

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

D. Lasky

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 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” #385

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-phantly,
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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-living God, by the resurrection of your Son you have lifted this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of eternal death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that will never end, 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

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” [⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

(Acts 9:1–6 [7–20])

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

A Reading from Revelation

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped. (Revelation 5:11–14)

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 21:1–19

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to

them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

#669

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.

You call your disciples to follow the way of the cross. Make your church a place of welcome and empathy for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Every creature in heaven and on earth sings your praise. Give us deep appreciation for the diversity of your creation and help us to conserve the beauty all around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come to the aid of those who are persecuted, oppressed, or unjustly imprisoned. Help us to walk alongside of those who seek safe homes and peaceful lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring relief to those who are weary with pain or sickness. Bless healthcare workers and caregivers who demonstrate your love toward those who suffer in body or spirit (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You feed us and send us out to feed others. Bless those who provide food and prepare it so that it might nourish us. Open our eyes to your grace, which is present in every meal that we share. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All honor and glory and blessing belong to you, Almighty God. Stand by us as we await the day when we will feast with our Risen Lord forever. 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.

OFFERTORY (8:00)

“Easter Hymn”

R. Lau

ANTHEM (10:30)

*“Christ Is Alive”

J. Martin

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!

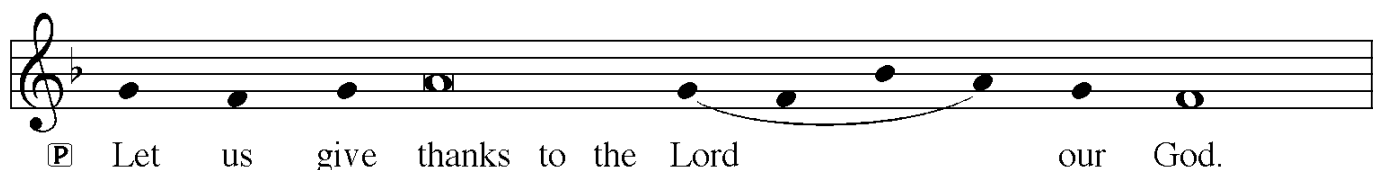
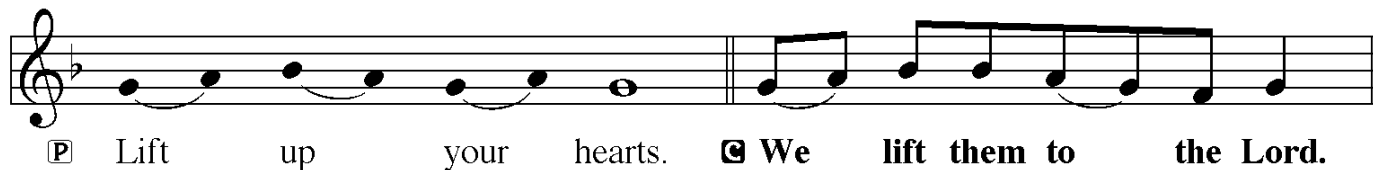
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

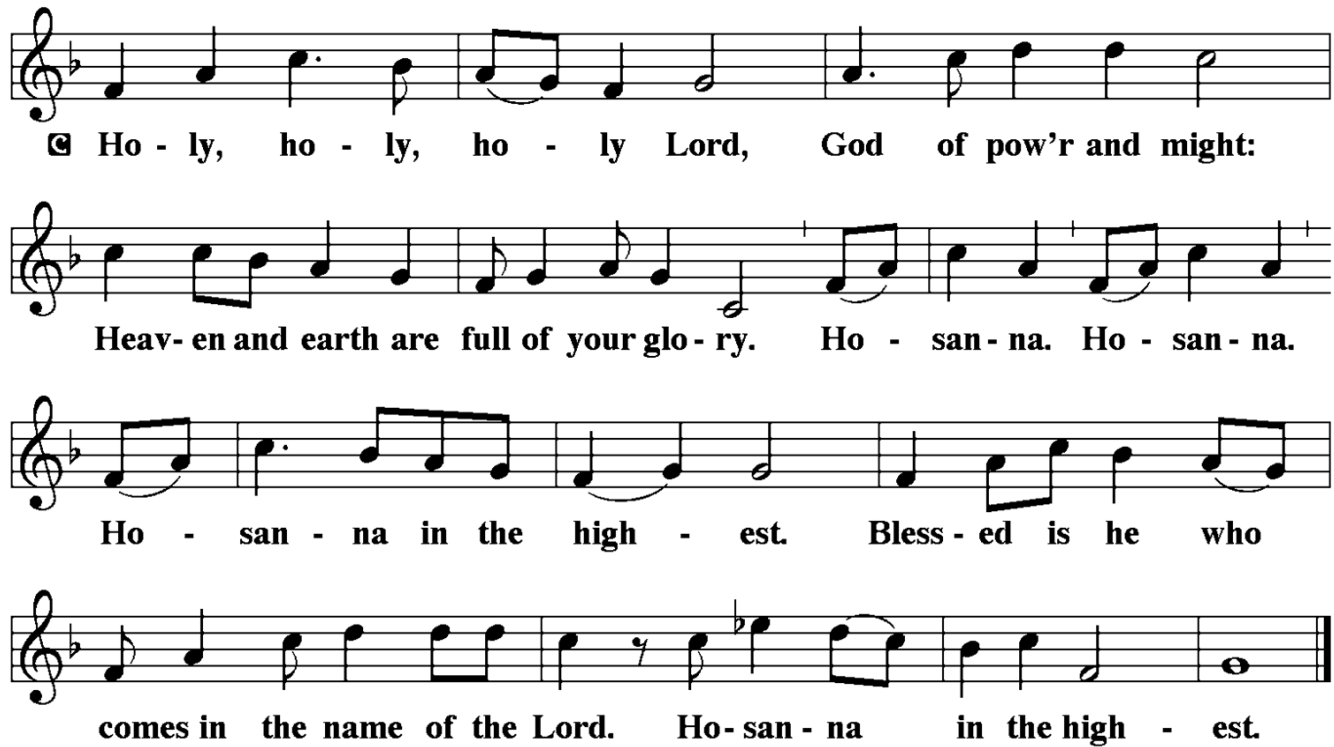
MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

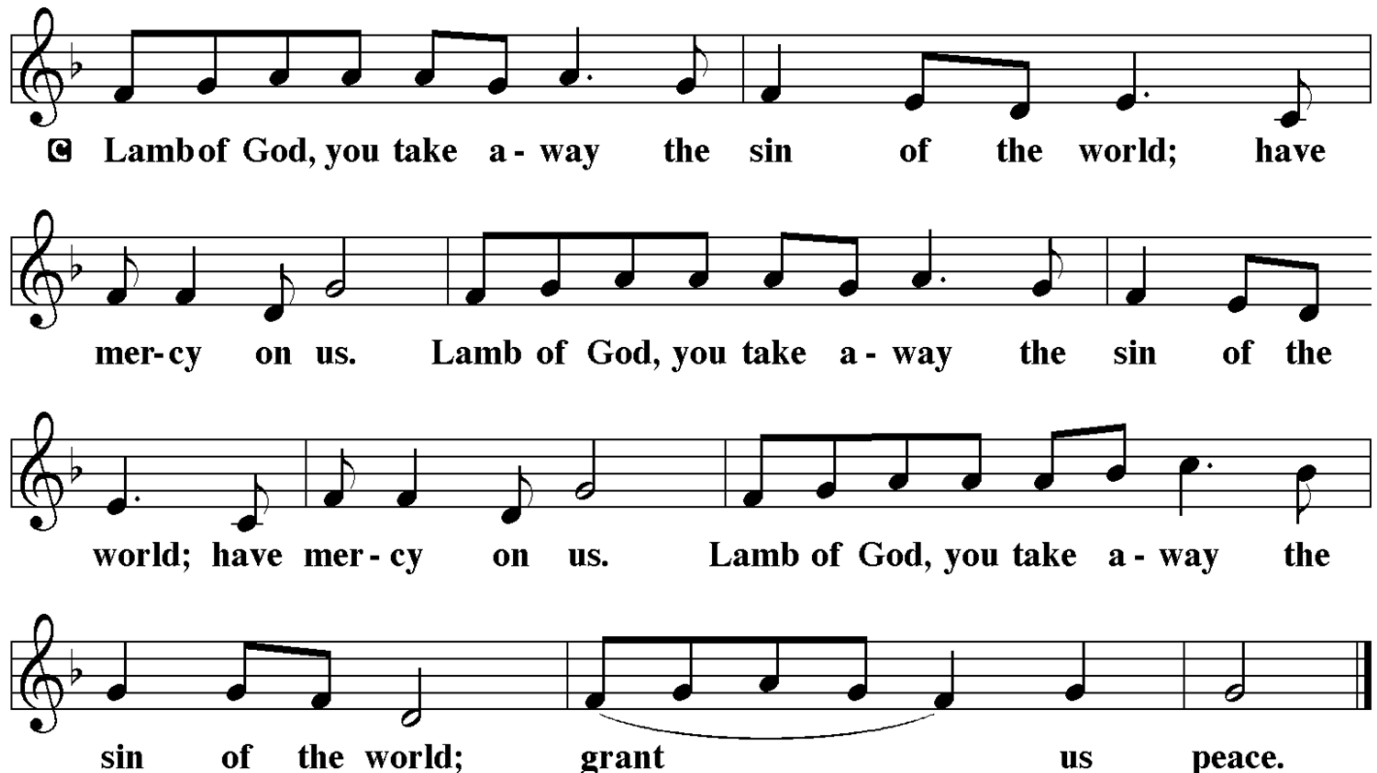
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

“Here I Am, Lord”

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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

The blessing of the living God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#434

THE DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia”

Mozart

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

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of my mother, Edie Kriner, on her 95th birthday.

Today's bulletins are presented in honor of Nate Dixon by grandparents Stu and Danielle Richards.

*This anthem is presented in memory of Jean Detwiler and in honor of Doug Travor, two wonderful teachers, by Kurt and Julianne Schenck. (2017)

SERVING TODAY (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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (5/12/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Debbie Moyer; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul; USHERS: Debbie Moyer & Nevin Zehner; GREETER: Chris Long

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Wayne Lutsey; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel; USHERS: Candice Felton & Steve Zimmerman; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Emily Heydt; GREETERS: Cindy Sklar & Robin Zimmerman; COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam & Diane Brobst; ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck & Barb Sterner

CALENDAR

Saturday, May 4	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion
Bring a Friend		
Sunday, May 5	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
Tuesday, May 7	6:00 PM	Service Ministry
Wednesday, May 8	6:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 9	9:00 AM	Social Media Ministry
Saturday, May 11	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, May 12	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship

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.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY/ THANK YOU DINNER

On Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday for our congregation. At 12 noon, 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 shortly receive a letter and a reservation card for the “Thank You for Being a Member” Dinner. Please check your calendar for May 19 and plan to be with us that day.

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, visit our sign-up tables (after Sunday, April 7), or call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281.

SERVICE MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Service Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our children's book drive. Several dozen books were delivered to the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry in time for the Easter opening. The children and their families were excited and grateful to choose from a wonderful selection. The drive was so successful that we may repeat it in the fall.

On **Saturday, May 11**, local post offices will be conducting their annual food drive for the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry. Help is needed to check and shelve the food items when they are delivered to the Pantry. If you can help for even an hour or two between 11:00 and 4:00, it would be greatly appreciated. It's a big job that goes quickly with enough helpers. Please support the drive by putting out your nonperishable items for your mail carrier and by representing St. Paul's with a little of your time that day.

WELCA

All women of St. Paul's are encouraged to attend the May 14 meeting beginning at 1:00 PM in the large Sunday school room. The program will begin with Susan Jones, who will be discussing "Gold Star Mothers." This will be followed by a brief business meeting with time for fellowship.

In further news, four of St. Paul's women attended the NEPA Lutheran Women of the ELCA Spring Retreat at St. John's Lutheran, Nazareth, on March 30. A very interesting program was presented on human trafficking. Our group donated \$25.00 for Lutheran Disaster Response. We also provided enough items to supply 7 Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. The 65 women in attendance prepared about 185 kits.

Seven of St. Paul's women registered to attend the Schuylkill Cluster of the Women of the ELCA held at St. Paul's, Summer Hill, on May 4. The program topic was the "Opioid Crisis."

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.**

Name_____

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

In honor of:

In memory of:

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.

Today is “Bring a Friend to Church” Sunday! We welcome all the “friends” who have come to join our worship today. Refreshments and a time for fellowship will follow our 8:00 and 10:30 AM worship services in the gathering place. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have or share your comments with your host. Thank you so much for coming today!

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

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