Day of Pentecost and Memorial Day Sunday, May 28, 2023

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GATHERING

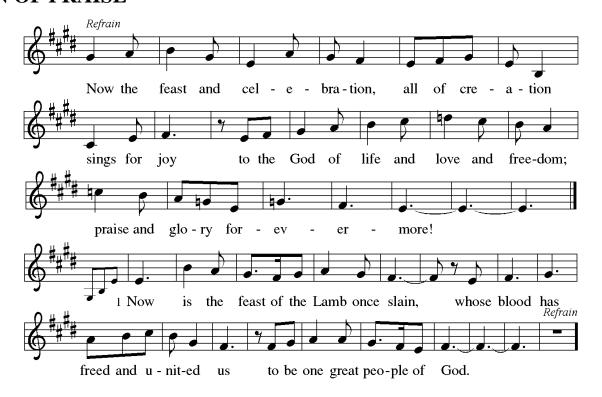
PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" [See back of bulletin]

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM ACTS

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' " (Acts 2:1-21)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 (Read responsively)

²⁵O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁶Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

²⁷There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

²⁸All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

²⁹You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

³⁰You hide your face, and they are terrified;

you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

³¹You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³²May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

³³He looks at the earth and it trembles;

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁴I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁵May these words of mine please him;

I will rejoice in the LORD.

³⁷Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

A READING FROM FIRST CORINTHIANS

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the

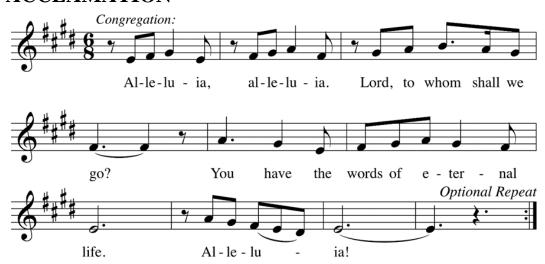
body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all

Thanks be to God.

made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:3b-13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Word of the Lord.



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:19-23)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" [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.

Passionate God, as you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Open our ears and strengthen our voices. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, we pray for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Bring cooling waters and renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, send your spirit of understanding to all people. Bless the work of translators, teachers, ambassadors, and peace organizations. We especially pray for the people of war-torn Sudan and Ukraine. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort and especially for everyone on our prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, set aflame a desire to learn from one another, especially from those who differ from us. Make your presence known through the outreach ministries of our synod and our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, as we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. 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

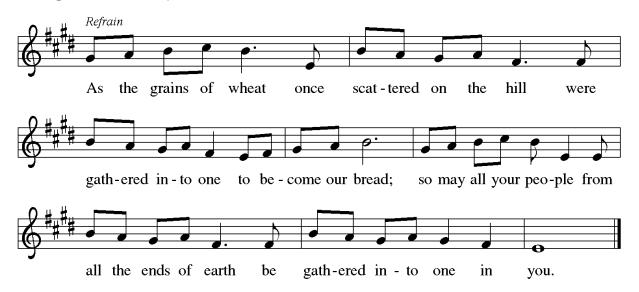
The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Eternal God, you make a great banquet out the few simple things which we have brought to this celebration. Feed us again at this table of peace and mercy, that we might go forth to serve our neighbors in the strength of your abiding Spirit. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

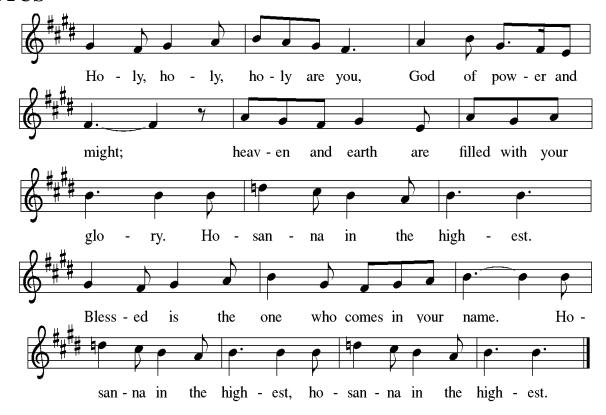
We lift them to the Lord.

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 at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord, who rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole world exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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.

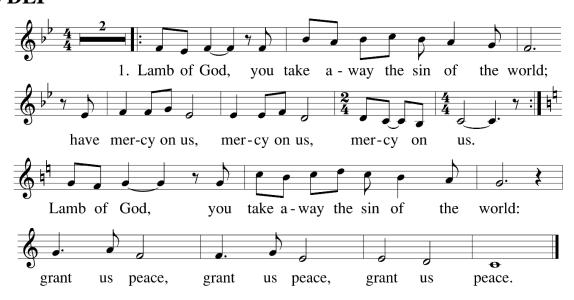
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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 should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament and they will be communed as they sit in their pew.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMN

"Spirit of Gentleness" [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

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" [See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, let go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Altar flowers are presented in memory of our war dead by the Worship & Music Committee.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of Gwen's birthday from husband, Tom Wehr.

Introduction to the day: Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 28		DAY OF PENTECOST AND MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM	Worship with Holy Communion Adult Forum Worship with Holy Communion Patriotic Concert Refreshments follow the concert
Monday, May 29		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
Saturday, June 3	5:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, June 4	9:30 AM	HOLY TRINITY AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY Worship with Holy Communion Refreshments follow our worship service

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (5/28/23)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Carl Heintzelman; LECTOR: Wayne Lutsey

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (6/04/23)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Chris Long; LECTOR: Gwen Wehr

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gwen Wehr

ALTAR GUILD: Barb Lafko, Beth Post, and Amy Dewald

COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

Our summer worship will begin NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023. Instead of having 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday mornings, we will share a single 9:30 a.m. worship service. Our Saturday worship service will continue at 5:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar!

OLD WHITE CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

Please mark your calendars to attend an Open House of the historic Old White Church, 189 Cemetery Road, Ringtown on Sunday, May 28 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. or on Monday, May 29 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

This Union Church, built in 1842, is maintained by the Lutheran and UCC Ringtown congregations and is on the Register of National Historic Places in America. It is a simple wooden structure with plain wooden pews and a quaint "tulip pulpit" reached by a small staircase with the minister at eye-level with people seated in the balcony.

Treat yourself to a short ride to the beautiful Ringtown valley on a holiday weekend and witness this beautiful house of worship which serves as a tribute to the faith of our forbearers.

WALKING TO BETHLEHEM

Out in our community!!! Whether on your own, or joining with friends, or participating in any of three specially planned events, simply logging your active time outdoors can help us achieve the equivalent number of miles as if we walked right across the ocean to Bethlehem!

"Walking Diaries" will be available for you to pick up in the Gathering Room at our small display. St. John's, Salem, and St. Paul's are joining forces to make this happen this summer. To make it even better, we are hosting three special outings for families (parents must accompany children) and anyone who wants to join. These activities will yield DOUBLE POINTS (miles).

All events are "rain or shine" and scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Our first event is Saturday, June 17 in Landingville, PA - SRG trail maps and Plant identification (leaves).

Your coordinator, Sue Reier

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!

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. This book drive will continue through Sunday, May 28. Remember: A Book Is a Gift You Can Open Over and Over!

PATRIOTIC CONCERT – TODAY AT 7 PM!

Our concert will feature the Patriotic Festival Choir, St. Paul's Bell Choir, and various instrumentalists. Light refreshments will be served following the concert. Please bring a friend or neighbor!

PART TIME STAFF POSITION OPEN

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.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our monthly 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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GERANIUM DEDICATIONS

In honor of...

Our five grandchildren, Kelsey, Harrison, Charleigh, Creole, and Kilmer by Darin and Crystal Brensinger. (5)

Connor & Jayse Callaghan by Al & Krista Callaghan.

Our children, Ethan, Grayson, and Elizabeth by Lee & Amy Dewald. (6)

Jason Kunkle & Matthew Kunkle by Pat Kunkle.

Kevin Long & Rachel Keller by Christine Long. (2)

Mary Steinert by Christine Long.

Shirley Correll by Cindy & Jeff Ritschel.

Children & Spouses by Cindy & Jeff Ritschel.

Grandchildren by Cindy & Jeff Ritschel.

Kurt & Julianne by Sue Schenck. (4)

All veterans by Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Teter. (3)

In memory of...

My brother, Eric C. Shaud by Crystal Brensinger. (2)

Carl & Shirley Brensinger by Darin and Crystal Brensinger.

Robert Shauld by Darin and Crystal Brensinger.

Francis Schweikert by Darin and Crystal Brensinger.

Bonnie Schrader by Dutch, Tanya, Creole, & Kilmer Brensinger.

Arlean Schlear by the Brensinger Family.

Patrick & Mary Callaghan by Al & Krista Callghan.

Charles W. Weidensaul by Al & Krista Callaghan.

Michelle Kunkle by Pat Kunkle.

Captain Frank S. Olmes, MD by the Lafko Family. (3)

Carl Long by Chris Long.

Herbert Steinert by Chris Long.

Loved ones by Joyce O'Rourke. (4)

Sgt. Louis D. Piacine KIA Germany 1944 85th Infantry by Danielle & Stu Richards.

Sgt. Harold Brigade KIA France 1945 86th/6th Armor by Danielle & Stu Richards.

Sgt. Francis Piacine WWII 153rd Combat Engineers by Danielle & Stu Richards.

Sgt. Carmen DiSanti WWII Marine Sniper, Navy Cross by Danielle & Stu Richards. [Continued]

GERANIUM DEDICATIONS

In memory of...

Parents, Florence & Dick Teets by Cindy & Jeff Ritschel.

Parents, Elizabeth & Eugene Ritschel by Cindy & Jeff Ritschel.

Duke by Sue Schenck. (2)

Husband, Dave Sterner by Barb Sterner.

Aunt & Uncle Milo & Mable Gerhard by Barb Sterner.

Aunt & Uncle Frederick & Florence Grim by Barb Sterner.

In-laws, LeRoy & Anna Sterner by Barb Sterner.

Ethel Henry by Barb Sterner.

Parents, John & Helen Dreher by Barb Sterner.

Robert Wehr by Tom & Gwen Wehr.

James Wehr by Tom & Gwen Wehr.

Aubrey "Bubba" Glover by Tom & Gwen Wehr.

Our fathers and uncles who served in the Armed Forces by Steve & Robin Zimmerman: Kermit Krammes, Clarence Krammes, Ira Krammes, Mervin Krammes, Terry Krammes, Duke Bubright, Cullen Litka, Don Litka, H. Clair. Zimmerman, Carroll Zimmerman, Loren Zimmerman, and Milo Zimmerman. (12)

GATHERING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"



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COMMUNION HYMN "Spirit of Gentleness"



SENDING HYMN "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

