

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2019

PRELUDE – "MORNING HYMN" – GORDON YOUNG
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 #798 "WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME"

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Eternal and all-merciful God with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

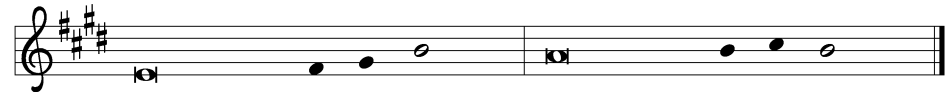
FIRST LESSON:

ACTS 9:1-6 (7-20)

PSALM 30

(Sung Responsively)

Psalm Tone 4



I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

**2 O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**

**3 You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.**

**4 Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**

**5 God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.**

**6 While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**

**7 You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.**

**8 I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my LORD, saying,**

**9 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?"**

**10 Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O LORD, | be my helper."**

**11 You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.**

**12 Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.**

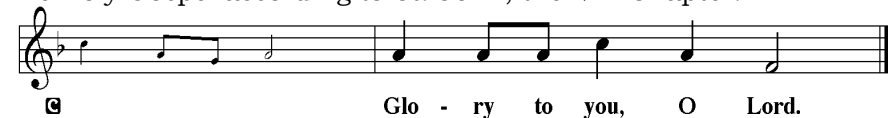
SECOND LESSON:

REVELATION 5:11-14

EASTER VERSE & ALLELUIA



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21st Chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 21:1-19

The Gospel of the LORD.



THE SERMON

HYMN #666 "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

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 — "BY ONE MAN" — LURA FOSTER

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

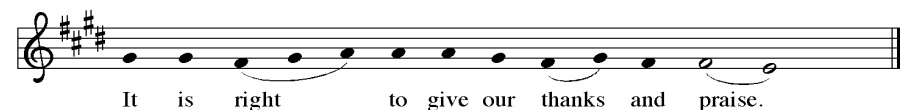
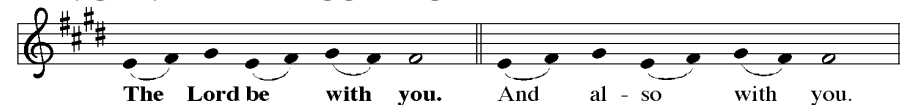
OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

*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.*

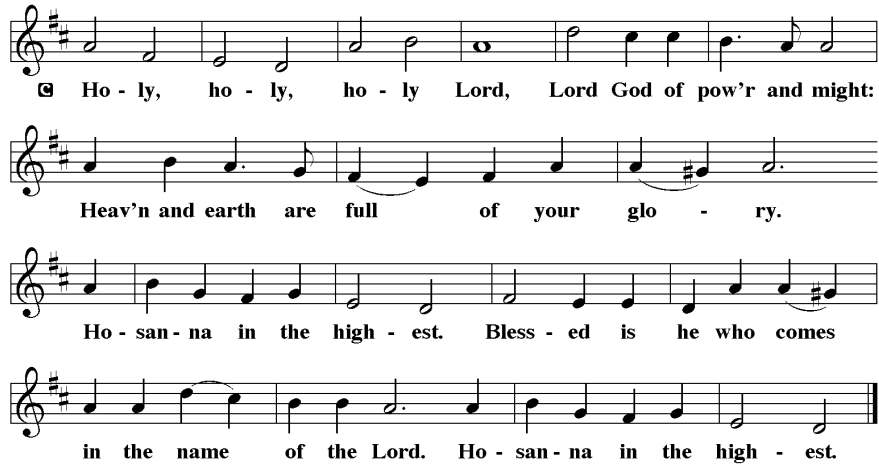
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...Risen One,
as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

THE 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

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

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 - #708 "JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE"

BLESSING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray...Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and 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 #390 "THE RISEN CHRIST"

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE – "MADRIGAL" – ANTHONY GIANANCO

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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....THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

ACTS 9:1-6 (7-20): *Each of us has a story of meeting God’s grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

REVELATION 5:11-14: *The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord’s Day. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.*

JOHN 21:1-19: *The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple’s love and obedience.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: All blessing and honor and glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (*Revelation 5:12*)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: God our shepherd, feed us with your word that we may follow Christ and serve your people in love. 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: Karen Frederick, Ann Greensweig, Joel Hammond, John Kupiszewski, Carl Ritter, Ruth Stives, Myrtle Tracy

Other...The family and friends of Emily Lehr
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 Anne Nichols
ASSISTING MINISTER Ron Fried
LECTOR Gwen Gibiser
CANTOR Gwen Gibiser
USHERS Roger & Edie Knappenberger

ALTAR CARE John & Marcy Sumoski
CHURCHTIME NURSERY Maggie Fried
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY Kathy Exner
CHURCH COUNCIL REP John Sumoski

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY: 9 AM Choir Rehearsal.
9:30 AM Christian Education.
10:30 AM Worship.
6 PM Catechism.
WED.: 9 AM Quilting.
NEXT SUN.: 9 AM Choir Rehearsal.
9:30 AM Christian Education.
10:30 AM Worship/Oleskowitz Baptism

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

May 13 -7 PM Church Council

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS...by Bill and Kathy Exner in honor of their 57th Wedding Anniversary.

BULLETINS...by Joyce Christman in loving memory of Family and Friends.

SANCTUARY LAMP...by Ron & Carol Stoudt

COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...by Richard and Beverly Lerch in memory of Loved Ones.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL YOUR BAGS FOR THE LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT BETTY LOU'S PANTRY on Saturday, May 11th. Thanks, always, for your generosity!

Stewardship Snippet

May 5, 2019 (Third Sunday of Easter)

John 21:12a – Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”

There’s nothing like gathering for a meal to build community. Jesus hosted meals to reassure his disciples of his love and presence. Notice that Jesus’ meals are always relational, not transactional. Fostering community through table fellowship and conversation helps us see the Christ in one another’s faces. Who are you inviting to the table?