

*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
& Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 10, 2026*

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**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

"Arioso"

J. S. Bach

**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.**

*As St. Paul writes: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*  
*(Romans 6:3-5)*

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**

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"  
[See back of bulletin]

(#669)

## 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 all things together in heaven and on earth. In your mercy, receive the prayers of all your children and grant to all the world your Spirit of 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.**

*[10:30 AM Only – We will gather our children for Sunday school at this time.]*

## WORD

### A READING FROM ACTS

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For 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.

<sup>24</sup>The 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, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

<sup>26</sup>From 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,  
<sup>27</sup>so 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. <sup>28</sup>For ‘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.’

<sup>29</sup>Since 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. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because 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 66:8-12, 15-18** (Read responsively)

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,  
<sup>8</sup>**who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

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

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

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

<sup>12</sup>**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.**

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

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

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

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

## A READING FROM FIRST PETER

<sup>3</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but 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; <sup>16</sup>yet 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. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For 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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who 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. <sup>21</sup>And 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, <sup>22</sup>who 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 musical notation consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!'. The second system contains the lyrics 'Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!'. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

## **GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This 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.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Children of the Heavenly Father”  
[See back of bulletin]

(#781)

## **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 in the healing and redemptive power of Christ's resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence...*

God of new life, through baptism you have joined us to Christ and made us your people. Send your Holy Spirit to guide your Church in the truth, that we may trust your promises and proclaim Christ with boldness and love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator of all, you give life and breath to every creature. Sustain the earth you have entrusted to our care, providing clean water, fruitful land, and protection for all living things. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of truth, you are not far from any of us. Guide the leaders of nations and communities to seek justice, walk humbly, and serve the common good with wisdom and integrity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of compassion, be near to those who suffer—heal the sick, comfort the afflicted, and console those who grieve. We especially pray for those on our prayer list. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of love, you call us to love and care for one another. Bless all mothers and those who nurture others in love. Comfort those who grieve and keep all who have died in your eternal care. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared a place for your people and will not abandon us. We thank you for the faithful departed; keep us steadfast in faith until we share in your everlasting kingdom. **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

*(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)**

"Andante"

R. Powell

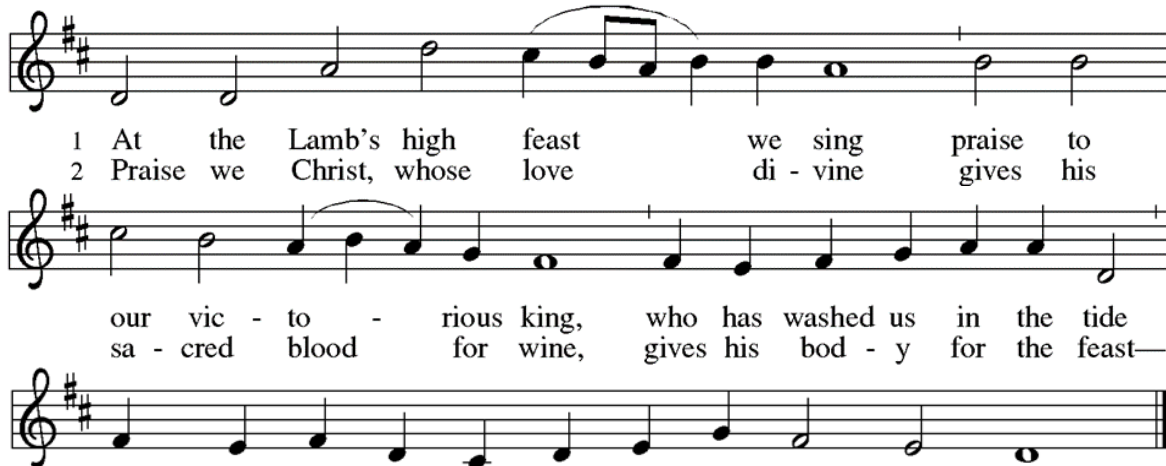
**ANTHEM (10:30 AM)**

"The Lilies of the Field"

J. Althouse

["The Lilies of the Field" is presented in loving memory of Christine Diefenderfer by Mr. and Mrs. James Clarke and Family. (1991)]

**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**

O Risen One, you have gathered us together around your table of grace along with the simple gifts we bring. Come among us and breathe life into us and this meal that we share, that we may be your risen body here in the world. **Amen.**

## MEAL

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

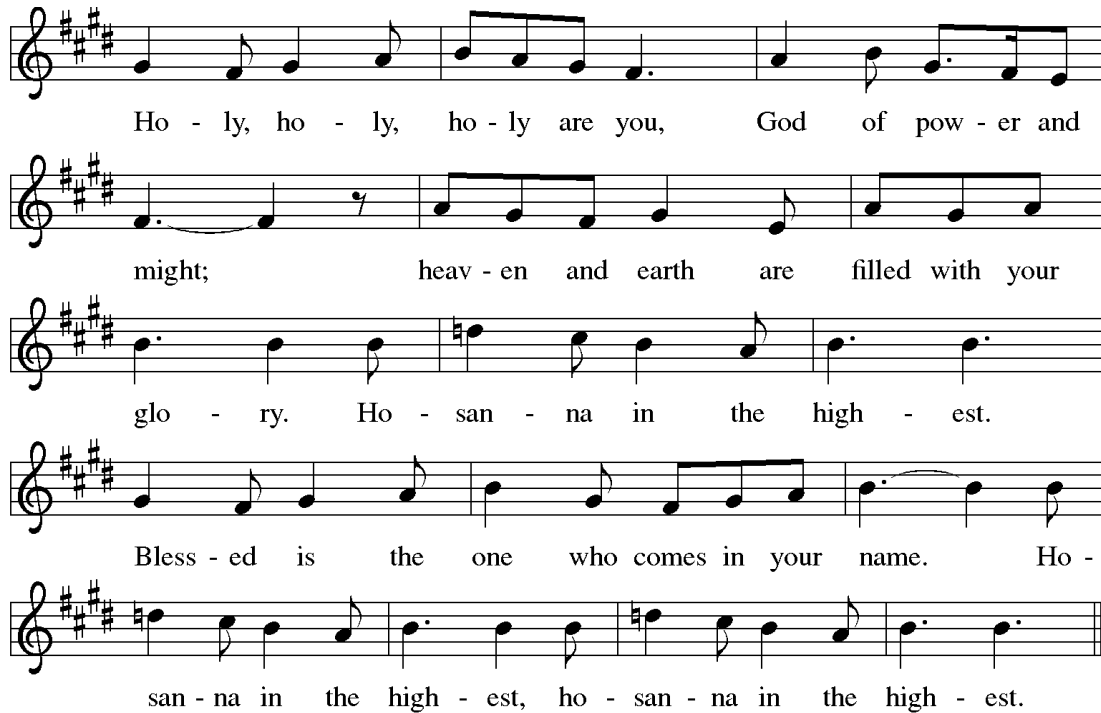
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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, 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

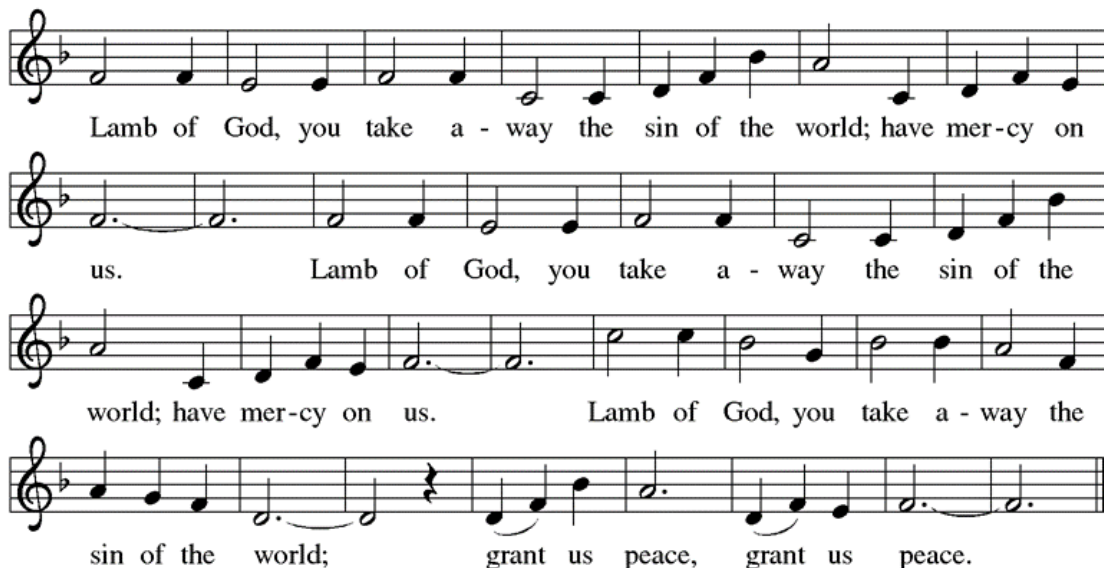
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For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



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, 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. You may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. If you require a gluten free wafer, please request it from the pastor.*

*If you (or your child) would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please raise your hand.*

*We will share the Sacrament with those on the pulpit side of the nave followed by those on the lectern side.*

**COMMUNION**

“Day By Day”  
[See back of bulletin]

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**TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God, you have fed us at your table 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**

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”  
[See back of bulletin]

(#389)

**THE DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go now in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

"Christ Is Alive"

M. McDonald

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY:** Jesus does not abandon his own. Through the Holy Spirit, he remains present with his Church in every age, gathering, preserving, and sustaining us in faith. In baptism we are made Christ’s own and joined to his death and resurrection. At his table he nourishes us with his true life, strengthening faith and forming us as his body in the world, sent to bear witness to his mercy, his peace, and his love.

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**“SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL**

TODAY is our final Second Sunday School class. Sunday School will take a break for the summer months and resume in September.

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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (5/10/26)**

**8:00 AM**

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

**10:30 AM**

GREETER: Evan Davis; USHER: Wayne Lutsey

LECTOR: Sue Reier; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Diane Brobst

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle and Diane Brobst

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (5/17/26)**

**8:00 AM**

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Grayson Dewald

**10:30 AM**

GREETER: Bill Smoot; USHER: David Kriner; LECTOR: Pat Kunkle

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Evan Davis

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long

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

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**WE CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!**

Do you know a student in our congregation or community who graduated late last year or will graduate in May or June 2026? Please send the graduate's name, school, degree, and future plans to Jessica Swick through our Facebook page, by email at [jessica@stpauls-orwigsburg.org](mailto:jessica@stpauls-orwigsburg.org), or by text at (936) 648-6809. You are also welcome to include a photo to share. Kindly provide this information by Friday, May 15. Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 8.

**A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION!**

Join us for our annual Community Patriotic Concert on Sunday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. This event will feature our handbell choir, the festival choir, and guest musicians. Together, we will give thanks for God's blessings and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow. Please ask a friend or neighbor to join you for this special event!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

Sunday, May 10		<b>MOTHER'S DAY &amp; SECOND SUNDAY</b>
	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Children's Sunday School
Monday, May 11	7:00 PM	Council
Tuesday, May 12	1:00 PM	WELCA in Reidler Hall
Wednesday, May 13	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 14		<b>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</b>
Saturday, May 16	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, May 17		<b>NEW MEMBERS' SUNDAY</b>
	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Refreshments to follow 10:30 service

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**HELP US STAY CONNECTED!**

At St. Paul's, we love sending cards to brighten the day of those who are unable to join us for worship. If you have updated contact information or address changes—especially for college students or members of our armed forces—please call the church office at 570-366-2316. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

**WELCA MEETING**

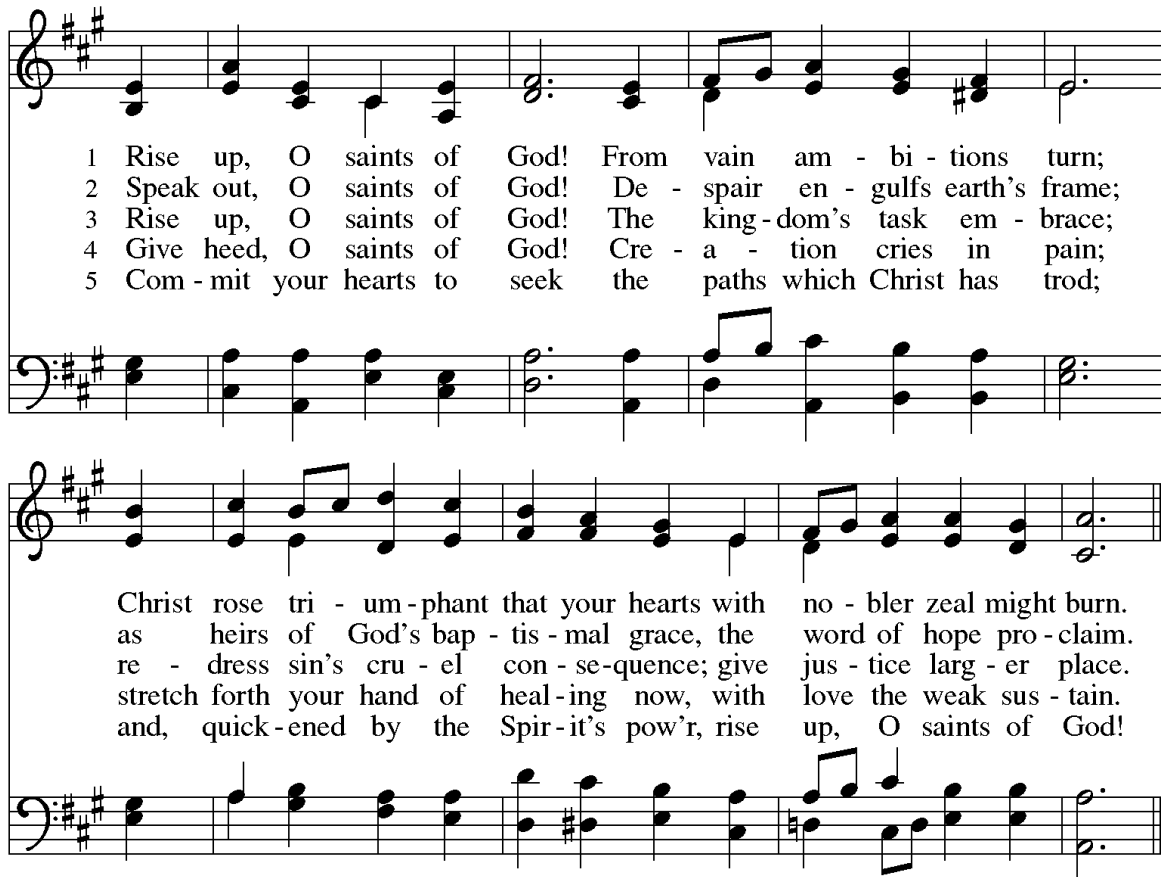
The Women of the ELCA will meet on Tuesday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m. in Reidler Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Jan Remer-Osborn of Zion's Red Church. An In-gathering offering will be received and has been designated for the America 250 Orwigsburg celebration. All women of the congregation are invited to attend!

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**We will not "pass the plate" during today's worship service. Our offering plate is in the back of the nave near the center aisle. If you would like to give an offering, please do so before the service has begun or after our service is over. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### “Rise Up, O Saints of God”



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

## WATER FOR A CAUSE

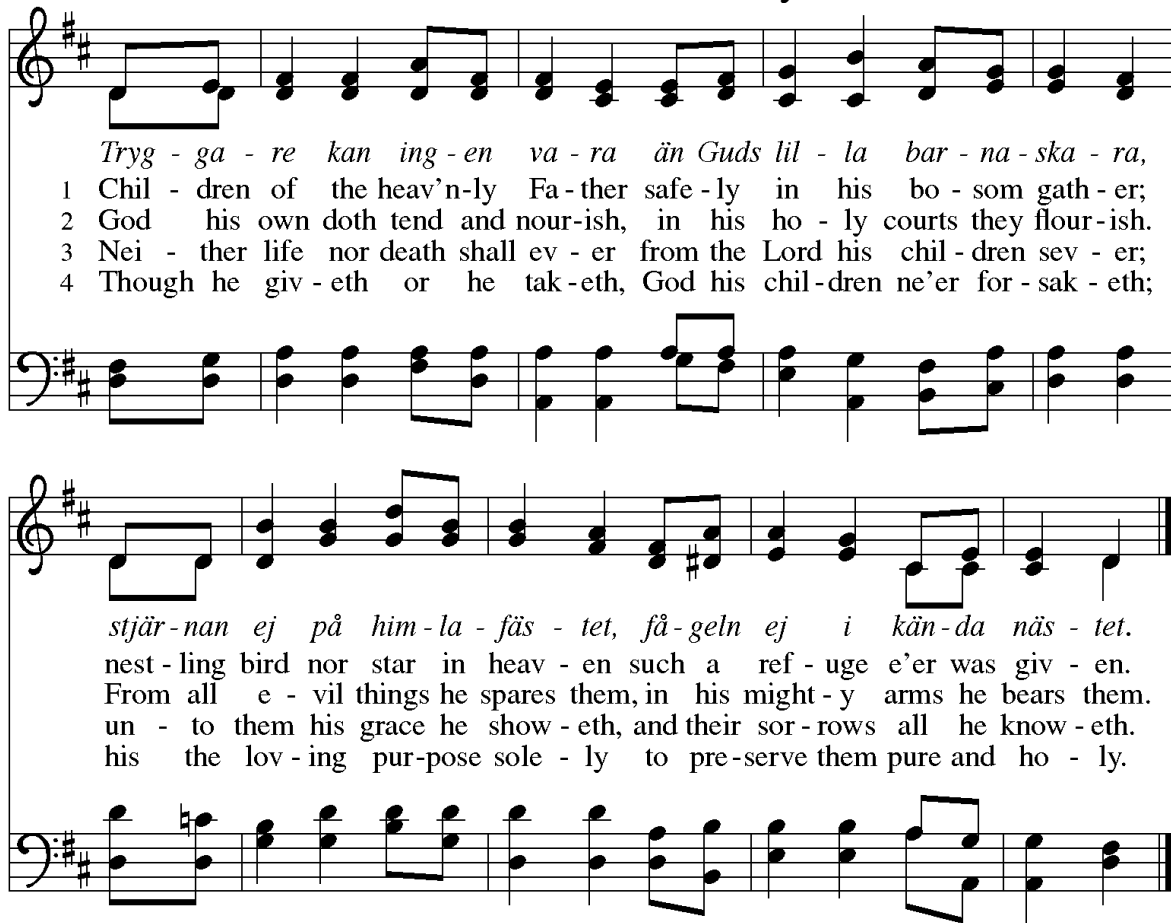
Would you like to help the firefighters of the Friendship Hose Company here in Orwigsburg? WELCA is sponsoring a month-long collection of bottled water for these hometown heroes. From May 1 through May 31, water bottle donations of any size or quantity are welcome. Whether responding to emergencies, assisting with accidents, or training to keep our community safe, this simple gift will help refresh and sustain our firefighters as they work. Please place your donations in the narthex beginning May 1. Thank you for caring for those who faithfully care for our community.

## NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

NEXT SUNDAY, we will celebrate and welcome our newest members on “New Members.” During the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will give thanks for their presence among us and ask God’s blessing on their life in this congregation and in the world.

On that day, we will also wear name tags to help us get to know one another better. Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception with beverages and refreshments. Please join us for this special time of welcome and fellowship.

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Children of the Heavenly Father”



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. 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 one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of lyrics is in Swedish and English. The second system of lyrics is in Swedish and English.

*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

*stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.*  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## FLOWER AND BULLETIN DEDICATION BINDER

The green binder for flower and bulletin dedications in our gathering room has a new look! Beginning in June, each Sunday will have its own page, with spaces to sign up to dedicate altar flowers, chancel flowers, and bulletins. Please remember that chancel flowers may be sponsored only after altar flowers for that Sunday have been filled.

You'll also see a new checkbox if you would like to donate your flowers rather than take them home. If you choose this option, the flowers will be shared with someone who will thank God for your kindness.

## SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS!

Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, May 31. Because Memorial Day falls early this year, we will begin the summer schedule one week earlier than usual. Beginning May 31, Sunday worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Saturday worship will continue at 5:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## “Day By Day”

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

# 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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

# GERANIUM ORDER SHEET

We will decorate the church with red geraniums on the Pentecost Sunday, May 24. The deadline to place an order for potted geraniums is Sunday, May 17 and the cost of each pot is \$4.00. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

In honor of:

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In memory of:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR FLOWERPOT COVERS!**

Please check this box if you wish to donate the flowers to the church and not take them home.

Total # of Geraniums: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: