

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**The Holy Trinity – May 28, 2018**

## PRELUDE – “Meditation on ‘My Country ‘Tis of Thee’” – Bradshaw 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 #413 “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

#### 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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE



☩ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



☩ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



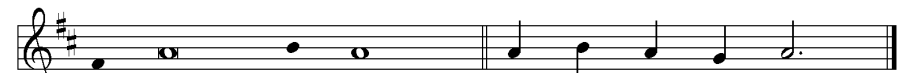
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men



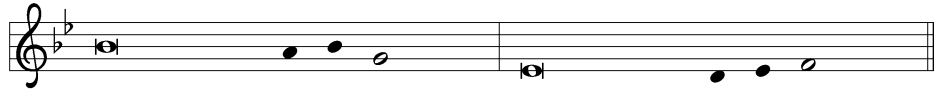
☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al-so with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 6:1-8

PSALM 29 *Sung responsively* Psalm Tone 3



- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory  
thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the |  
forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 8:12-17

VERSE



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



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

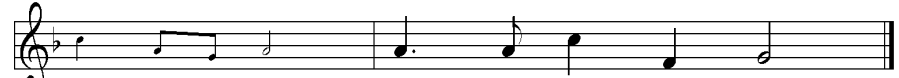
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

The Gospel of the LORD.



Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

HYMN #412 "COME, JOIN THE DANCE OF TRINITY"

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

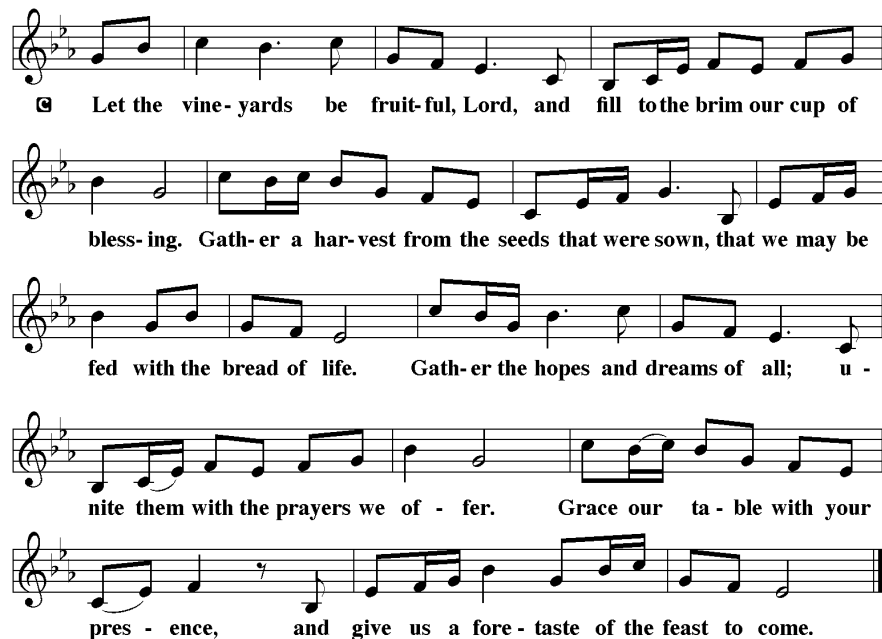
*Response* : Your mercy is great.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING - "BLADES OF GRASS AND PURE WHITE STONES" - KEITH CHRISTOPHER

### OFFERTORY



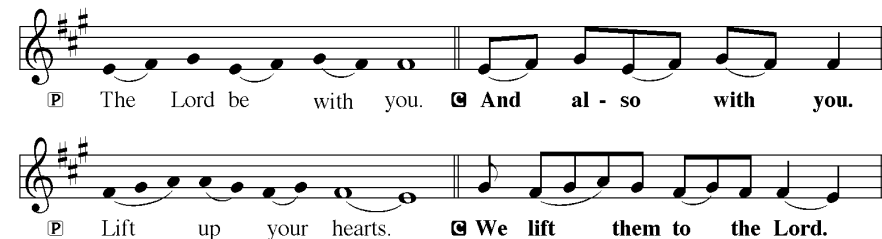
☩ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

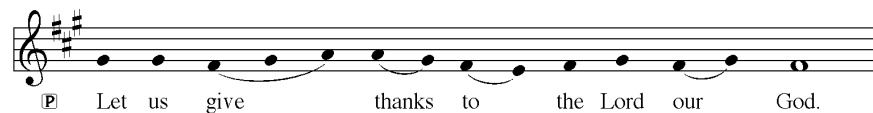
A: Let us pray...Holy, Eternal, and Almighty God.

**C: we bring these gifts in praise of You - Three-in One and One-in Three. By your grace, keep us always faithful to the covenant of our Baptism and bring us to the splendor of your presence. We pray this in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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 our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join your 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.*

### 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.

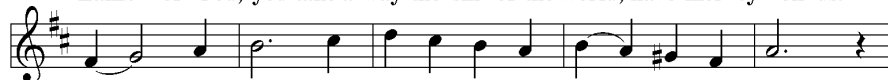
## AGNUS DEI



☩ 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 - #456 "BAPTIZED IN WATER"

### BLESSING

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

### PRAYER

Let us pray...Eternal LORD and God, we worship you in the Holy Trinity and the Undivided Unity. Grant that the sacrament we have received may bring us salvation and keep us faithful to the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ our LORD. **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 #890 "MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY"

### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE — "A CHEERFUL TRUMPET" — PATRICIA LOU HARRIS

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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....THE HOLY TRINITY ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe; that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

**ISAIAH 6:1-8:** This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. His liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

**ROMANS 8:12-17:** In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

**JOHN 3:1-17:** Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

**PRAYER FOR TRINITY SUNDAY:** The earth is full of your glory, O God. (See Isaiah 6:3)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Holy Trinity, we are baptized into your life. Open our hearts to your mysterious love and lead us to everlasting communion in you. 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, Irmí

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>GREETERS</b>	Bill Winkler
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Amy Ortwein
<b>CANTOR</b>	Ron Fried
<b>LECTOR</b>	Amy Ortwein
<b>USHERS</b>	Greg & Wendy Storat
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL REP</b>	Amy Ortwein
<b>ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY</b>	Loraine Kline

**CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD**

**TODAY:** 9 AM Choir Rehearsal. (Last rehearsal until September)  
9:30 AM Christian Education. (Last class until September)  
10:30 AM Worship.

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

**SAT.:** **10 AM YARD SALE COMMITTEE MEETING. Please plan to attend.**

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

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:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS...**by Anne Nichols in honor of Nikki Coleman's Birthday.

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

**SANCTUARY LAMP...**by Dean & Deb Stover in honor of granddaughter Arya's Birthday.

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

**BLUE CHURCH WILL HAVE A YARD SALE THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.** A planning meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend as it takes many volunteers to make this happen. If you are interested and will help but cannot attend the meeting, please let Sherry Farrell know.

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

**We are happy to report that Connie Fazekas (Connie and family were members of Blue Church before they moved to North Carolina) has had a heart transplant on Wednesday (her 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday) and her mother reports that all went well. The family thanks everyone for all their prayers.**

**WE REMEMBER THIS WEEK...**

**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.

**MAY 31 - VISIT OF MARY TO ELIZABETH**

Sometime after the Annunciation, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. This occasion is sometimes referred to simply as "The Visitation." Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words "Blessed are you among women," and Mary responded with her famous song, the Magnificat. Luke's gospel tells that even John the Baptist rejoiced and leapt in his mother's womb when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting. On this festival two women are seen: one, seemingly too old to have a child, bears the last prophet of the old covenant, and the other, quite young, bears the incarnate Word and the new covenant.

**JUNE 1 - JUSTIN, MARTYR AT ROME, DIED AROUND 165**

Justin was born of pagan parents. At Ephesus he was moved by stories of early Christian martyrs and came under the influence of an elderly Christian man he met there. Justin described his conversion by saying, "Straightway a flame was kindled in my soul and a love of the prophets and those who are friends of Christ possessed me." Justin was a teacher of philosophy and engaged in debates about the truth of Christian faith. He was arrested and jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion. He refused to renounce his faith, and he and six of his students, one a woman, were beheaded.

Justin's description of early Christian worship around the year 150 is one of the foundations of the church's pattern of worship, East and West.