

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary in D Major”

J. Stanley

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

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

#449

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.

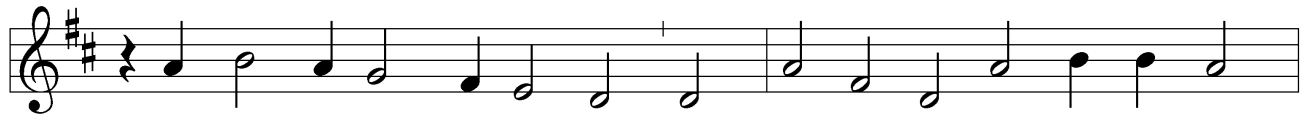
And also with you.

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

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us. (Acts 16:9–15)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 (*read responsively*)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

A Reading from Revelation

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (Revelation 21:10, 22–27; 22:1–5)

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 14:23–29

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

#815

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.

Convince us daily that you have called us to proclaim the good news of your grace. Let all who love you proclaim your word of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless the earth with enough rain and sunshine for the flourishing of orchards, gardens, and fields. Give us thankful hearts to share with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring an end to civil war, genocide, terrorism, and violence. Overcome divisions of race, politics, and religion. Mend relationships across borders and across oceans. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort those facing uncertain futures: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those in difficult relationships, those with chronic pain, those waiting for news about their health, and those who suffer (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all who have died in service to this nation. Comfort their friends and loved ones. Inspire us to walk in your light and to live for the sake of freedom and justice for your children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Open the gates of salvation to all who are written in your book of life. Lead us into the city that needs no light of sun or moon, where you will be our light 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)

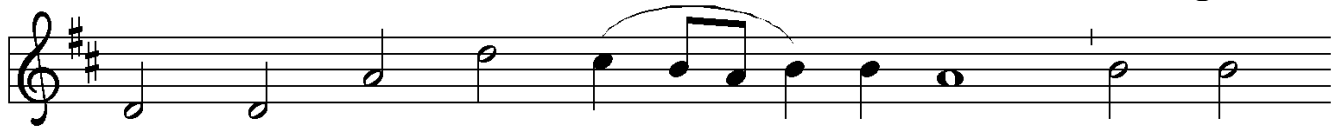
ANTHEM (10:30)

“With a Voice of Singing”

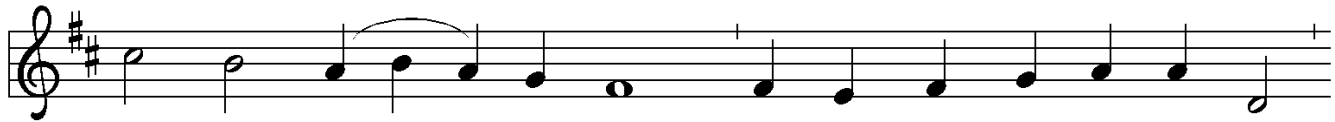
M. Shaw

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—



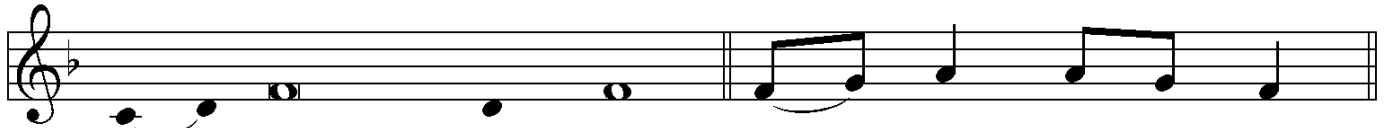
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

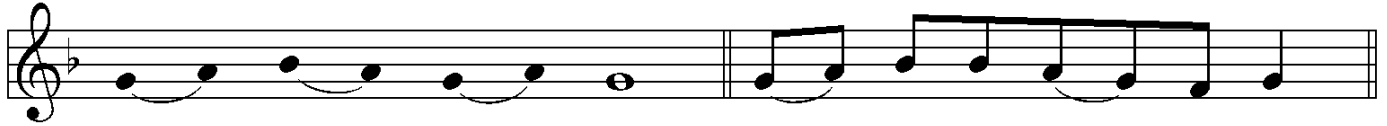
Risen Lord, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, reveal yourself to us as you meet us in this simple meal. Nourish us so that we follow you, and feed the hungry, comfort the weary, and share your message of abundant new life. **Amen.**

MEAL

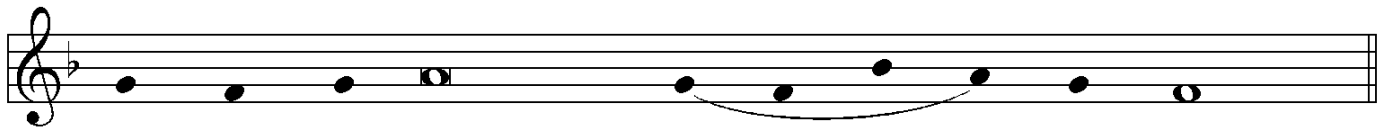
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

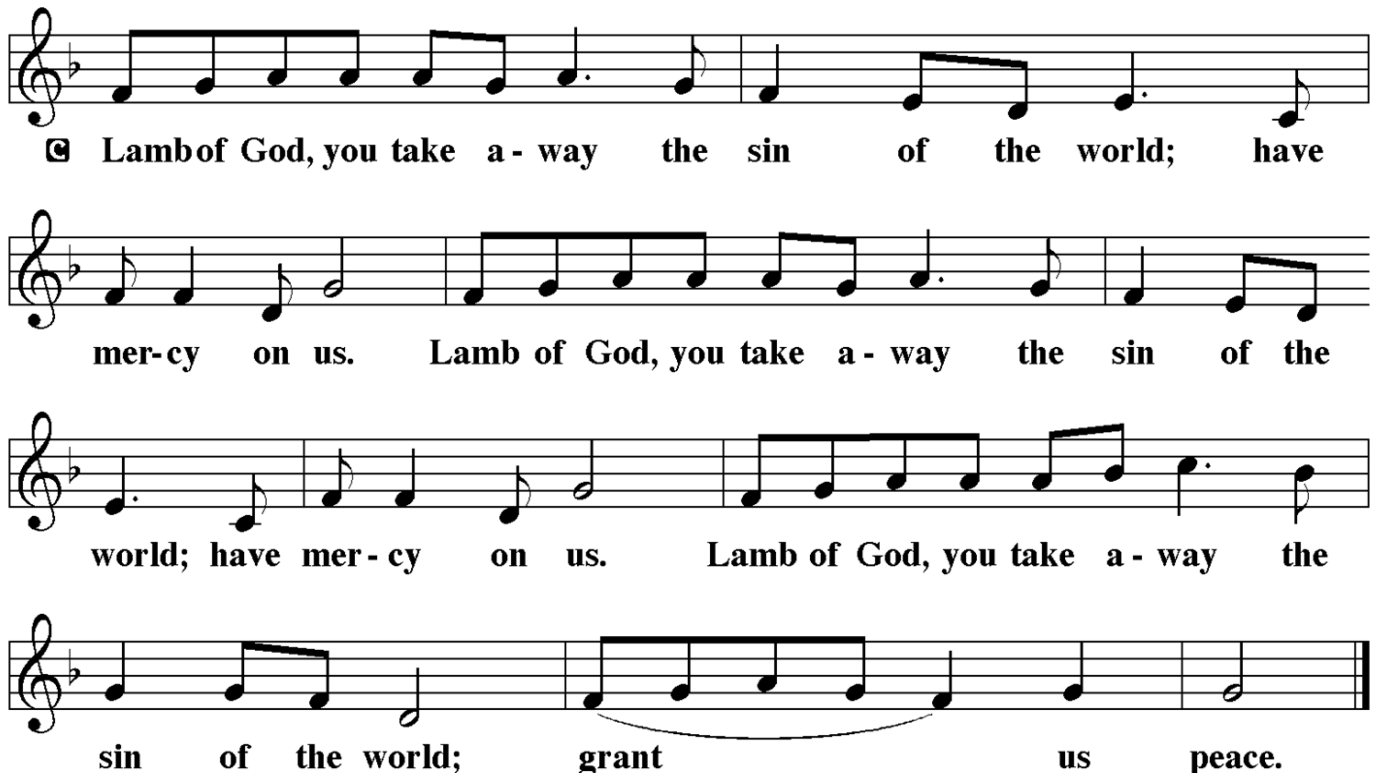
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 “Christ, Be Our Light” #715

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 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” #890

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE “You Shall Go Out with Joy!” D. E. Wagner

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Altar flowers are presented in memory of all who have given the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of all who have served our country by the Sklar family.

Chancel flowers are also presented in honor of Jordan Combs and Katlin Brobst.

Today's bulletins are presented in honor of Katlin Brobst's and Jordan Combs's wedding.

SERVING TODAY (5/26/19)

8:00 AM

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

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (6/2/19)

9:30 AM

LECTOR: Youth; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Youth; USHERS: Youth; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Youth; GREETERS: Youth; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: *Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards

CALENDAR

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
Monday, May 27		Memorial Day
Thursday, May 30	10:00 AM	Rainbow Friends
Saturday, June 1	5:30 PM	Worship w/Communion
Sunday, June 2	9:30 AM	Youth Sunday



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.

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 final photography date is Wednesday, May 29, 2019. Times 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 signup tables (after Sunday, April 7), or call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281.

LAST DAY! GERANIUM ORDER SHEET

Pentecost Sunday is June 9. We will be decorating the church with red geraniums. Geranium orders will be taken until **today, 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.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

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