27
Saturday night Worship	Linda Zellers (7/19)	Bill & Deb Sowers (7/26)
Substitute Organist	Becky Ellis	
Assisting Minister:	Frank Hueske	Russ Kaltreider
Acolyte:	Leah Kaltreider	Matthew Kaltreider
Lay Reader:	Bill Sowers	Deb Sowers
Communion Distributors	Bill Sowers	Donna Lehman
	Deb Sowers	Suzanne Butler
Ushers:	Michael Kelly	Michael Kelly
	Sharon Kelly	Sharon Kelly
Altar:	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

<sup>\*</sup> Stand if you are able

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JULY'S DESIGNATED GIVING - THE LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA - St. Paul's Members and Friends....this month our designated giving targets The Lutheran Camping Corp. of Central PA (LutheranCamping.org). The Lutheran Camping Corp. includes both Nawakwa in Arendtsville, PA and Kirchenwald in Lebanon, PA. We have the opportunity to support the Lutheran Camping Corp. with our Special Designated Giving this July. Please assist these wonderful camps with prayers and generous giving!

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR** down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. If no one volunteers to bring snacks we will only serve coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer. Coffee makers would start the coffee around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request). Both coffee and snack volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

**PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAY** from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. This brief service consists of prayer, scripture reading and silent meditation. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

# SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at <u>assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>

Radio—July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date) Altar Flowers- July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (2 vases at \$20 each) Communion Bread and Wine- July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins- July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$20 each date) Eternal Flame- July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$10 each date)

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS –** Carmen Buckley, our Administrative Assistant, has Physical Therapy appointments on Tuesday mornings at 8 am for the next several weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

**THE ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** is having local author Buffy Andrews from York, PA come and speak to the group on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6:30pm at the home of Cindy Selby. Buffy will talk about her book <u>Then Came Hope</u> and her newest published book. The group will meet at Church at 6:00 and car pool to Cindy's house. If you are interested in attending this or have any questions, please contact Janet Haack. We do not meet in July, but will meet again on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025** at 12:45 in the Conference Room to discuss <u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristen Hannah. Joan Witman will be our discussion leader. Any reader is invited to attend out meetings for good discussion and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

WHAT DOES THE OFFICE OF THE AGING OFFER TO HELP SENIORS? On Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, a representative from York County's Office for the Aging will be at St. Paul's talking about the programs they have for seniors in York County. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 9am to 10:30am. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. This is a perfect time to learn more about programs that are available and to ask any questions you may have about them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's office to help us with seating and handouts.

**ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE** - Our annual book sale will be held on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. **We will begin collecting books September 1<sup>st</sup> and can be placed on the stage in the Fellowship hall.** Books, DVD's, and Puzzles are accepted. This is our annual fundraiser and funds are used in support of our Youth. Our thanks to everyone for their past support and look forward to another successful year.

**SISTERS IN FAITH...**mark your calendars! Our annual retreat will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 10-12.

SUN., JULY 20 Immediately follow	8:30 am 9:30 am ing Worship 11:00 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Coffee Hour – Lounge Private Function – Fellowship Hall
WED., JULY 23	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
THUR., JULY 24	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room & Gym
FRI., JULY 25	3:00 pm	P.A.L. Team #2 Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., JULY 26	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Grocery Ministry – volunteers needed Saturday Evening Worship Service – lounge Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., JULY 27 Immediately follow	8:30 am 9:30 am ing Worship	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Coffee Hour – Lounge



God's work. Our hands. September 7, 2025

Special Worship
Service Projects & Ministry Fair
Faith Formation Kick-off
Fellowship Meal

