

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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Say of Pentecost – June 9, 2019

PRELUDE – “SEE HOW GREAT A FLAME ASPIRES” – ANTHONY GIAMANCO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence for reflection

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on Blue Church, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN #400 GOD OF TEMPEST...

GREETING

The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

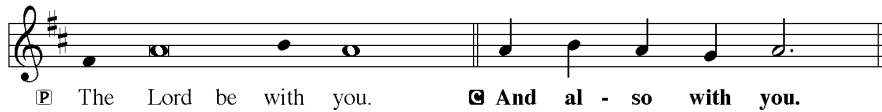
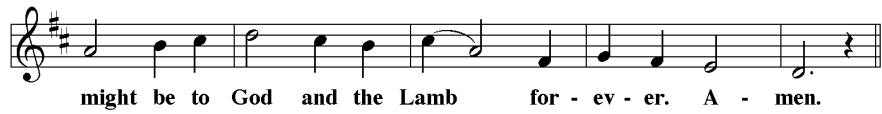
And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON

Musical notation for Kyrie Eleison, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piece is divided into two parts: Leader and Assembly. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Musical notation for Hymn of Praise, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The lyrics are: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:1-21

PSALM 104:24-34, 35B (Sung Responsively) Psalm Tone 4



How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;**

when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

³⁵**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!**

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 8:14-17

ALLELUIA



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 14:8-17 (25-27)

The Gospel of the LORD.



THE SERMON

HYMN #396 "SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS"

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of Holy Baptism and for the following persons, one with us in the Body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the pastor:

The following have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

**SAVANNAH LEE GIANNATTASIO
SIERRA ASHLEE GIANNATTASIO
JULIA MADELYN KASHMER
SCARLETT OLIVIA KASHMER**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Savannah, Sierra, Julia, and Scarlett, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in Baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of Baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, our LORD. **Amen.**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R/: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

R/: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

R/: **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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

R/: **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**

P: *(addressing those making affirmation)* You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear God's Word and share in the LORD's Supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through
word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our LORD Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The Confirmand answers::

R/: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

The Pastor addresses the congregation:

P: People of God, do you promise to support these persons and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Almighty God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Strengthen Savannah, Sierra, Julia and Scarlett with the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. **C: Amen.**

Those making affirmation kneel. The pastor lays both hands on the head of each person:

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Erika 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.

R/: **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 — “PSALM” — GORDON YOUNG

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

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

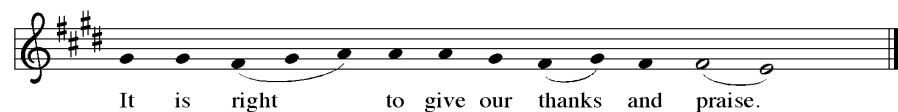
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray...LORD God.

C: send your Spirit upon us as we offer you these gifts. Enrich us by your grace, strengthen us with your blessing, and keep us always in your love. Grant this through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The pastor offers the prayer. The congregation joins in praying the LORD's Prayer.

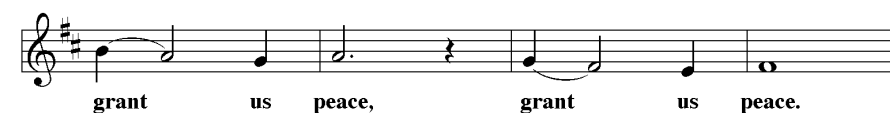
LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

LAMB OF GOD



BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER

A: Let us pray...God our Father, may the Spirit you sent on your Church to begin the teaching of the Gospel continue to work in the world through all who have received this heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The blessing of the living God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

HYMN - #582 HOLY SPIRIT EVER DWELLING

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE – “RECESSIONAL” – DOUGLAS WAGNER

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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....DAY OF PENTECOST

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become “children of God” and “joint heirs with Christ.” By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

ACTS 2:1-21: *Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus’ promise coming true.*

ROMANS 8:14-17: *Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ’s body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.*

JOHN 14:8-17 (25-27): *Though the disciples struggle with Jesus’ nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God’s mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: In wisdom you have made all things. (*Psalm 104:24*)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Pour your Spirit upon us, O God, so that we may dream dreams and speak your life-giving word in daily life. 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: Greg Baringer, Joel Hammond

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 those 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	Diane Wirth
ASSISTING MINISTER	Dick Storat
LECTOR	Dick Storat
CANTOR	Ron Fried
USHERS	Roger & Gloria Knappenberger
ALTAR CARE	Sandy Denora, Genie Mattson
CHURCHTIME NURSERY	Maggie Fried
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY	Sherry Farrell
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Roger Knappenberger

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

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

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

June 23 - 9:30 AM Worship at Upper Saucon Park/Pot Luck Lunch.

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 2:00 PM Worship at Valley Manor. Please see Pastor Jim if you are willing to help on any of these Tuesdays.

SAVANNAH GIANATTASIO, SIERRA GIANNATTASIO, JULIA KASHMER, AND SCARLETT KASHMER celebrate with Blue Church in affirming their Baptism into Christ today through the Rite of Confirmation. Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey and go out, like other believers, sharing the story of Christ as Lord and Savior.

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

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

SANCTUARY LAMP...by Joyce Fulford.

COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...by Mike and Paula Clark.

IN SEARCH OF:

- 1. Someone willing to coordinate a Parish Photo Directory.**
- 2. Someone willing to take pictures of the events happening at Blue Church.**

Talk to Pastor Jim or any Church Council member for more information.

Acts 2:1-21

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."