

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ✘ July 15, 2018

**PRELUDE – “HE LEADETH ME! O BLESSED THOUGHT” – ERIC LOUIS
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 #427 “FOR ALL YOUR SAINTS, O LORD”

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...O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

AMOS 7:7-15

PSALM 85:8-13

Sung responsively

Psalm Tone 2



- ⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
- ⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**
- ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
- ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**
- ¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
- ¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

SECOND LESSON:

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

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 6th Chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

MARK 6:14-29

The Gospel of the LORD.



SERMON

HYMN #717 – “LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS”

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 – “MINUET” – THOMAS VINCENT

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

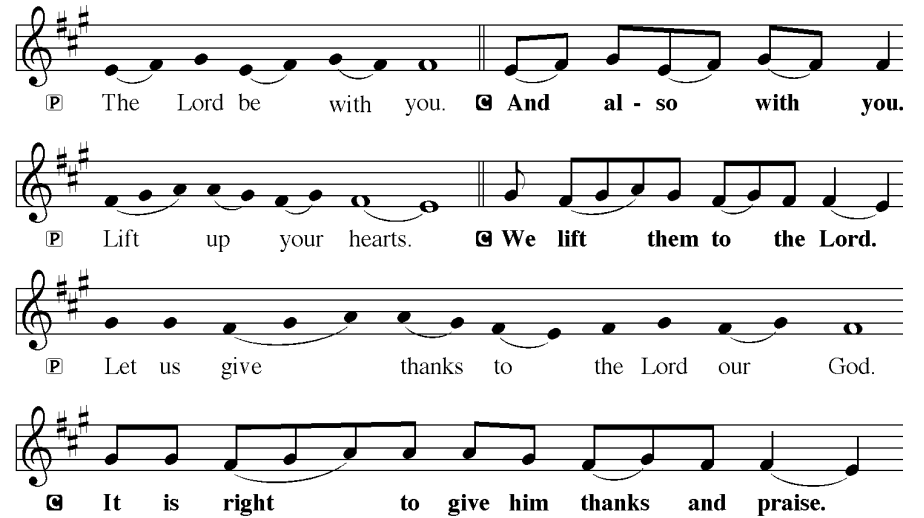
OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

*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.*

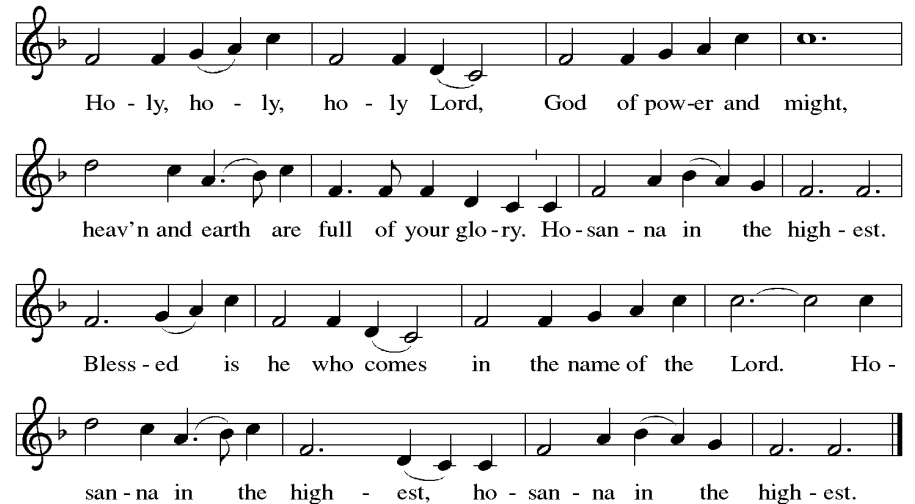
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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: #807 "COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

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 #805 – "LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "FUGA" – JOHANN PACHELBEL

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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

THE DAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR...7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

AMOS 7:7-15: *Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of Judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.*

EPHESIANS 1:3-14: *In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

MARK 6:14-29: *As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 8: Blest be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 1:3*)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: God our Father, you reveal your love for us in Christ Jesus. Take away our apathy and give us grace to serve those in need. Amen.

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.

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

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.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

CELEBRANT	The Rev. James Hammond
ORGANIST	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
GREETER	Lillian Frey
ASSISTING MINISTER	Maggie Fried
LECTOR/CANTOR	Gwen Gibiser
USHERS	Joyce Fulford, Susan Clemens-Bruder
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Ed Risi

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY: **9:30 AM** Worship.
MON.: **7 PM** Church Council Meeting.
WED.: **9 AM** Quilting.
NEXT SUN.: **9:30 AM** Worship/Infant Baptism.
10:30 AM Community Day meeting immediately following Worship.

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

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 13TH AT LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY.

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD: BULLETINS...by Joyce Christman in memory of family and friends.

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

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX to sign up for watering and weeding the “Garden for Giving”. Kindly pick the week that you would be willing to help.

Do you see anything around Blue Church that needs repairs? If so, jot it down on the form on the clip board on the table in the Narthex and the Property Committee will look into fixing it.

THE DATE HAS BEEN SET!! BLUE CHURCH WILL HAVE A YARD SALE ON OCTOBER 13TH. Mark your calendar. It's not too early to start saving all your unwanted “treasures” for this event.

Come to the **Inside Scoop Wed., July 18 6-10** and have a yummy treat AND support the Community Outreach Benefit too! COB appreciates your kindness to help us help our neighbors in need!

On **Wed., July 25 from 4-9** enjoy a scrumptious meal at **Ecco Domani** and a portion of your check will go directly to help our neighbors in need! Support COB and get a night OUT OF THE KITCHEN!! Thank you! The COB Team

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