

# *The Second Sunday of Easter*

*April 28, 2019*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Drawn by our joy in the Risen Lord,  
we gather as God's children  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.  
We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was  
raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

Trusting in God's promise of new resurrection life, let us confess our sins.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Almighty God, we cannot free ourselves from our desire to sin. We cannot keep sin out of every part of our life. We wound our neighbors, our friends, and ourselves by what we do and what we fail to do. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, have mercy on us. Cleanse us from our sins. Give us new hearts and minds. And raise us to new and abundant life, so that we never tire of serving in your holy name.**

**Amen.**

**Know that God has forgiven your sins and freed you to walk in newness of life.**

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”      #384

**GREETING**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is God, my Lord;  
the gates of heav'n are o - pen. My Je - sus rose tri - um - phant - ly,  
and Sa - tan's ar - rows bro - ken lie, de - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, ris - ing  
glo - rious, life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously, help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, 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.*

## WORD

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.” (Acts 5:27–32)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 118:14–29**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**  
**“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,**  
**and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**  
**and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>**Hosanna! O LORD, save us!**

**We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has given us light.**

**Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.**

### **A Reading from the First Letter of John**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. (Revelation 1:4–8)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

### Gospel John 20:19–31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then 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, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

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**SERMON**

**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 INTERCESSION**

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Strengthen the witness of your church throughout the world. Make us visible signs of your grace so others see your goodness and come to believe. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Protect homes, fields, and communities from damaging wind and rain. Bless all those who work to curb pollution for this and future generations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Give government leaders a renewed spirit of humility and servanthood, following the example of Christ, our leader, savior, and ruler. Send justice and mercy to all your children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Free those who are bound by grief, abuse, addiction, or pain. Bring healing and wholeness to those who suffer in body or spirit (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Protect and provide for all whom you send out in mission across the world. Help us to remember them in our prayers and in our giving. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



We give you thanks for all the saints who enjoy eternal life in your name. Sustain us with your everlasting presence, for you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

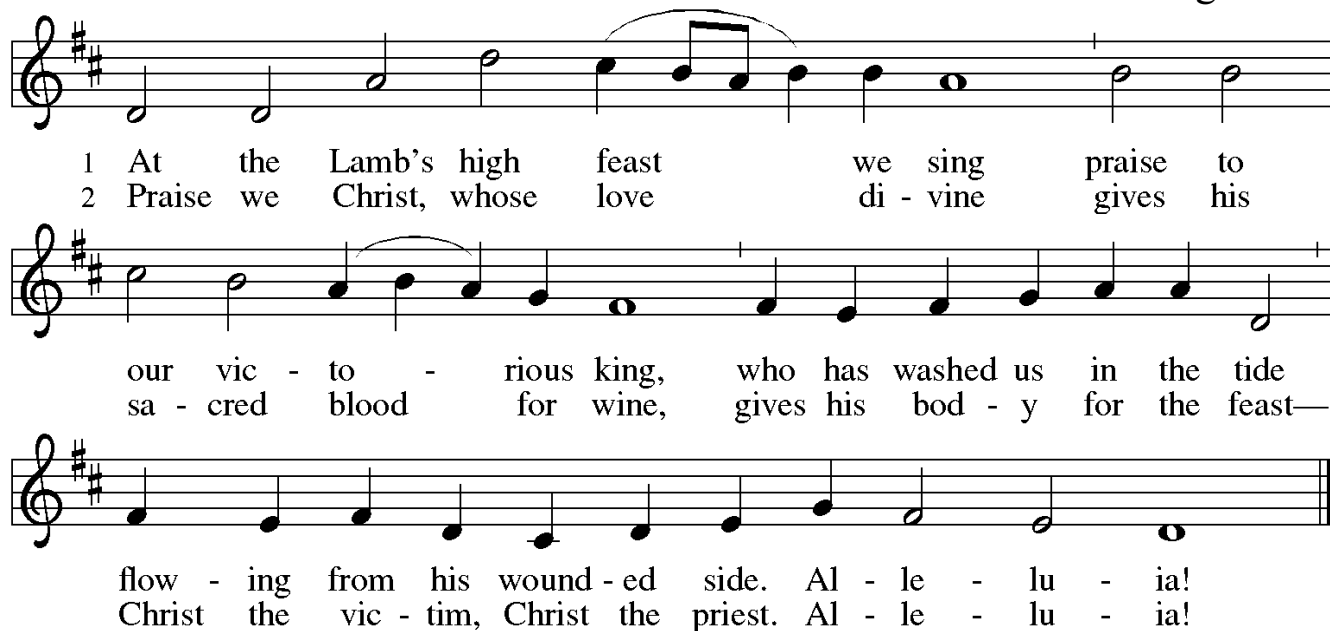
## OFFERING

*Ushers: Pick up the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.*

## ORGAN OFFERTORY

### OFFERTORY HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his

our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—

flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

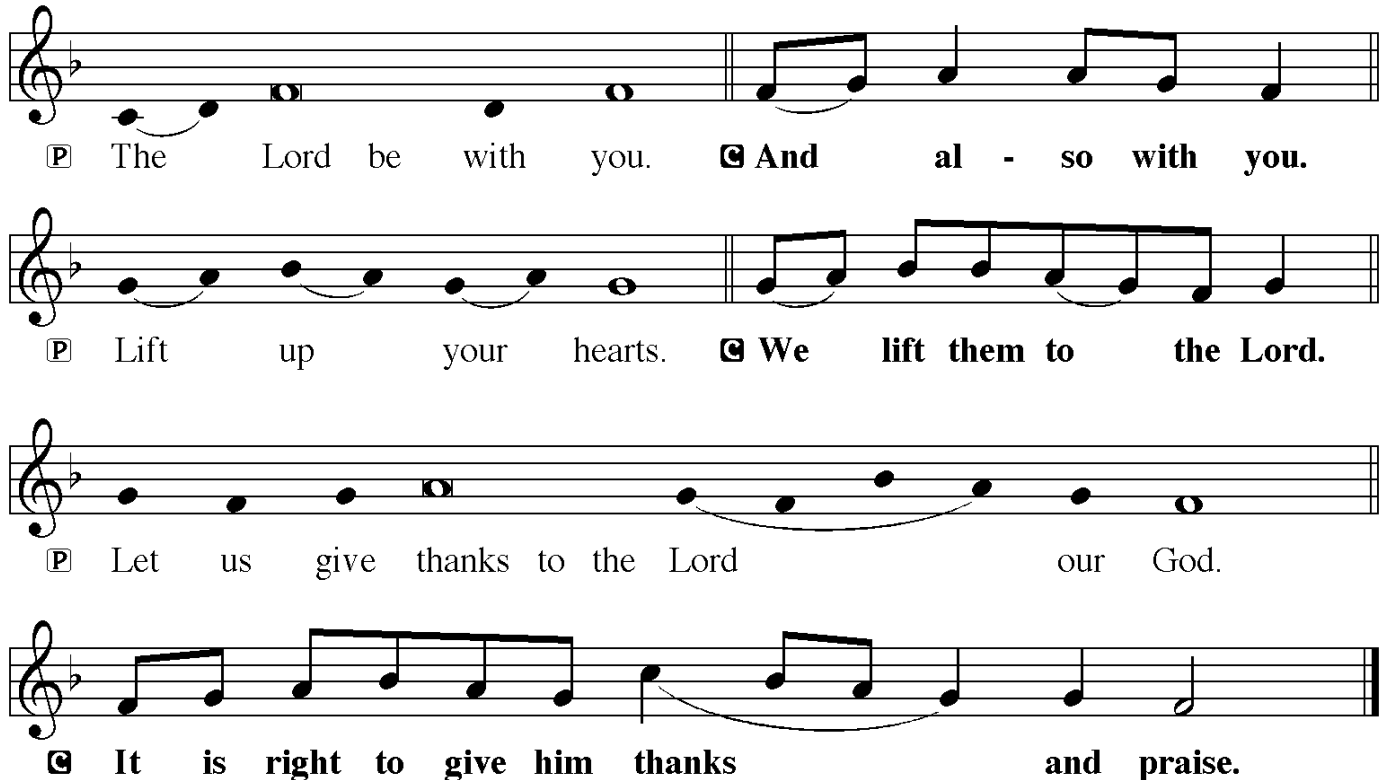
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen Lord, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, reveal yourself to us as you meet us in this simple meal. Nourish us so that we follow you, and feed the hungry, comfort the weary, and share your message of abundant new life.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

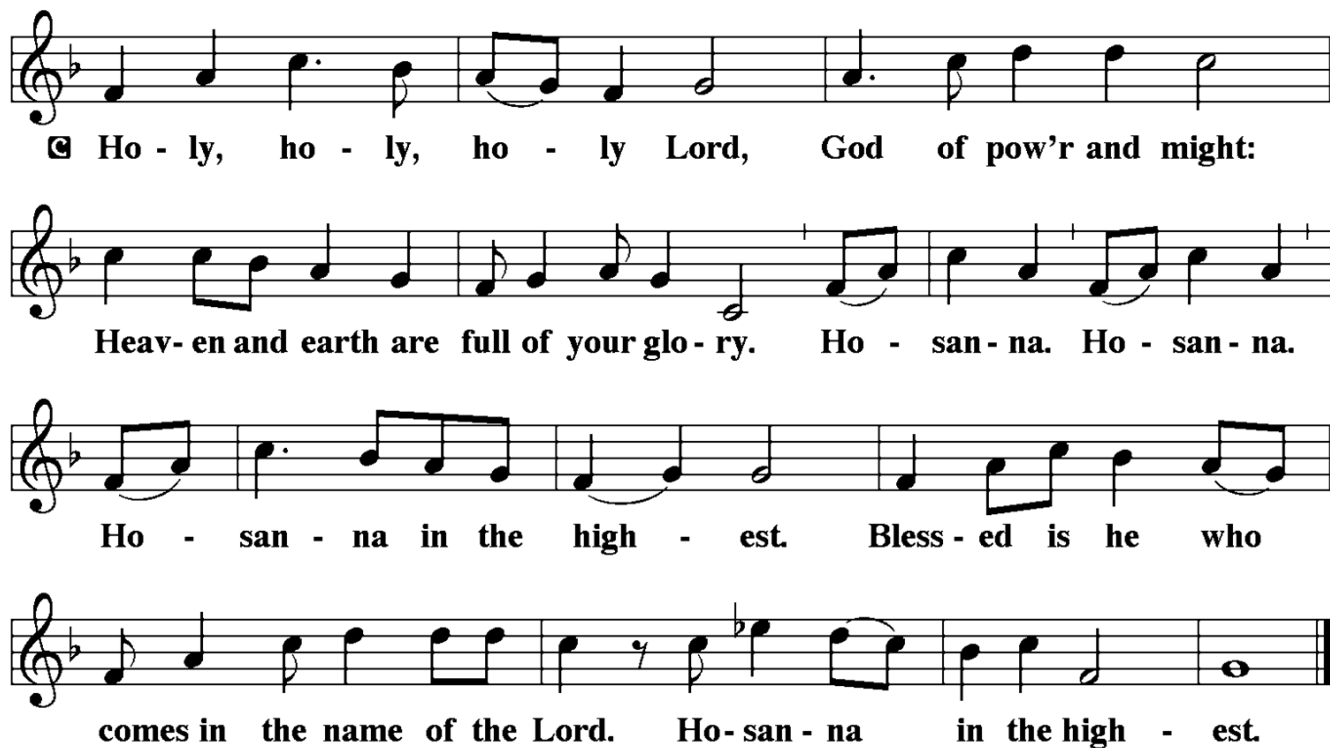
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

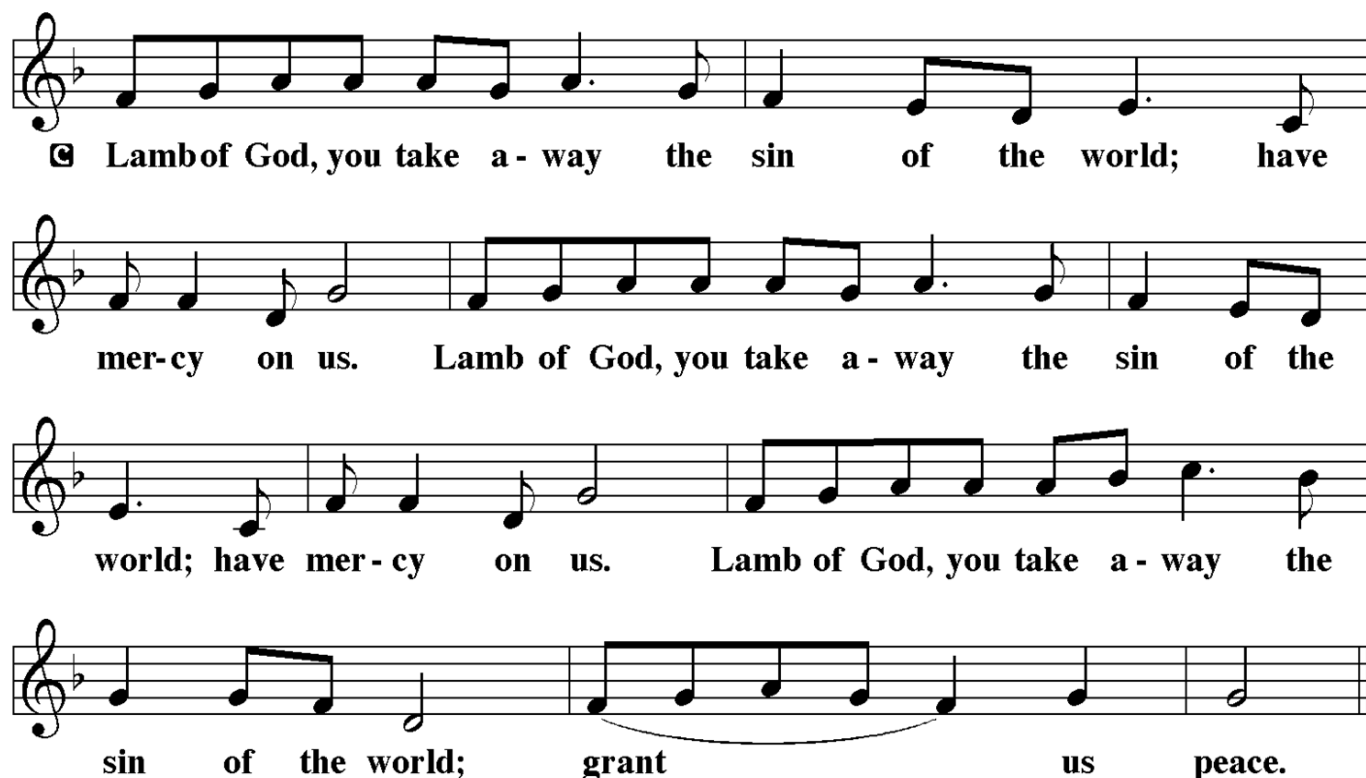
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Christ is risen from the dead. All are welcome at his table.  
Alleluia! Let us come to the feast.

## AGNUS DEI



**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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

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## **TABLE BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for our sake. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

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## **THE DISMISSAL**

You are the body of Christ.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**Altar flowers** are presented in honor of Victoria Spitler by her parents, Tina and Scott Butler.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of my father, LeRoy (Gus) Diefenderfer, on his birthday by Hope Clarke.

**Today's bulletins** are presented in honor of Lindsay's, Lily's, and Jayda's birthdays by Cindy and Jeff Ritschel.

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### **SERVING TODAY (4/28/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Becky Herb; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers;**

**USHERS: Mark & Becky Herb; GREETER: Robin Zimmerman**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Wendy Schuld; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Tom Wehr; USHERS: Glenda Bright & Jean Premich; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: ; GREETERS: Richard Shoener & Robin Zimmerman; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Glenda Bright & Barb Sterner; ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger & Cindy Ritschel**

### **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (5/5/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick; USHERS:**

**Kay Weidensaul & Carl Heintzelman; GREETER: Sue Schenck**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Jim Spotts; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Wayne Lutsey; USHERS: David Kriner & Karen Travor; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: ; GREETERS: Lou Ann Taylor & Robin Zimmerman; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger & Cindy Ritschel**

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## CALENDAR

Saturday, April 27	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, April 28	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
Monday, April 29	6:30 PM	Church Directory meeting
	7:00 PM	Worship & Music Committee
Tuesday, April 30	12:00 Noon	Christian Education
Wednesday, May 1	6:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 4	5:30 PM	Worship w/Communion
Sunday, May 5	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship

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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

Council has established a Parsonage Fund to help defray the costs of the parsonage renovation. Anyone who would like to contribute to this fund need just include their contribution in an envelope marked **Parsonage Fund**. Any items purchased through this fund will stay with the Parsonage.

Thank you.

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## CONSECRATION SUNDAY DINNER

On Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday for our congregation. Following the service, we will have a dinner catered by Mike Premich at the Pioneer Evergreen Farm. The dinner will be offered free of charge, although we will be passing the hat for gratuity.

You will have an opportunity to fill out a reservation card for the dinner, so please check your calendar for May 19 and plan to be with us that day.

More information will be coming shortly.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Evangelism Committee has planned a new church directory to coincide with the 175th anniversary of our congregation (which was organized in 1844).

Lifetouch Inc. has been contracted for our new directory, and Kathy Couch has volunteered to oversee this project.

For their part, Lifetouch will provide:

- ▶ A free professional photography session
- ▶ The opportunity to view your images after your session and make your selections
- ▶ One free 8x10 standard print, a church directory, and other special offers

Our photography dates are Monday, May 20; Tuesday, May 21; and Wednesday, May 29, 2019. Times for all days are 2:00 to 9:00 PM.

To make an appointment to have your picture taken, please go to our webpage: [www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org](http://www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org), visit our sign-up tables (after Sunday, April 7), or call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281.

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## GERANIUM ORDER SHEET

Pentecost Sunday is June 9. We will be decorating the church with red geraniums. Geranium orders will be taken until **May 26**. Cost of the flowers this year is \$3.00. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**\*\*Please place all orders in the offering plate on the table in the gathering room below the flower charts. There are envelopes there for you to use.**

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Name\_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to dedicate your flowers, please fill in below:

In honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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In memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Total # of flowers \_\_\_\_ x \$3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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**Friendship Pads.** Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

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### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...**

If you or someone you know needs immediate pastoral care,  
please call 717-649-3532.

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