

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 15, 2022

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

R. Lau

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us now 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 lives. 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. Raise us to new and abundant life, so that we never tire of serving in your holy name. Amen.

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sins have been forgiven so that you are free to walk in newness of life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

[See back of bulletin]

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 Lord” (Sing once quietly, then repeat loudly)

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is
Lord! Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con - fess
That Je - sus Christ is Lord.

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, so 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.

WORD

A Reading from Acts

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)

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

⁶**He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

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

⁸**fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹²**Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**
¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!**

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.

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

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.”

(John 13:31-35)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Awake, O Sleeper”

[See back of bulletin]

THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He 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.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit rather than our own prejudices or desires. Open our eyes to see your gifts in those we least expect. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Teach us to care for your good creation and all the creatures that you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Direct the leaders of nations to care for people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth and amass power. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Dwell among those who are in pain or distress and bring them comfort. We especially pray for all who suffer, everyone on our prayer list, and victims of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

By your love, daily heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to hatred and bigotry in our churches and communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Wipe away the tears of those who mourn. Bring us with our beloved death to that place where you will make all things new. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

(The Pastor concludes): 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 always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(8 AM) "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" D. Lasky
(10:30 AM) ANTHEM: "Death, Where Is Your Sting?*" L. Larson

OFFERTORY HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast"

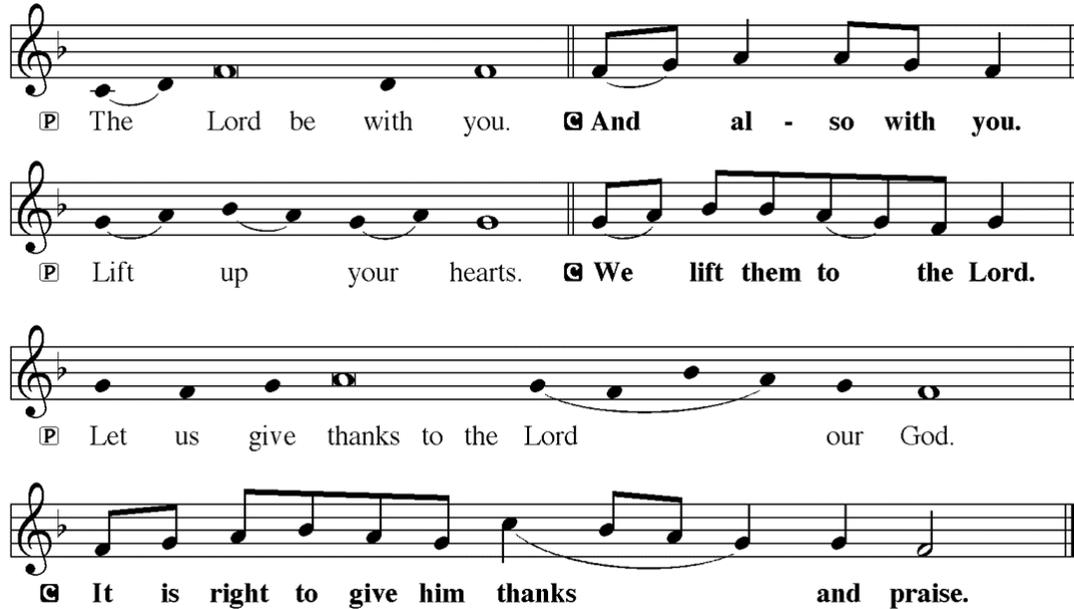
1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the 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, feed the hungry, comfort the weary, and share your message of abundant new life. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

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

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

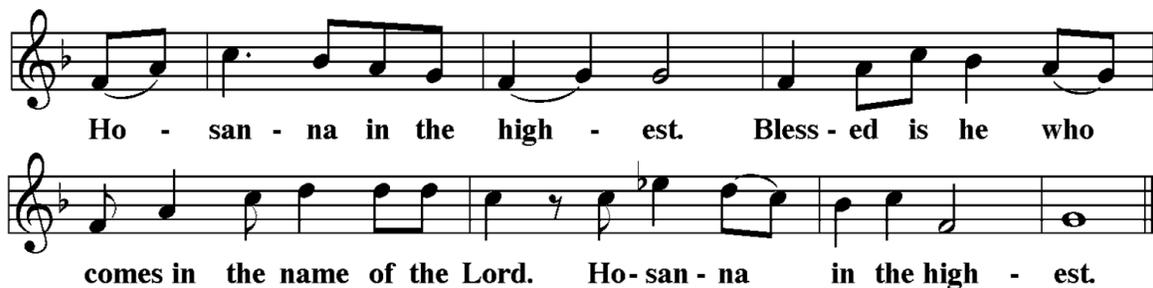
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.



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 (read in unison)

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.

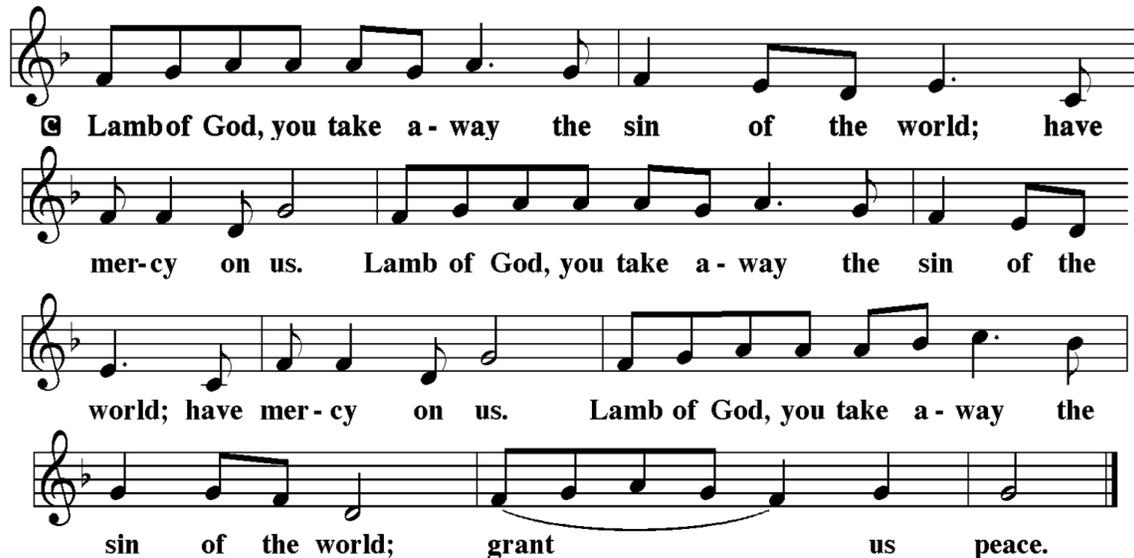
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We share the Sacrament by intinction, that is, by allowing communicants to dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before they consume it. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews. If you (or your child) would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" [See back of bulletin]

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”

[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ. Go now in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Festive March"

G. F. Handel

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Introduction to the Day: Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism, God has made new people of us. Today, Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Altar flowers are presented in loving memory of my mother, Betty L. Potts by daughter, Leslie Guldin.

Bulletin are presented in loving memory of my sweet cousin, Lois Reubi, by Sue Schenck.

Chancel flowers are presented in loving memory of my mother, Florence C. Teets on her birthday, by her daughter Cindy Ritschel.

“Death, Where Is Your Sting?” is presented in loving memory of Dick Teets by Mr. and Mrs. Clark (Duke) Schenck and family. (1997)

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate “Bring a Friend Sunday.” We welcome all the friends who are with us. Please stay after the 10:30 a.m. service for fellowship and refreshments.

WELCA

St. Paul's women will meet on Wednesday, May 18, at 1:00 PM in the gathering room. The program will be based on strong women and the crisis in Ukraine. The ladies from St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Minersville will also be in attendance. An In-gathering offering will be received at this time, and it has been designated for St. Paul's Cemetery Fund.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (5/15/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Amy Dewald

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Gloria Dierwechter; LECTOR: Wayne Lutsey

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sue Reier

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (5/22/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Connie Teter

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Connie Teter

10:30 AM

GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Karen Shoener; LECTOR: Leslie Guldin

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Evan Davis

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 15	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, May 16	6:30 p.m.	Worship & Music
Wednesday, May 18	1:00 PM	WELCA
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 19	10:00 AM	Rainbow Friends
Friday, May 20	9:00 AM	STiC SRT Walk in Tumbling Run
Saturday, May 21	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, May 22	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

GATHERING HYMN

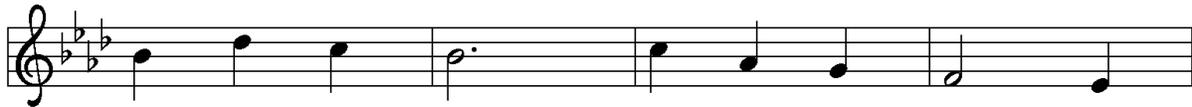
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



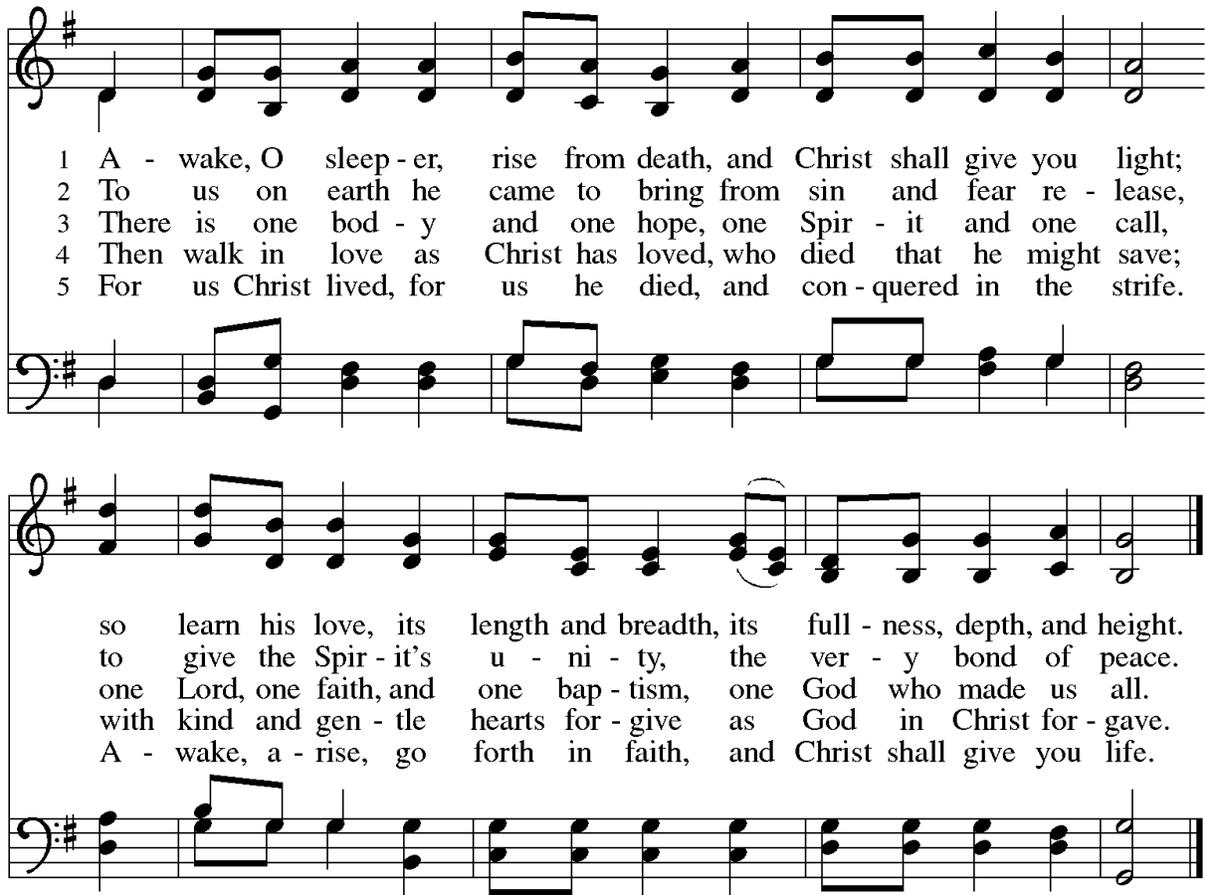
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Awake, O Sleeper”



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Lutheran Disaster Response is ministering to the people of Ukraine in their war-torn nation as well as in neighboring Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia. It also is providing humanitarian aid through ecumenical partners such as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service. These partners reach out to refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits.

You can help the war-weary people of Ukraine through many international relief organizations including Lutheran Disaster Relief. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and write "LDR - Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on the memo line. If you give cash, please write "LDR - Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on the envelope and place it in the offering plate.

COMMUNION HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

SENDING HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to




emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and




prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



**ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORM
2022**

_____ **Option one:** I/we/our family prayerfully estimate(s) our giving to be:
\$_____ for St. Paul's Current Expenses.
\$_____ for the greater church through Mission Support (Benevolence).
\$_____ for special ministry or needs (list here) _____.

I/we/our family will contribute:
_____ weekly _____ monthly _____ quarterly _____ as we are able.

_____ **Option two:** I/we/our family will continue to give to St. Paul's as we are able, however we cannot estimate what our giving will be at this time.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please deposit this form in the offering plate or mail it to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Planned Giving Program, P.O. Box 156, Orwigsburg, PA. 17961 by Sunday, June 5, 2022.

SUMMER 2022 - FELLOWSHIP TABLE

On Sunday, June 5, our fellowship table will return following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Our Evangelism Committee will sponsor this table as we celebrate the accomplishments of our many recent graduates.

Beginning Sunday, June 12, committees, groups, families, or individuals can sponsor a table to provide light refreshments for a fellowship hour following the 9:30 a.m. worship service during the summer months.

Our Social Media Committee will sponsor our final fellowship table on August 28, as we bless our students, teachers, school personnel, and their families during our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" event.

Please consider sponsoring a fellowship table. A sign-up sheet is located in the gathering room.

GERANIUM ORDER SHEET

We plan to decorate the church with red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. The deadline to place an order is **May 22** and the cost of each geranium is \$4.00. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Please place your order and payment in the basket on the table under the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. Envelopes are available for your use.

Name: _____

If you wish to dedicate your flowers, please fill out the information below:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Total # of Geraniums: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$_____