

*Sixth Sunday of Easter and
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 14, 2023*

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Prière à Notre Dame”

L. Boëllmann

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.**

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

Let us confess our sins.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Almighty God,

**we cannot free ourselves from our desire to sin
and we cannot keep sin out of every part of our lives.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Cleanse us from our sins.
Give us new hearts and minds. And raise us to new and abundant life. Amen.**

Know that your sins are forgiven and that you have the promise of eternal life
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “We Know that Christ Is Raised”

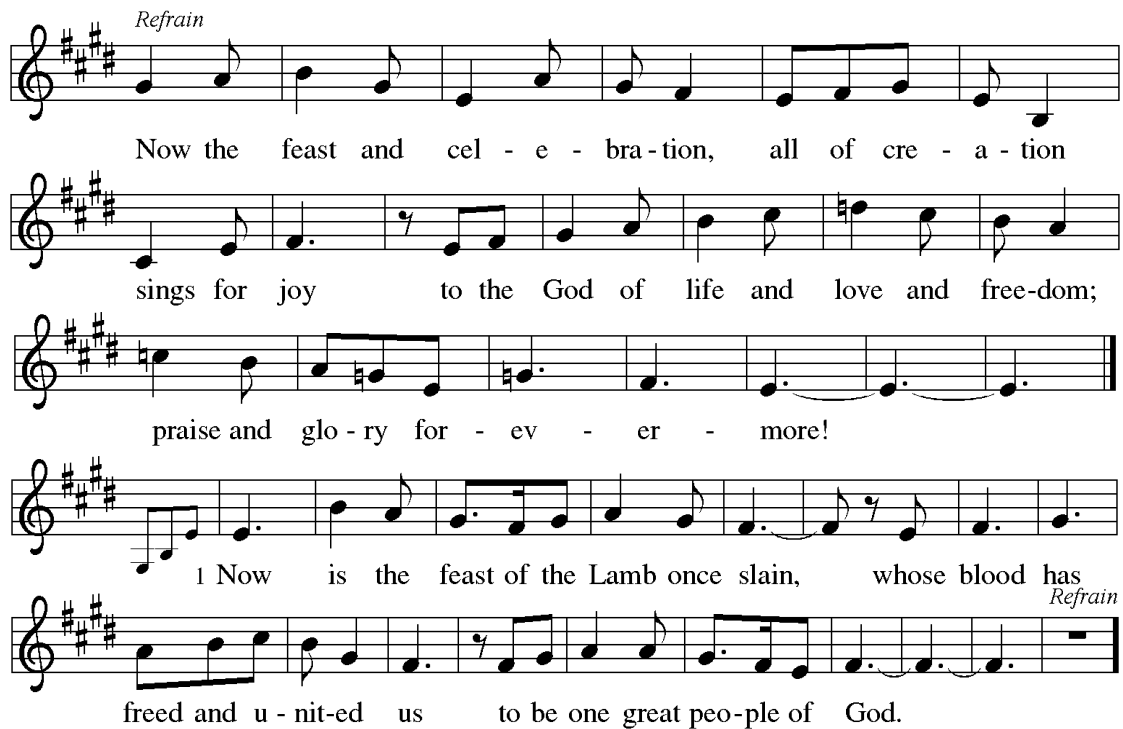
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GREETING

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

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through 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

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and

earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

(Acts 17:22-31)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7-18 (Read responsively)

⁷Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

⁸**who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

⁹For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰**You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹²**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.**

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁴**Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁶**If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**

¹⁷but in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**¹⁸Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.**

A READING FROM FIRST PETER

³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

(1 Peter 3:13-22)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

The image shows musical notation for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first system has the lyrics: 'Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!'. The second system has the lyrics: 'Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

(John 14: 15-21)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”
[See back of bulletin]

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;
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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

A brief silence.

You promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and
truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify
your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All the earth sings praises to you. Protect creatures, plants, and places that are
suffering. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved
creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call all the people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show
mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You send your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who
feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving, especially everyone on
our prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hold us in your loving care. Console all who long to be mothers, anyone
grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for
whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You give life and breath to all things. We give you thanks for all your saints who
were faithful witnesses in this earthly life. Protect and sustain us until we join your
saints in glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

(*The Pastor concludes*): Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:00 AM)

“Trumpet Tune”

R. Lau

ANTHEM (10:30 AM)

“Lilies of the Field”

J. Althouse

“*The Lilies of the Field*” by Paul Williams and Jay Althouse (1991) is presented in loving memory of Christine Diefenderfer by Mr. and Mrs. James Clarke and Family

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

Merciful God, our gifts seem so small for such a great celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our little lives. Feed us again at this table that we might go forth to serve in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 in 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 are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

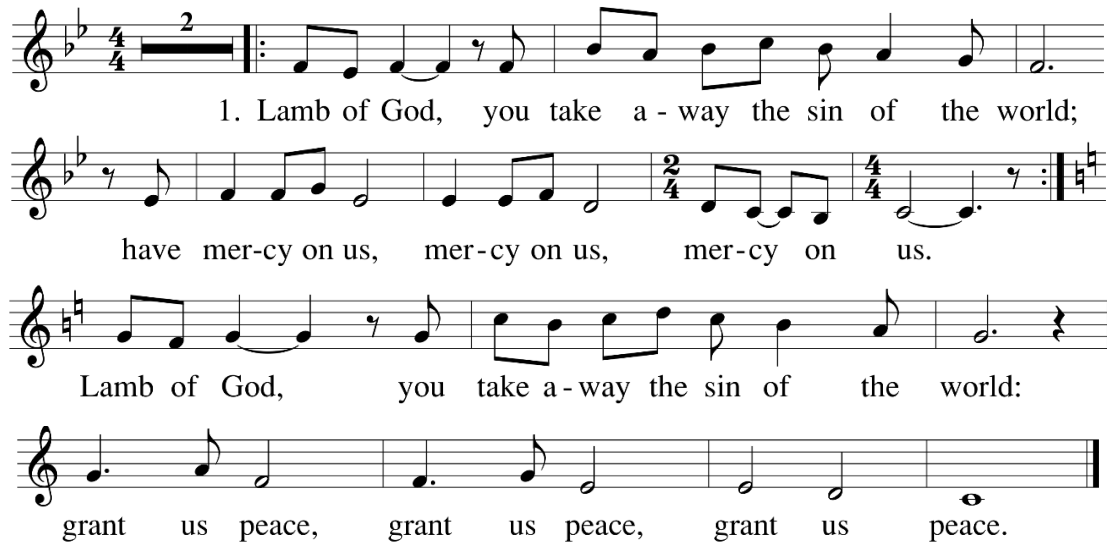
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread,
as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

AGNUS DEI



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. 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. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pew.

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

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God the Father who raised Christ from the dead, open to you the gate of everlasting life. May God the Son who burst forth from the grave, give you joy as you celebrate his resurrection. May God the Holy Spirit who brought to you new life in baptism, build up your faith and grant you peace. And may our Triune God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go now in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Christ is Alive”

M. McDonald

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

Chancel flowers are presented in loving memory of Gary Dierwechter for our Anniversary by Gloria Dierwechter.

Bulletins are presented in honor of Joyce O’Rourke for all she does as Coordinator of the Women of St. Paul’s by Gwen Wehr.

Introduction to the day: Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

LET’S KEEP IT UP!

Please sign cards for members who cannot worship with us in person (e.g., those who have long-term health problems, military personnel, and college students far from home.) These cards are in the back of our sanctuary on the small table with our prayer list.

“SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our last regularly scheduled Second Sunday School class will take place on TODAY, Sunday, May 14! Children ages 1-10 are welcome to come upstairs during the 10:30 AM service for Bible stories, fun, fellowship, and a snack. Please contact Sarah Eger with questions or to volunteer. (570) 394-3522 (cell) swoodring86@hotmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 14	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Second Sunday - Sunday School
Monday, May 15	7:00 PM	Eucharistic Ministry
Wednesday, May 17	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 18		ASCENSION DAY
	6:30 PM	Constitution
Friday, May 19	10:00 AM	STiC SRT Walk in Tumbling Run
Saturday, May 20	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, May 21	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (5/14/23)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Joyce O'Rourke; LECTOR: Chris Long

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Long

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (5/21/23)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Karen Shoener; LECTOR: Wendy Schuld

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Becky Smoot

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

BOOK DRIVE FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY

Our Service Committee is sponsoring a book drive for area families through the work of the Orwigsburg Food Panty. Books for toddlers and preschool children are especially helpful, but books for teenagers and even adults are also appreciated.

Your donations of new or gently used books can be placed in a box in the narthex beginning Sunday, April 30. This book drive will continue through Sunday, May 28. Remember: A Book is a Gift You Can Open Over and Over!

PLEASE FILL OUT A COMMUNION CARD

All members who receive the Sacrament today are encouraged to fill out a communion card and drop it in the offering plate. Members should confirm that they have received the Sacrament at least once during each calendar year. Guests may also choose to do so. Thank you!

“BRING A FRIEND” SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY!

Bring a friend to visit St. Paul’s and worship with us next Sunday, May 21 at both services. A small reception will be held following the 10:30 a.m. service. Invite someone you know to “come and see!”

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our April newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube. And get to know us better!

We are a Lutheran congregation with a rich tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship and work together here -- to the glory of God!

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WELCA NEWS

The Old White Church Preservation Committee invites members of our congregation to Ascension Day service on Thursday, May 18 at the historic church located at 189 Cemetery PA. Rd. Ringtown, PA. Services start at 10 a.m. The Old White Church is maintained by the Lutheran and UCC churches of Ringtown. This service has been held since 1898. On this day, the church is filled with descendants and friends coming from near and far. Please plan to attend and celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord at the Old White Church!

PART TIME STAFF POSITION OPEN

Recently, Juli Schenck resigned as our Office Support Staff person. We thank her for her service to our congregation.

A job description for the Office Support Staff position has been posted in the narthex and the Gathering Room. If you are interested and/or have questions, please contact Council President Greg Sklar or Pastor Mike.

WALK TO BETHLEHEM

Three Orwigsburg churches are setting a big goal to achieve the feat of walking all the way to Bethlehem (the one across the ocean!)... *that's 5,787 MILES – about twice the width of the United States! Are you up for the challenge?*

From Memorial Day to Heritage Day (5/29 to 9/9) Salem UMC, St. Paul's, and St. John's will be challenging their congregations to get active, get outside, and get walking! This is for all ages to promote exercise, reconnecting with nature and God, and interacting together. There will be mini challenges to help get you active such as scavenger hunts, themed photography contests, hiking adventures, fun educational events for children and more.

We want to emphasize appreciating and caring for God's creation. These walks can be done individually or as groups. Record your walking activity on a chart which will be provided. We will log everyone's miles together and see if collectively we've met the goal (**5,787 MILES**)! This will take a MIGHTY team, so all hands on deck!

MORE DETAILS TO COME! KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR INFORMATION IN FUTURE BULLETINS, NEWSLETTERS, AND EMAIL UPDATES.

GATHERING HYMN “We Know that Christ Is Raised”



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

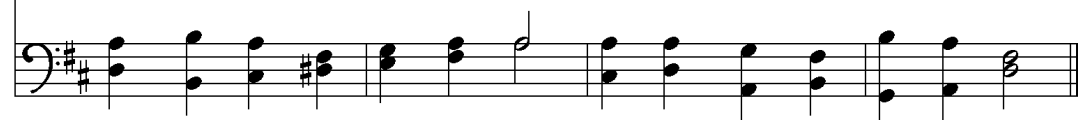
HYMN OF THE DAY “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.



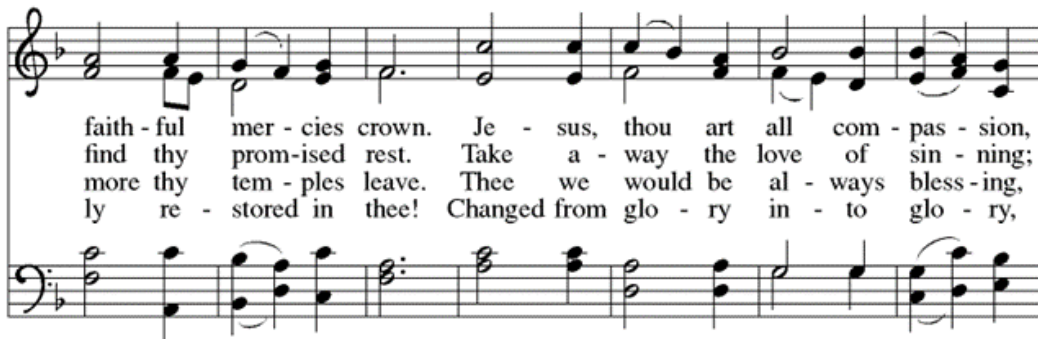
COMMUNION HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



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

“Now Thank We All Our God”



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever-more.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 4, our congregation will celebrate all of our recent graduates from preschoolers to collegians during our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Refreshments and good fellowship will be shared following this service. Please help us celebrate our newest graduates!