

**BRICKERVILLE UNITED
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

May 5, 2024

8:45 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*We are glad you have joined us this morning both in person and on-line. An * in the bulletin indicates when to stand, if able. Offering plates are located on table to the right upon entry into the sanctuary.*

The GATHERING

PRELUDE: ‘Come Down, O Love Devine’ by R.V. William

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. do you reaffirm your baptismal faith, faith in resurrected Jesus as the Christ, our Lord and Savior? If so answer: I affirm my faith in Christ.

I affirm my faith in Christ.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

We thank you, O God

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We bless you, O God

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

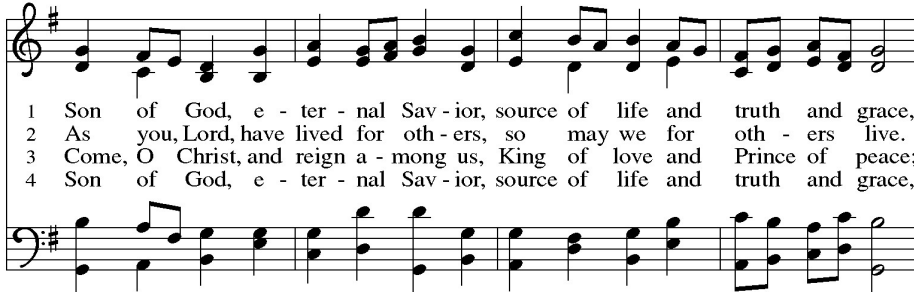
We praise you, O God

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

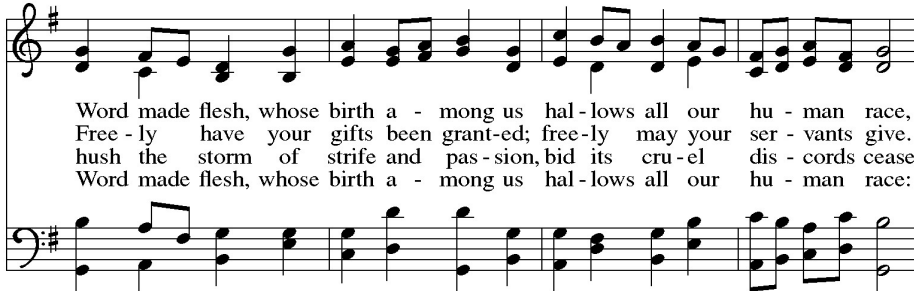
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN Hymn #655**

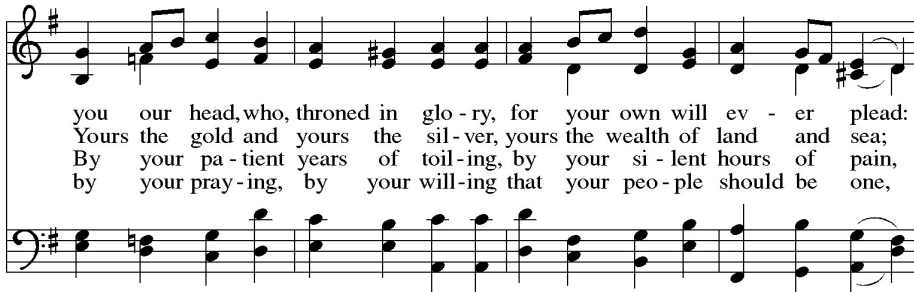
Son of God, Eternal Savior



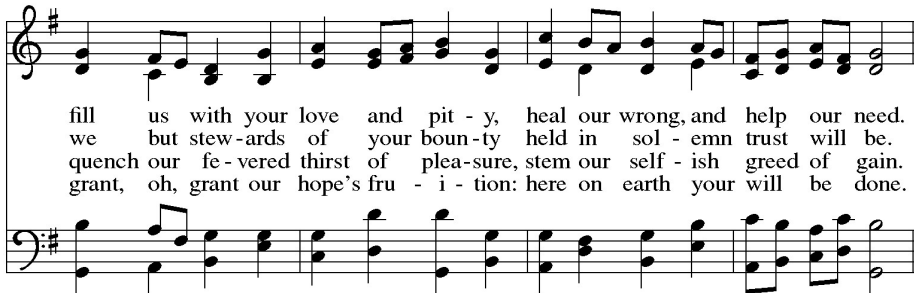
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

***APOSTOLIC 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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 133

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in
the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who
comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

The Holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pr. Dietrich

Oh, Sing to the Lord *Cantad al Señor*



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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***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,
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 INTERCESSION:**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially Ronnie Denlinger, Millie Seace, Theresa Weik, Katherine Styer, Earl Shirk, Barry Shelly, Fred Oerther, Linda Miller, Betty Lou Ramsey, Garret Shanfelder, Pauline Strohm and Phyllis Busey. We pray also for Military personnel, veterans, teachers, emergency responders and healthcare workers. We pray for the people around the world affected by war, gun violence, and natural disasters, especially those in the mid United States affected by recent tornados. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE:**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share with one another the peace of the risen Christ.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM ‘Softly and Tenderly based on the ‘Tune’



The 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

This is the day that in joy and delight we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you, all holy and mighty and glorious God. For Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

This is the day that you gave light to the earth. This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom. Now every night is as bright as day, and that light is Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

This is the day that you broke the chains of death. This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth, you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace. The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus Christ 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit. Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior. Illumine our lives with your presence, and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race, for that light is Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

All holy and mighty and glorious God, radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit, we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy, and we praise your victory through all time and space, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Amen and amen.
Amen and amen.

***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.

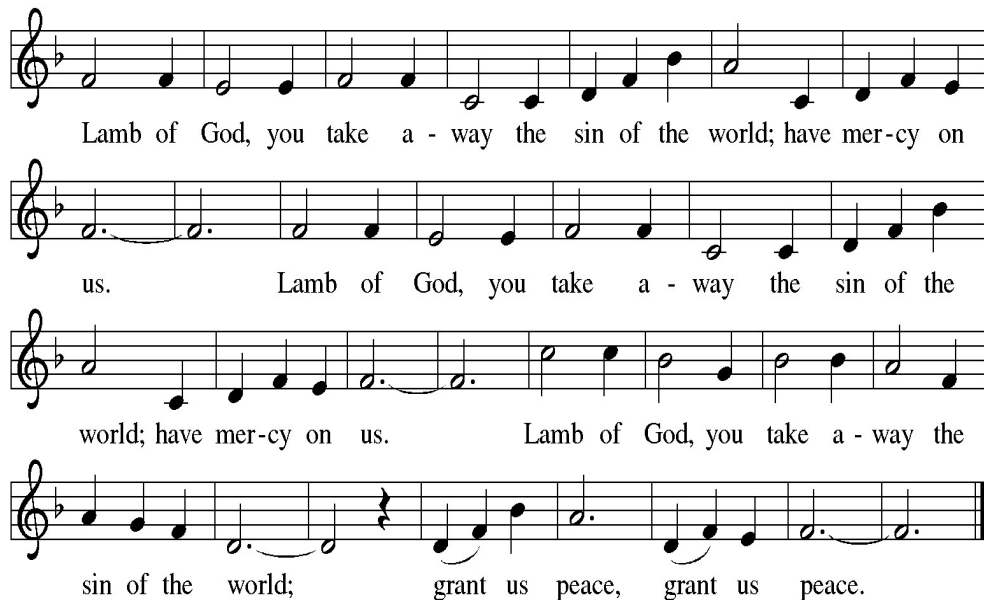
***INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the
welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

Lamb of God



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.

COMMUNION:

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Let us pray...
Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

The SENDING

***BLESSING:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:** #836
See next page

***DISMISSAL:**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: ‘Hyfrydol’ by R. H. Pritchard



Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

SERVICE ASSISTANTS & PARTICIPANTS:

<u>Sunday, May 5</u>	<u>8:45am</u>
Pastor	Pr. Dietrich
Organist	Nancy Maurer
Greeter	Theresa King
Bell-ringer	Dean Kissinger
Lay Reader	Theresa King
Usher	Dean Kissinger
Communion Assistant	<i>needed</i>
Communion Assistant	Nita Kissinger

Thank You May Sponsors!

Bulletin: Freda Fasnacht and Sandy Schaeffer

Newsletter: ***needed***

Our Friends and Guests:

Welcome!

If you are visiting with us please sign the guest register in the Narthex.
Thank you and please come again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

WHEN: Saturday, May 4 at 9:00am

WHERE: BULC Fellowship Hall, continental breakfast served

OFFICE CLOSED:

WHEN: Wednesday May 1—May 5

Pam will be decorating for and attending her son's wedding.

MUSIC & WORSHIP JOINT MEETINGS:

WHEN: Sunday, May 5 at 12:30

WHERE: Jerusalem

MORNING QUILTING FOR LWR:

WHEN: Monday May 6 at 9:00am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

WHEN: Thursday, May 9 at 10:15am

WHERE: Choir Room

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:

WHEN: Thursday, May 9 at 9:00am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING:

WHEN: Thursday, May 9 at 7:00pm

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

WHEN: Monday, May 13 at 9:00am

WHERE: Office

SOUP MAKING FOR ANNUAL PICNIC:

WHEN: Monday, May 13 9:00am—1:00pm

WHERE: Kitchen

CHOIR REHEARSAL:

WHEN: Thursday, May 16 at 10:15am

WHERE: Choir Room

The last scheduled choir rehearsal will be May 23 for the summer break.

MAKING OF POT PIE and SALE

WHEN: Friday, May 17 at 9:00am, make pot pie

Saturday, May 18 at 8:00am, finish making

Saturday, May 18 2:00-4:00pm, Sale of pot pie

OFF-SITE FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

WHEN: Sunday, May 19 at 12:15

WHERE: Scooters Restaurant, Rt 501 Lititz

Wear red to celebrate Pentecost to church and afterwards!

COUNCIL MEETING:

WHEN: Monday, May 20 at 8:00am (Please note change in day)

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY & WELCA PROJECT

WHEN: Monday, May 20 at 10:00am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH SYNOD

WHEN: Tuesday, May 21 at 9:00am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WELCA's MAY EVENT:

WHEN: Wednesday, May 22 at 9:00am

WHERE: Longwood Gardens Spring Tour

Office closed so Pam can attend also. Sign-up on narthex counter.

Lunch on your own. Admission to gardens gifted to first 12 ladies who sign up. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

EVENING SALAD & SEW FOR LWR:

WHEN: Wednesday, May 21 at 5:30

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WELCA APRIL COLLECTIONS:

April mission collection is a "Baby Shower" for families and women who use the services of Align, pregnancy support service in Ephrata and surrounding towns. See list of requested items and let's fill the crib in located in our narthex

BULC SPONSORS CITY GATE

WHEN: Friday, May 24, make lunches in BULC kitchen
Saturday, May 25, volunteers serve at City Gate
See sign up sheet on narthex counter to help serve premade lunches

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Looking for volunteers to tend to our 3 flower gardens. Please sign up if you can help tend to the gardens for a two month span for May/June, July/August, Sept/Oct. Lead gardener is responsible for seeking out helpers, setting dates to weed and tend to garden during your two month period. Help us keeping our gardens looking pretty.

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