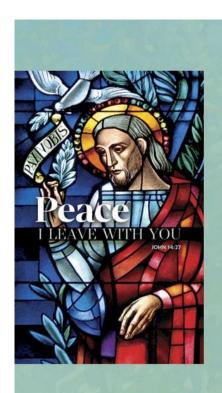
## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET HANOVER, PA



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025

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#### **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

## **Our Purpose:**

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

## **Guiding Principles:**

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- **Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

## **Important Worship Notes**

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

## + 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER +

May 25, 2025

#### INTRODUCTION

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

#### THE GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of  $\pm$  the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

#### C Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

## make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

## make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

## make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

#### Amen.



#### \*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,

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

#### C Amen.

#### THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

L The First Reading according to Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 67 read responsively

- A May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- C <sup>2</sup> Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
  - <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
  - <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
  - <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
  - <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.
  - <sup>7</sup> May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.
- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

The Second Reading according to Revelation 21: 10, 22--22:5

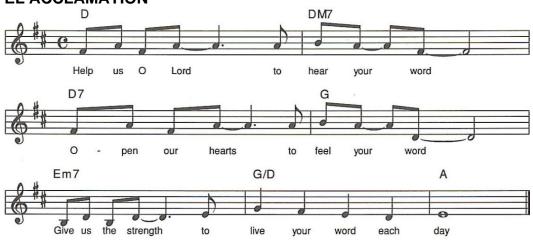
10 And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. 22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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

The word of the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



\*GOSPEL John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

- P The Holy Gospel according to John 14:23-29
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser

Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Choir leaders are dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

**SERMON** Pastor Dan Yeiser





#### \*NICENE CREED

- A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.
- C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

## C Your mercy is great.

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.** 

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.

#### THE MEAL

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"My God Is So Great"
St. Paul's Children's Choir

Reeves

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(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <a href="https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.">https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.</a> If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray, Risen One.
- C you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

#### \*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

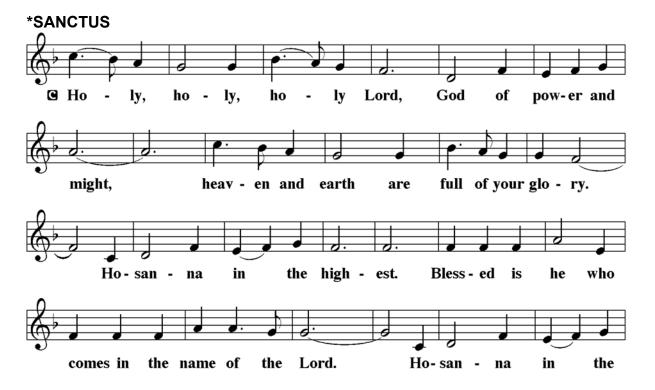
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \*PREFACE

P 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 everliving 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:





#### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## C Christ has died.

## Christ is risen.

## Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

## Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

## Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- 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

P Come to the banquet, for all in now ready.

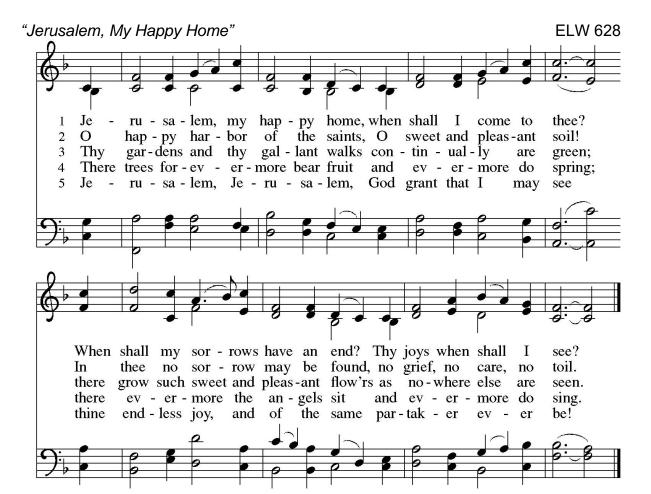
All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.



#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION





## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## C Amen.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Living one, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

## C Amen.

## \*BLESSING

P The triune God, who was, who is and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

## C Amen.



#### \*DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### POSTLUDE

\* Stand if you are able

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	May 25	June 1
Saturday night Worship	Linda Zellers – 5/24	Russ Kaltreider (5/31)
Assisting Minister:	Bill Sowers	Frank Hueske
Acolyte:	Dilynn Long	Jocelyn Fissel
Lay Reader:	Lucille Farrington	Frank Hueske
Communion Distributors	Michelle Johnson	Gary Martin
	Sally Lovelace	Nancy Martin
Ushers:	Russ Johnson	Suzanne Butler
	Christopher Johnson	Cindy Schmidt
Altar:	Ginny Murray	Becki Davis
	Donna Lehman	Norma Lucabaugh

**ONE OF THE ALTAR FLOWER VASES** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Russ Kaltreider's birthday, May 24th, by his wife Maureen

**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Russ Kaltreider's birthday, May 24th, by Dylan, Matthew and Leah.

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR** down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. If no one volunteers to bring snacks we will only serve coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer. Coffee makers would start the coffee around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request) Both coffee and snack volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

**SISTERS IN FAITH...**mark your calendars! Our annual retreat will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 10-12.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The Christian Ed. Committee is looking for volunteers to facilitate a 20 min. activity for kids ages 3-grade 5 during worship this summer. We'll provide the ready-made materials for you! PA Clearances are needed to volunteer, but we'll help you apply for them at no cost to you. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Pastor's Office or contact the church office to volunteer.

**PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAY** from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. This brief service consists of prayer, scripture reading and silent meditation. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

PLEASE NOTE: No Mid-week Devotions on June 4, 11 or 18.

**MAY'S DESIGNATED GIVING** - Special Designated Giving this month will go to help provide camperships which are basically camp scholarships. Camperships will provide a week of camp for those wishing to experience God's beauty, peace and nature at any Lutheran camp, no matter their age. Your generous gift for St Paul's May Special Designated Giving goes directly to supporting these camperships.

Please assist in this mission of St. Paul's! Laura Silver - St. Paul's CampPerson

# SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at <u>assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>

Radio-June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)
Altar Flowers-June 1, 8, 22 & 29 (2 vases at \$20 each); June 15 (1 vase at \$20)
Communion Bread and Wine- June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$12 each date)
Worship Bulletins- June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$20 each date)
Eternal Flame-June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10 each date)

**JUNE'S DESIGNATED GIVING -** Special Designated Giving this month will go to help defray the medical expenses for Irelyn Sprenkle.

Irelyn Sprenkle is an 11-year-old girl and on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 was diagnosed with Wilms Tumor. Wilms Tumor is a type of kidney cancer that occurs in young children. It is responsible for 95% of all malignant kidney tumors in patients under the age of 15 years old. Wilms tumor can occur in one kidney (unilateral) or in both kidney (bilateral and can spread throughout the rest of the body. There are about 650 new cases diagnosed each year in the United States. Please see the June/July Evangel for more information.

**DIAPER DRIVE -** Faith In Action is helping St. John's Lutheran Church in Abbottstown with their Diaper Drive. We are collecting donations of disposable diapers (any size) and baby wipes for them during May. Please bring your donation into St. Paul's and place them in the baskets in the hallway near the pulpit. Thank you for thinking of others.

SUN., MAY 25 8:30 am 9:30 am Immediately following Worship		Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Coffee Hour – Lounge Adult Choir II rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary	
MON., MAY 26		MEMORIAL DAY (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)	
TUESDAY – FRIDAY		MAY 27 – 30 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
WED., MAY 28	11:00 am <b>12:15 pm</b>	Wedding – church lounge  Mid-week Devotions – church lounge	
THUR., MAY 29	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room Adult Choir I rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary	
FRI., MAY 30	3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym Private Use – Fellowship Hall	
SAT., MAY 31	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Grocery Ministry – Girl Scout Private Use – Fellowship Hall Saturday Evening Worship Service – lounge Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall	
SUN., JUNE 1 Immediately follow	8:30 am 9:30 am ving Worship	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Coffee Hour – Lounge Adult Choir II rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary	

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 2 – 6 and 9 - 13
Please call before coming into the office to be sure someone is there.
At the time this bulletin was printed Carmen, our Administrative Assistant, was not certain when she will be back full-time and Pastor Dan Yeiser is on vacation until June 18<sup>th</sup>.

THANK YOU