

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ✠ July 1, 2018**

PRELUDE – "A PATRIOTIC QUOTATION" – ROBERT HUGHES  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being Look upon us,  
your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our  
offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty  
desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our  
strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ✠ forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

## HYMN #891 "GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND"

### 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

Let us pray...Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON:

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

## PSALM 30 *Sung responsively*

*Psalm Tone 11*



- <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
- <sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,  
and you restored | me to health.**
- <sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.
- <sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**
- <sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup>**While I felt se- | cure, I said,  
"I shall never | be disturbed.**
- <sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup>**I cried to | you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with | my LORD, saying,**
- <sup>9</sup>What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?
- <sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;  
O LORD, | be my helper."**
- <sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing | into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.
- <sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.**

## SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

### VERSE



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

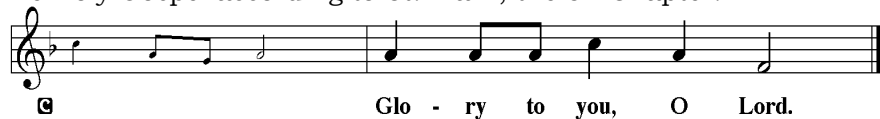


Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 5:21-43**

The Gospel of the LORD.



**SERMON**

**HYMN #612 – “HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL”**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and  
born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into  
hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into  
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS**

*Response : hear our prayer.*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING – “SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT” – SOLO BY RON**

**FRIED**

*Offering is gathered for the poor and those with needs in our community and world.*

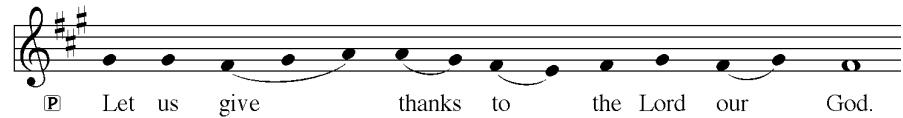
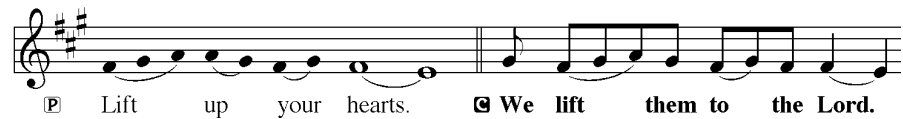
**OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Merciful God,  
**you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living  
thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to  
receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live  
it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join  
unending hymn:



**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** *The pastor offers the prayer.*

**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 HOLY COMMUNION**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

**LAMB OF GOD**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**HOLY COMMUNION** HYMN: #470 *"DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S  
TETHER"*

**BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Let us pray...Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are LORD forevermore. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN #888 – "O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES"**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE – "GOD OF OUR FATHERS" – ROBERT LAU**



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**WELCOME TO ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

We especially welcome those who are visiting. We invite you to sign our guest register in the narthex. Blank envelopes in the pews are for visitors. "God's purpose for St. Paul's Lutheran Blue" Church is to spread the Good News of Christ's love for all people in the Southern Lehigh community and beyond." -Blue Church Mission Statement, adopted 2012

**6 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST...**

*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

*Today two hymn translators are commemorated: Catherine Winkworth, who died in 1878, and John Mason Neale, who died in 1866.*

**ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....**

**LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33:** *The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 B.C. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

**2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15:** *Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christian in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

**MARK 5:21-43:** *Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

**PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 6:** Do not fear, only believe. (See Mark 5:36)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** God our strength, your power went forth to heal. Free us of our anxieties and strengthen our trust in your love. Amen.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** - For those people wishing to take Holy Communion without wine, there are four cups in the center of the Communion tray with grape juice.

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**BLUE CHURCH PRAYS FOR.....Sick/Recovering:** Claire Biser, Joyce Christman, Doris Heiserman, Jason Homlish, Mary Levy, Joanne Ritter, Shannon Silliman, Irm

*Note: This is a short-term list, for those who are in "acute care" situations—hospitalized or in recovery, dying, facing the recent death of a loved one, or presently facing a severe life crisis.*

*The names of persons for whom we pray will be kept on the list for one month. If you wish to have them placed back on the list please contact the church office.*

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**LEADING OUR WORSHIP**

<b>CELEBRANT</b>	The Rev. James Hammond
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
<b>GREETER</b>	Irene Frederick
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Ron Fried
<b>LECTOR/CANTOR</b>	Gwen Gibiser
<b>USHERS</b>	Roger & Edie Knappenberger
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL REP</b>	Deb Stover
<b>ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY</b>	Anne Nichols

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**CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD**

**TODAY:** 9:30 AM Worship.

**WED.:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**NEXT SUN.:** 9:30 AM Worship.

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

**JULY 9 - Church Council Meeting.**

**JULY 22 - Infant Baptism.**

**JULY 29 - Yard Sale Committee Meeting immediately following Worship. Please plan to attend with your thoughts, ideas, and input.**

**OCTOBER - BLUE CHURCH YARD SALE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY.**

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**WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS...**by David Link in memory of Parents.

**BULLETINS...**by Joyce Christman in memory of family and friends.

**COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...**by Ron & Carol Stoudt

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**THE DATE HAS BEEN SET!! BLUE CHURCH WILL HAVE A YARD SALE ON OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>. Mark your calendar.**

***It's not too early to start saving all your unwanted "treasures" for this event.***

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**Community Outreach Benefit/COBCares.org is in need of GOLF participants for our 1st Annual Golf Classic** to be held on [July 25](#) at 8 AM at Wedgewood. Scramble format with shotgun start. Continental breakfast, catered picnic lunch, prizes, 50/50, basket/gift card raffle.

More info and registration: [www.cobcares.org](http://www.cobcares.org) or Amy Crowe [585-861-1670](tel:585-861-1670) or [amygd922@gmail.com](mailto:amygd922@gmail.com)

**ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!!** Please contact Amy. Our 3 recipients and the COB Team thank you!!

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**HAPPENING THIS WEEK.....**

**JULY 3 - THOMAS APOSTLE**

Thomas is perhaps best remembered as "Doubting Thomas." But alongside this doubt, the Gospel of John shows Thomas as fiercely loyal: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). And John's gospel shows Thomas moving from doubt to deep faith. Thomas makes one of the strongest confessions of faith in the New Testament. "My LORD and my God!" (John 20:28). From this confession of faith, ancient stories tell of Thomas's missionary work to India, where Christian communities were flourishing a thousand years before the arrival of sixteenth-century missionaries.

The feast of St. Thomas is observed on various dates, and a long tradition in the West placed it on December 21. In 1969, however, the Roman Catholic calendar moved it to July 3 in agreement with the Syrian Church. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* follows this ecumenical trend.