

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

5900 Applebutter Hill Rd. Coopersburg, Pa 18036

610-965-9500 e-mail: bluechch@ptd.net Website: stpaulscoopersburg.com

Pastor: Rev. James Hammond 610-437-1960; [jitrev1@verizon.net](mailto:jitrev1@verizon.net)

Blue Church Cemetery – 484-201-5048; e-mail: bluechurchcemetery@gmail.com

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost ✘ June 3, 2018**

PRELUDE – "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER" – LUCY ANN WARRINER  
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 #532 "GATHER US IN"

### 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 ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON:

DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

## PSALM 81:1-10

*Sung responsively*

*Tone 1*



- <sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to | God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the | God of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and | sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, | and the lyre.**
- <sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day | of our feast;
- <sup>4</sup>**for this is a stat- | ute for Israel,  
a law of the | God of Jacob.**
- <sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the | land  
of Egypt,  
where I heard a voice I | did not know:
- <sup>6</sup>**I eased your shoulder | from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket.**
- <sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I de- | livered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you  
at the wa- | ters of Meribah.
- <sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:  
O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**
- <sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange | god among you;  
you shall not worship a | foreign god.
- <sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the | land of  
Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it.**

## SECOND LESSON:

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12

## VERSE



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

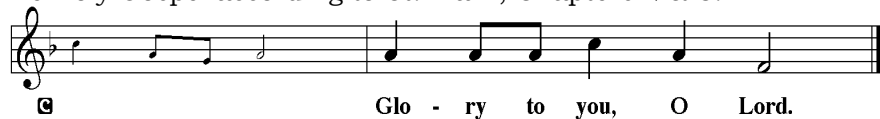


Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapters 2 & 3.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 2:23-3:6**

The Gospel of the LORD.



**SERMON**

**HYMN #521 – “O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS”**

**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 – “INTERLUDE NO. 5” - CHRISTIAN RINCK**

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

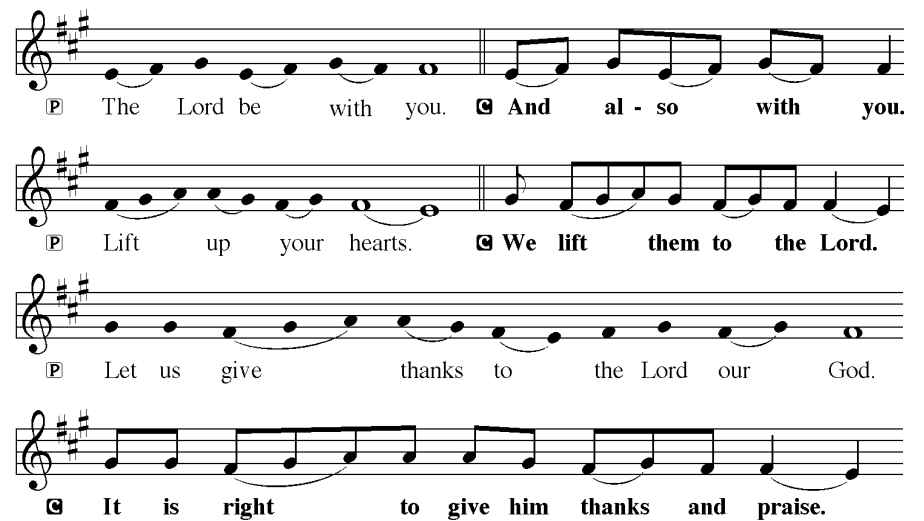
**OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884**

*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.*

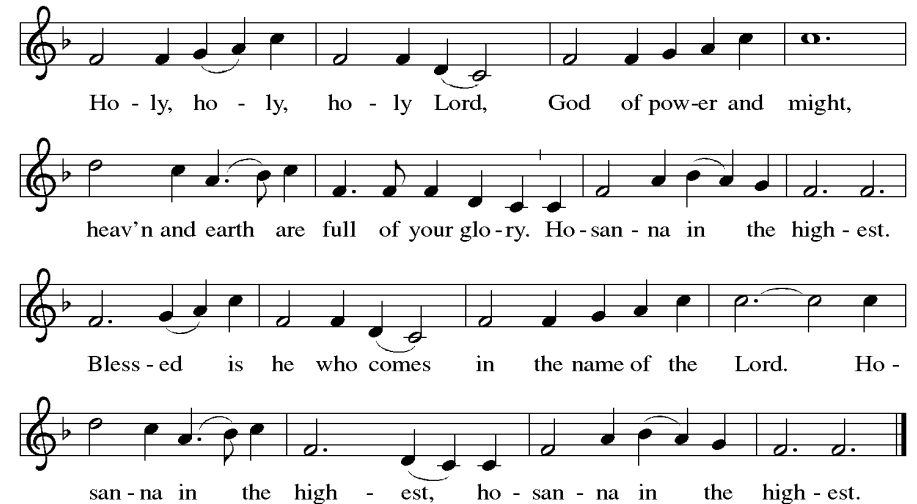
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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: #479 *“WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST”*

**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 #545 - “LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING”**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE – “SING AND REJOICE” – LANI SMITH**

✠ ✠ ✠

Liturgical music reprinted from **Lutheran Book of Worship**, © 1978. Used by permission of Augsburg-Fortress, license #15175-L. All rights reserved. Psalm 81., reprinted from *Psalter for Worship Year C* copyright 2008 Augsburg Fortress. Copying of any music in this bulletin prohibited without written permission.

**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....2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.*

**DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15:** *Part of the Ten Commandments, these verses instruct the Israelites to keep the Sabbath. The Israelites are to rest and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12:** *When we carry out God’s ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God’s power and promises at work through us.*

**MARK 2:23—3:6:** *Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

---

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** I am the Lord your God. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it. (*Psalm 81:10*)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Lord Jesus, help us respond to human need. Inspire us to imitate your love even when others ridicule us. 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, 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**

<b>CELEBRANT</b>	The Rev. James Hammond
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
<b>GREETER</b>	Diane Wirth
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Ron Fried
<b>CANTOR/LECTOR</b>	Gwen Gibiser
<b>USHERS</b>	Anne Nichols, Diane Wirth
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL REP</b>	Greg Storat

---

**CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD**

**TODAY:** 10:30 AM Worship.  
**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE WALL.**

**WED.:** 9 AM Quilting at Blue Church.

**NEXT SUN.:** 9:30 AM Worship. (Summer Worship Time)

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

**JUNE 10 - 9:30 AM SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS. OCTOBER - BLUE CHURCH YARD SALE (DATE TO BE DETERMINED).**

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

**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 5 - BONIFACE, BISHOP OF MAINZ, MISSIONARY TO GERMANY, MARTYR, DIED 754**

Boniface (his name means “good deeds”) was born Wynfrith in Devonshire, England. He was a Benedictine monk who at the age of thirty was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes in Germany. His first missionary attempt was unsuccessful, but he returned two years later and was able to plant the gospel in an area filled with superstitious and violent practices. He led large numbers of Benedictine monks and nuns in establishing churches, schools, and seminaries. Boniface was also a reformer. He persuaded two rulers to call synods to put an end to the practice of selling church offices to the highest bidder. Boniface was preparing a group for confirmation on the eve of Pentecost when heard they were killed by a band of pagans.

**JUNE 7 - SEATTLE, CHIEF OF THE DUWAMISH CONFEDERACY, DIED 1866**

Noah Seattle was chief of the Suquamish tribe and later became chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, a tribal alliance. When the tribes were faced with an increasing number of white settlers, Seattle chose to live and work peacefully with them rather than engage in wars. After Seattle became a Roman Catholic, he began the practice of morning and evening prayer in the tribe, a practice that continued after his death. On the centennial of his birth, the city of Seattle—named for him against his wishes—erected a monument over his grave.

**JUNE 9 - COLUMBA, DIED 597; AIDAN, DIED 651; BEDE, DIED 735; RENEWERS OF THE CHURCH**

These three monks from the British Isles were pillars among those who kept alive the light of learning and devotion during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries, including one on the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland. That monastery was left in ruins after the Reformation but today is home to an ecumenical religious community. Aidan, who helped bring Christianity to the Northumbria area of England, was known for his pastoral style and ability to stir people to charity and good works. Bede was a Bible translator and scripture scholar. He wrote a history of the English church and was the first historian to date events *anno Domini* (A.D.), “year of our Lord.” Bede is also known for his hymns, including “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (ELW 393).