

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 13, 2018**

**PRELUDE – “A Mother’s Prayer” - Ritter  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Just as God’s work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain (and snow).

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman’s thirst with living water.

**C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for those newly baptized, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

**C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus’ death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

## HYMN #645 “CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION”

### GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 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.



2 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

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 1:15-17, 21-26

**PSALM 1** *Sung responsively* *Psalm Tone 2*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so | with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

**SECOND LESSON:** 1 JOHN 5:9-13

### EASTER VERSE & ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

☩ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** JOHN 17:6-19

The Gospel of the LORD.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

### THE SERMON

**HYMN #647** "GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN"

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down**

from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

### THE PRAYERS

*Response : hear our prayer.*

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

### OFFERING - "HE IS KING" - KEITH WILKERSON

*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

Let us pray...Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

### 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 their unending hymn:

Ⓞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

### 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

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.  
Hallelujah!

## LAMB OF GOD



☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION - #470 "DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

### BLESSING

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

### PRAYER

Let us pray...Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

May God, who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## HYMN #430

"REJOICE, FOR CHRIST IS KING"

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE – "A HYMN OF GLORY, LET US SING – LYNELLE LEATHERMAN

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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....SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. His oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. His oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

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

**ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26:** In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas' treachery and death.

**1 JOHN 5:9-13:** God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

**JOHN 17:6-19:** In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death. This gospel reports the words of Jesus' prayer, a prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

**PRAYER FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER:** Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (See John 15:16)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Spirit of the living God, restore us, strengthen us, and lead us in service to all in need. Keep us in your truth and unite us in one hope. Amen.

**BLUE CHURCH PRAYS FOR.....Sick/Recovering:** Connie Fazekas, Doris Heiserman, Jason Homlish, Marie Miller, Carl Ritter, 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.*

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### **LEADING OUR WORSHIP**

<b>CELEBRANT</b>	The Rev. James Hammond
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
<b>GREETERS</b>	Ron & Carol Stoudt
<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>	Pete & Cathy Link

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### **CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD**

<b>TODAY:</b>	<u>9 AM</u> Choir Rehearsal. <b>NO</b> Christian Education today. Resumes next Sunday. <u>10:30 AM</u> Worship.
<b>MON.:</b>	<u>5 – 6 PM</u> Daisies Meeting. <u>6:30 – 7:45 PM</u> Juniors Meeting. <b>7 PM Church Council Meeting.</b>
<b>WED.:</b>	<u>9 AM</u> Quilting at Blue Church.
<b>THURS.:</b>	<u>6:30 PM</u> Pack #364 Den Meeting.
<b>SAT.:</b>	<b>8 AM – Mulch and Garden Day at Blue Church. Bring wheelbarrows, rakes and Gloves.</b>
<b>NEXT SUN.:</b>	<u>9 AM</u> Choir Rehearsal. <b>9:30 AM Christian Education at Blue Church.</b> <u>10:30 AM</u> Worship. <b>7 PM Confirmation Class.</b>

COMING EVENTS – mark your calendar!

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

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**WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD: ALTAR FLOWERS...**by Greg and Wendy Storat in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

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

**COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...**by Bill and Kathy Exner

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**BLUE CHURCH WILL HAVE A YARD SALE THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.** Please consider joining the Blue Church Yard Sale Committee. Further details in the near future.

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

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**HAPPENING THIS WEEK.....**

**MAY 14 – MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

After Christ's ascension, the apostles met in Jerusalem to choose a replacement for Judas. Matthias was chosen over Joseph Justus by the casting of lots. Little is known about Matthias, and little is reported about him in the account of his election in Acts 1:15-26. Matthias traveled among the disciples from the beginning of Jesus' ministry until his ascension. His task, after he was enrolled among the eleven remaining disciples, was to bear witness to the resurrection.

**MAY 18 – ERIK, KING OF SWEDEN, MARTYR, DIED 1160**

Erik, long considered the patron saint of Sweden, ruled from 1150 to 1160. He is honored for efforts to bring peace to the nearby pagan kingdoms and for his crusades to spread the Christian faith in Nordic lands. He established a protected Christian mission in Finland that was led by Henry of Uppsala. As king, Erik was noted for his desire to establish fair laws and courts and for his concern for the poor and sick. Erik was killed by a Danish army that approached him at worship on the day after the Ascension. He is reported to have said, "Let us at least finish the sacrifice. The rest of the feast I shall keep elsewhere." As he left worship he was killed.