

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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Day of Pentecost – May 20, 2018

PRELUDE – “See How Great a Flame Aspires” – Anthony Giamanco
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 #401 “GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING”

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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Leader Assembly

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

Ⓐ 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



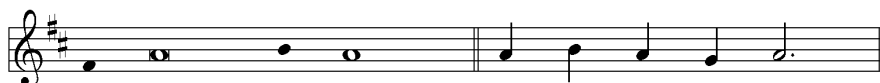
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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...Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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 1



²⁴ 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.

²⁶ There 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.

²⁸ You 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.

³⁰ You 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.

³² You 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.

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

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.**
Hal - | lelujah!

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 8:22-27

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 15th Chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4B-15

The Gospel of the LORD.



THE SERMON

HYMN #396 "SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS"

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 : **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING - "HOLY SPIRIT, COME" - KRIS CRUNK

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

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

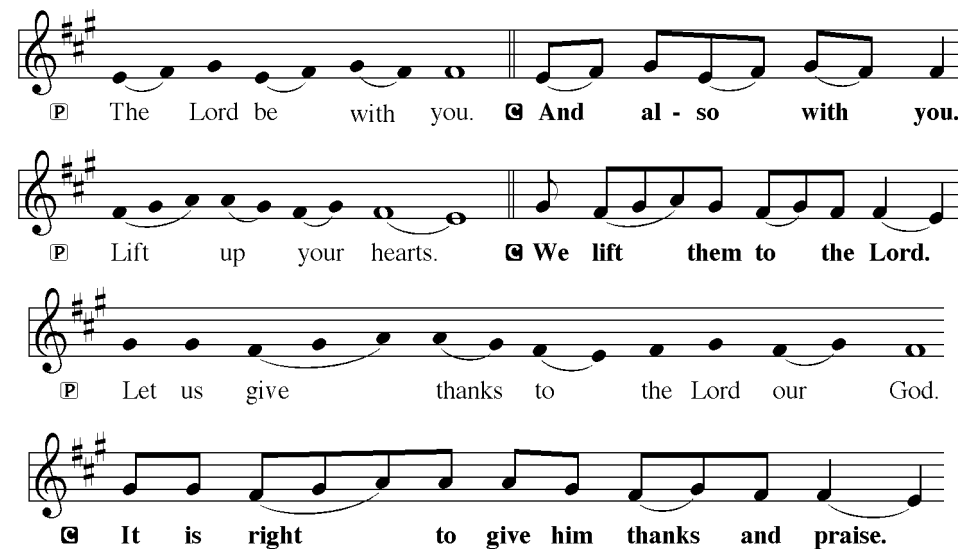
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 - #397 "LOVING SPIRIT"

BLESSING

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

PRAYER

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

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 #400 "GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND"

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 – "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 ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal ways, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

ACTS 2:1-21: Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community hears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

ROMANS 8:22-27: By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15: When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST: LORD, send forth your Spirit and we shall live. (See Ezekiel 3:14)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Spirit of God, guide us into your truth so we may receive all that Jesus Christ has promised. 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, Marie Miller, Carl Ritter, Shannon Silliman, Irmis

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	John and Marcy Sumoski
ASSISTING MINISTER	Maggie Fried
LECTOR/CANTOR	Gwen Gibiser
USHERS	Joyce Fulford, Susan Clemens-Bruder
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Roger Knappenberger
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY	Ron & Maggie Fried

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY:	<u>9 AM</u> Choir Rehearsal. <u>9:30 AM</u> Christian Education. <u>10:30 AM</u> Worship. 7 PM Confirmation Class.
MON.:	<u>6:30 – 7:45 PM</u> Troop #6070/6344 Meeting.
WED.:	<u>9 AM</u> Quilting at Blue Church.
NEXT SUN.:	<u>9 AM</u> Choir Rehearsal. <u>9:30 AM</u> Christian Education at Blue Church. <u>10:30 AM</u> Worship.

COMING EVENTS – mark your calendar!

JUNE 3 – SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO DISCUSS THE PRESERVATION OF THE WALL.

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:

ALTAR FLOWERS...by Warren and Lois Adams in memory of Loved Ones.

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

SANCTUARY LAMP...Greg and Wendy Storat in memory of the Birthday of Keith Storat.

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

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.

BLUE CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
RECEIPTS	\$13,184.25	\$30,255.25
EXPENSES	\$18,956.63	\$63,311.75
(DEFICIT)	(\$ 5,772.38)	(\$33,056.50)

ENDOWMENT FUND WITHDRAWN TO COVER EXPENSES

	\$4,500.00	\$18,000.00
ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST/REFUND		\$ 4,046.80

WE REMEMBER THIS WEEK...

MAY 24 – NICHOLAS COPERNICUS, DIED 1543; LEONHARD EULER, DIED 1783, SCIENTISTS

– Remembering scientists such as Copernicus and Euler offers an opportunity to ponder the mysteries of the universe and the grandeur of God's creation. Copernicus is an example of a renaissance person. He formally studied astronomy, mathematics, Greek, Plato, law, medicine, and cannon law. He also had interests in theology, poetry, and the natural and social sciences. Copernicus is chiefly remembered for his work as an astronomer and his idea that the sun, not the earth, is the center of the solar system.

Euler is regarded as one of the founders of the science of pure mathematics and made important contributions to mechanics, hydrodynamics, astronomy, optics, and acoustics.

MAY 27 – JOHN CALVIN, RENEWER OF THE CHURCH, DIED 1564

John Calvin began his studies in theology at the University of Paris when he was fourteen. In his mid-twenties he experienced a conversion that led him to embrace the views of the Reformation. His theological ideas are systematically laid out in his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. He is also well known for his commentaries on scripture. He was a preacher in Geneva, was banished once, and then later returned to reform the city under a theocratic constitution.
