

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ✠ July 8, 2018**

PRELUDE – "MORNING HYMN" – GORDON YOUNG  
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 #742 "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

### 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...God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of our kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON:

EZEKIEL 2:1-5

## PSALM 123 *Sung responsively*

*Psalm Tone 1*



<sup>1</sup>To you I lift | up my eyes,

to you enthroned | in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,  
until you show | us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,

<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,  
and of the derision | of the proud.**

## SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

### 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.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 6:1-13

The Gospel of the LORD.



Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

## HYMN #579 – “LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION”

### 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 – “ALL OFFERTORIO” – ZIPOLI

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

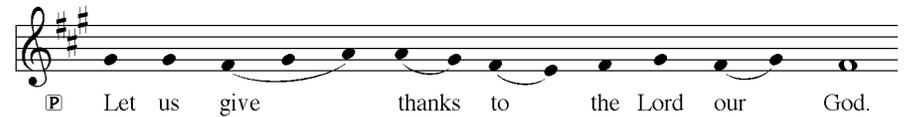
### OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

*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: #598 "FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED"

### 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 #674 – "LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE – "MARCH IN G" – JOHN DIXON

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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 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*

**EZEKIEL 2:1-5:** *In 597 B.C., the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

**2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10:** *Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

**MARK 6:1-13:** *At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

**PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 6:** My grace is sufficient for you. (See 2 Corinthians 12:9)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Gracious LORD, you heal the wounded and cast out evil. Strengthen us in the grace of baptism so that we may comfort the sick and struggle against all forms of evil in our world. 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, Irmir  
*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>	Gwen Gibiser
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Dick Storat
<b>LECTOR</b>	Dick Storat
<b>CANTOR</b>	Ron Fried
<b>USHERS</b>	Shirley Hildebrand, Maggie Fried
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL REP</b>	Greg Storat
<b>ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY</b>	Irene Frederick

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**CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD**

**TODAY:** 9:30 AM Worship.  
**MON.:** 7 PM Church Council Meeting.  
**WED.:** 9 AM Quilting.  
**NEXT SUN.:** 9:30 AM Worship.

C O M I N G E V E N T S - m a r k y o u r c a l e n d a r !

**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 Paula and Mike Clark in honor of family Birthdays.

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

**SANCTUARY LAMP...**by Bill and Kathy Exner in honor of grandson Zane's 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

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

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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 11 – BENEDICT OF NURSIA, ABBOT OF MONTE CASSINO, DIED AROUND 540**

Benedict is known as the father of Western monasticism. He was educated in Rome but was appalled by the decline of life around him. He went to live as a hermit, and a community of monks came to gather around him. In the prologue of his rule for monasteries he wrote that his intent in drawing up his regulations was "to set down nothing harsh, nothing burdensome." It is that moderate spirit that characterizes his rule and the monastic communities that are formed by it. Benedict encourages a generous spirit of hospitality, saying that visitors to Benedictine communities are to be welcomed as Christ himself.