

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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PRELUDE 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 #722 "O CHRIST, YOUR HEART, COMPASSIONATE"

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

PSALM 23 *Spoken responsively*

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall
fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort
me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life,**

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 2:11-22

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.

Glory to you, O LORD.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

The Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN #782 – “MY SHEPHERD, YOU SUPPLY MY NEED”

As the hymn is sung, the candidates, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.

THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM & BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION

The Pastor addresses the assembly

P: In baptism God frees us from sin and death by uniting us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God, we are made members of the Church, the body of Christ, and we are commissioned for Christ’s ministry of justice and peace.

The Pastor addresses the parents

P: Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized?

R: I do.

P: As you present Bryson Thomas Gordon for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with *him* among God’s faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture *him* in faith and prayer, so that *he* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people. Daniel and Sareena, do you promise to help Bryson grow in the Christian faith and life?

R: I do.

The Pastor addresses the sponsors

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Bryson in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God’s Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the Church?

R: I do.

The Pastor addresses the assembly

P: People of God, do you promise to support Bryson and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The Pastor addresses the parents

P: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I do.

The Pastor addresses the assembly

P: With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

**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 Pastor begins the thanksgiving

P: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: 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. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and 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 the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our LORD, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Water is poured three times in the name of the Triune God

P: Bryson Thomas, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

C: Blessed be God, the source of all life, the Word of Salvation, the Spirit of mercy.

The Pastor prays for the gift of the Holy Spirit

P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Bryson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the LORD, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The Pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized

P: Bryson Thomas, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

A lighted candle is given to the sponsors on behalf of the newly baptized

A: Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen.
Shine with the light of Christ.

A: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

THE PRAYERS *Response: "hear our prayer"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

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

The Great Thanksgiving musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: P The Lord be with you. A And al - so with you. P Lift up your hearts. A We lift them to the Lord. P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. A It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Unending hymn musical score consists of four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

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: #624 "JESUS, STILL LEAD ON"

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 #789 – "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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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....THE 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

JEREMIAH 23:1-6: *Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 B.C. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.*

EPHESIANS 2:11-22: *The author of this letter is reminding his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

MARK 6:30-34, 53-56: *When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 9: Come away and rest awhile.
(See Mark 6:31)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: O God, you desire to create a new humanity in Jesus Christ. May we further the reconciliation that is your will so that all people may find peace in the temple of the Lord's body. Amen.

WE WELCOME BRYSON THOMAS GORDON through the Sacrament of Baptism into the whole Church of Jesus Christ and the congregation of Blue Church today. Pray that the gift of the Holy Spirit will lead Bryson in the knowledge of the LORD and guide his parents Sareena and Daniel.

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, Dean Stover, Irmi

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
PIANIST	Nathan Scott
GREETER	Loraine Kline
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Ortwein
LECTOR	Greg Storat
CANTOR	Ron Fried
USHERS	Greg & Wendy Storat
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY	Dick & Sue Storat
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Roger Knappenberger

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY: 9:30 AM Worship/Infant Baptism.
10:30 AM Community Day Meeting following Worship.

WED.: 9 AM Quilting.

NEXT SUN.: 9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Yard Sale Meeting immediately following Worship.

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

OCTOBER - BLUE CHURCH YARD SALE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY.

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:
ALTAR FLOWERS...by Sue and Dick Storat in memory of Keith D. Storat.

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

SANCTUARY LAMP...by Greg and Wendy Storat in memory of Keith D. Storat

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.

THERE ARE STILL OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE SANCTUARY CANDLE, BULLETINS, ETC. Please check the appropriate chart on the Bulletin Boards in the Narthex.

BLUE CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
RECEIPTS	\$ 5,442.00	\$41,115.63
EXPENSES	\$10,439.66	\$87,534.29
<u>(DEFICIT)</u>	(\$ 4,997.66)	(\$46,418.66)

ENDOWMENT FUND WITHDRAWN TO COVER EXPENSES

\$4,500.00 \$27,000.00

ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST/REFUND \$ 4,046.80

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