

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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The Third Sunday after Pentecost ✠ June 10, 2018

PRELUDE – "PRELUDE" – KARL CURSCHMANN
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 #652 "BUILT ON A ROCK"

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...All powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 3:8-15

PSALM 130

Sung responsively

Psalm Tone 6

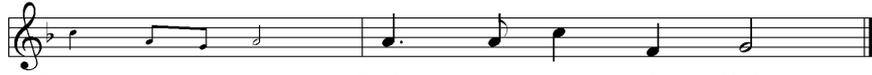




THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.
MARK 3:20-35

The Gospel of the LORD.



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN #860 – “I’M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME”

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 : Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING – “CHRIST, THE SURE FOUNDATION” –

TOM BIRCHWOOD

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 Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

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



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: #469 **"BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE"**

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 #537 - "ON OUR WAY REJOICING"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE — "MARCHING TO ZION" — GARRETT PARKER

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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

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

GENESIS 3:8-15: *Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13—5:1: *Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

MARK 3:20-35: *In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.*

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 3: Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother. (See Mark 3:35)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: LORD Jesus Christ, you have called us to be one family in your love. Remove the divisions that separate us from each other and unite as in common service to the world. 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: Connie Fazekas, Inge Genoe, Doris Heiserman, Jason Homlish, Carl Ritter, Joanne Ritter, Viletta Schantzenbach, Shannon Silliman, 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
ORGANIST	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
GREETERS	Warren & Lois Adams
ASSISTING MINISTER	Dick Storat
LECTOR	Dick Storat
CANTOR	Ron Fried
USHERS	Roger & Gloria Knappenberger
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Roger Knappenberger
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY	Sherry Farrell

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

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

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

OCTOBER - BLUE CHURCH YARD SALE (DATE TO BE DETERMINED).

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS...by Anne Nichols in honor of the Birthdays of Shane and Kim Coleman, and in memory of H. E. Francis.

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

COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...by Sandy Giannattasio

BLUE CHURCH WILL HAVE A YARD SALE THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK.....

JUNE 11- BARNABAS, APOSTLE

The Eastern church commemorates Barnabas as one of the Seventy commissioned by Jesus. Though he was not among the Twelve mentioned in the gospels, the book of Acts gives him the title of apostle. His name means "son of encouragement." When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, Barnabas took him in over the fears of the other apostles, who doubted Paul's discipleship.

JUNE 14- BASIL THE GREAT, BISHOP OF CAESAREA, DIED 379; GREGORY, BISHOP OF NYSSA, DIED AROUND 385; GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS, BISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE, MACRINA, TEACHER, DIED AROUND 379

The three men in this group are known as the Cappadocian fathers; all three explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil was influenced by his sister Macrina to live a monastic life, and he settled near the family estate in Caesarea. Basil's Longer Rule and Shorter Rule for monastic life are the basis for Eastern monasticism to this day, and express a preference for communal monastic life over that of hermits. Gregory of Nazianzus was sent to preach on behalf of the Orthodox faith against the Arians in Constantinople, though the Orthodox did not have a church there at the time. He defended Orthodox Trinitarian and Christological doctrine, and his preaching won over the city. Gregory of Nyssa was the younger brother of Basil the Great. He is remembered as a writer on spiritual life and the contemplation of God in worship and sacraments.

Macrina was the older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa. She received an excellent education centered on the Bible, and when her fiancé died she devoted herself to the pursuit of Christian perfection. She was a leader of a community, based at the family estate, dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer. Macrina's teaching was influential within the early church.