

The Fifth Sunday of Easter and Consecration Sunday

May 19, 2019

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Orwigsburg, PA
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GATHERING

PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" G. F. Handel

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

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

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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.

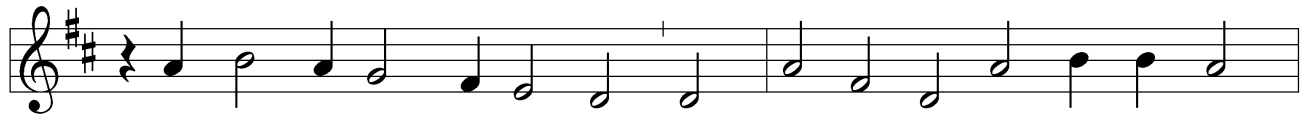
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”



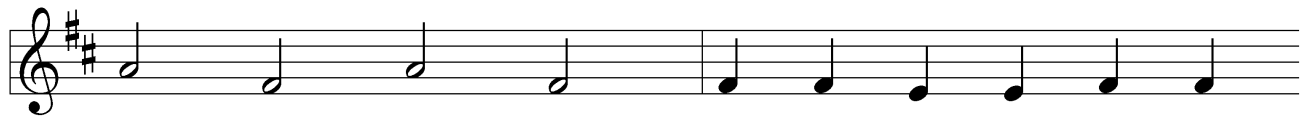
He is a - ris - en! Glo-rious Word! Now rec-on-ciled is God, my Lord;



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

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.” (Acts 11:1–18)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 *(read responsively)*

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

A Reading from Revelation

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.” (Revelation 21:1–6)

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 13:31–35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

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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.

Send your Holy Spirit upon your church. Renew our commitment to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, to build community, and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You bless us with every good and gracious gift so that our cup overflows. Give us hearts of love and show us how to freely give to others what we have so generously received from your hand. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Forgive us for the ways we have caused creation to suffer. Inspire us to be good stewards of the earth's resources. Help us to care for endangered and threatened wildlife. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Call all nations to the repentance. Empower legislators to craft laws that encourage us to do what is good and right. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk for the sake of others. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Make your home among us and protect us from all harm. Draw near to those who weep and to those who are lonely. Restore health and wholeness to those who suffer in body or spirit (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for those who carry out the ministry of hospitality: greeters, ushers, those who make coffee and bake cookies, all who welcome newcomers and care for children, and all who extend a helping hand to neighbors. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You promise new resurrection life for all who have departed in faith. Renew our faith and hope until that day when death is no more and we dwell with you 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.

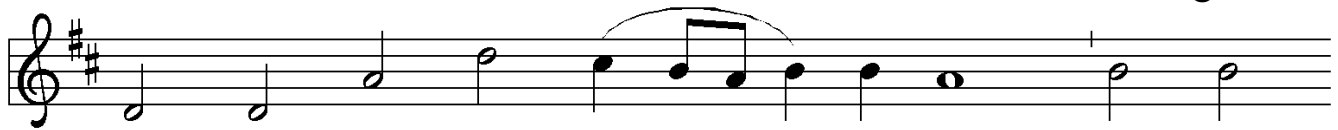
OFFERING

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.

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| OFFERTORY (8:00) | “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” | D. Lasky |
| ANTHEM (10:30) | *“The Dwelling Place of God” | J. Purifoy |

OFFERTORY HYMN

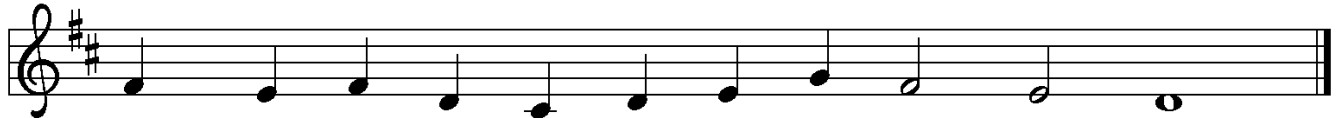
“At the Lamb’s High Feast”



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. **G** And al - so with you.



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G 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.

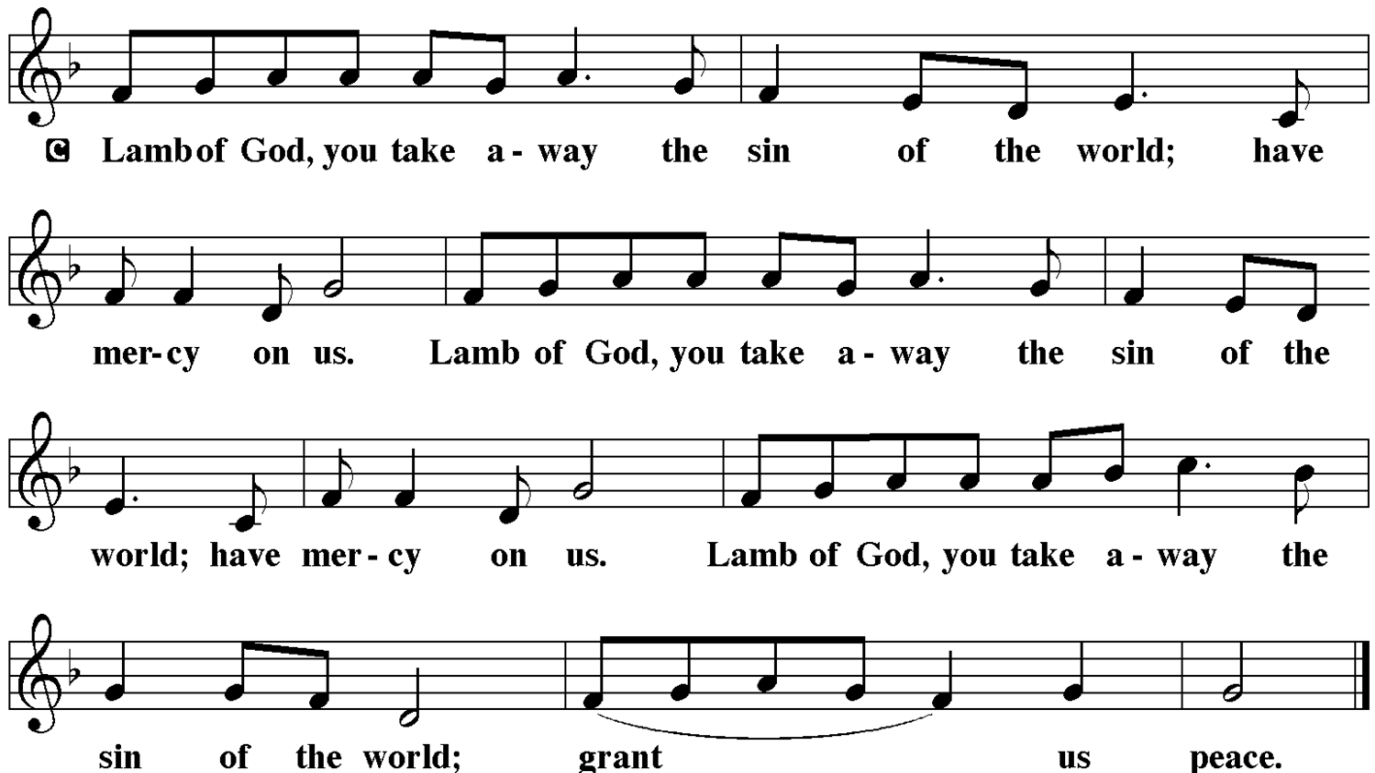
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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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

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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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

“Postlude on *Llanfair*”

M. McDonald

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Altar flowers are presented in honor of Jeff Rarick's birthday by Gail Rarick.
Chancel flowers are presented in memory of those service members who gave their lives for our country by the Richards/Dixon families.
Chancel flowers are also presented in memory of Edgar Kriner by his wife, Edith.
Today's bulletins are presented in memory of Frances Pitts by the Withers family.
***This anthem** was presented to the Glory of God by the Chancel Choir and AM Singers. (2009)

SERVING TODAY (5/19/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers; USHERS: Ruth Ann Withers & Barbara Lafko; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Trisha Teter; GREETER: Ron Rozansky

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Tom Wehr; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jennifer Betz; USHERS: Diane Brobst & Barb Sterner; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Hunter Teter; GREETERS: Greg Sklar & Robin Zimmerman; COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter & Dana Jenkins; ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck & Barb Sterner

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (5/26/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Gail Rarick; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick; USHERS: Gail Rarick; GREETER:

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Kathy Miller; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Janice Snyder; USHERS: Linda Auteri & Kathy Couch; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:; GREETERS: Michael Petresky & Robin Zimmerman; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich & Barb Sterner; ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards

CALENDAR

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| Saturday, May 18 | 5:30 PM | Worship |
| Consecration | | |
| Sunday, May 19 | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |
| | 12:00 PM | Thank You for Being a Member Dinner at Pioneer Evergreen Farm |
| Monday, May 20 | 7:00 PM | Worship & Music Committee |
| Wednesday, May 22 | 6:00 PM | Bell Choir |
| | 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir |
| Saturday, May 25 | 3:00 PM | Wedding |
| | 5:30 PM | Worship |
| Sunday, May 26 | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |
| | 7:00 PM | Patriotic Concert |

CONSECRATION WEEKEND / THANK YOU DINNER

This weekend is Consecration Weekend. You will have an opportunity to fill out an “Estimate of Giving” card and indicate what you would like to give in the coming year. Your participation will help our church leaders in their planning to broaden St. Paul’s ministry and its outreach. No one should feel forced to fill out a giving card, though. For your convenience, a chart of giving is included on the last page of the bulletin.

At 12 noon on Sunday, May 19, we will share a “Thank You for Being a Member 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 the gratuity. This dinner is our way of thanking all our members for taking the time to seriously consider their giving as an important part of their Christian discipleship.

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).

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.



PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Join us on Sunday, May 26, at 7:00 PM for our annual Patriotic Concert featuring the Patriotic Festival Choir, Blue Mountain High School Chorale & Chamber Singers, and St. Paul’s Bell Choir.

A free-will offering will be taken. Stay for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the concert.

JUNE 2 IS YOUTH APPRECIATION AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY!

This lively service will feature our young adults as greeters, lectors, ushers, musicians, and hopefully someone to share and deliver the gospel message. Pastor Mike would like to help a high school or college student gather their thoughts and compose a sermon. Please contact him if you’re interested.

This will also be a day to recognize and celebrate our high school and college graduates, so please send your graduate’s name, school, and future plans to Deb Bolinsky at bolinsky5@verizon.net or Hope Clarke at office@stpauls-orwigsburg.org by May 28.

Sunday, June 2, is also the first Sunday of our summer service schedule. Worship will begin at 9:30 AM. Also back by popular demand—**Summer Fellowship Table**. St. Paul’s committees, a family, or a group of individuals can sign up to bring light refreshments for the congregation to share after the 9:30 service. Please see the signup sheet in the gathering room.

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.

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 = _____

