

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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The 19th after Pentecost ✠ September 30, 2018

PRELUDE – "TO GOD BE THE GLORY" – TIM DORAN
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✠ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN #705 "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

PSALM 19:7-14 *Sung responsively* Tone 10



⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | jice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

SECOND LESSON: JAMES 5:13-20

VERSE

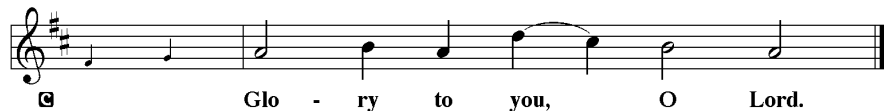


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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

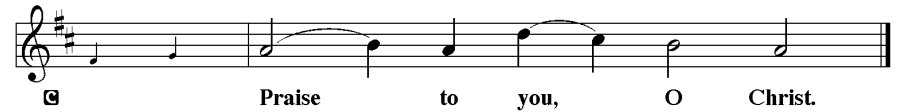
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th Chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-50

The Gospel of the LORD.



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN #676 – “LORD, SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY SPEAK”

As the hymn is sung, the candidates, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.

THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM & BAPTISMAL AFFIRMATION

The Pastor addresses the assembly

P: In baptism God frees us from sin and death by uniting us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God, we are made members of the Church, the body of Christ, and we are commissioned for Christ's ministry of justice and peace.

The Pastor addresses the parents

P: Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized?

R: I do.

P: As you present Kacey Lynne Eynon for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with *her* among God's faithful people, bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture *her* in faith and prayer, so that *she* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people. Jeffrey and Erica, do you promise to help Kacey grow in the Christian faith and life?

R: I do.

The Pastor addresses the sponsors

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Kacey in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *her* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the Church?

R: I do.

The Pastor addresses the assembly

P: People of God, do you promise to support Kacey and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The Pastor addresses the parents

P: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I do.

The Pastor addresses the assembly

P: With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

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

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.

**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**

The Pastor begins the thanksgiving

P: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our LORD, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Water is poured three times in the name of the Triune God

P: Kacey Lynne Eynon, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**C: Blessed be God, the source of all life, the Word of Salvation,
the Spirit of mercy.**

The Pastor prays for the gift of the Holy Spirit

P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Kacey with 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. **Amen.**

The Pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized

P: Kacey Lynne, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

A lighted candle is given to the sponsors on behalf of the newly baptized

A: Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen.
Shine with the light of Christ.

A: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

THE PRAYERS *Response: "hear our prayer"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: And also with you.

**OFFERING - "THE LORD IS MY LIGHT" – KRISTIE
BRASELTON**

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

God of life,
**you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life
and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and
use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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 and salutary...we praise your name and join
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

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one
with you.

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 HYMN: #471 - *“LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”*

BLESSING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray...Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #545 – “LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE- “THE HEAVENS DECLARE HIS GLORY”- LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

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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 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

Someone is casting our demons in Jesus’ name who isn’t part of Jesus’ own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus’ word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn’t do it, by people we can’t keep tabs on.

NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29: *What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God’s spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

JAMES 5:13-20: *Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

MARK 9:38-50: *On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involved service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 19: Lord, let us be at peace with one another. (*Mark 9:50*)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Jesus, teacher of your people, may we never be an obstacle to the faith of others. 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: Claire Biser, Alton DeBold, Roman Denora, Joel Hammond, Wendy Porter, Ann Ramage, Hattie Smith, 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.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

CELEBRANT	The Rev. James Hammond
ORGANIST	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
GREETER	
ASSISTING MINISTER	Dick Storat
LECTOR	Dick Storat
CANTOR	Ron Fried
USHERS	Ron & Carol Stoudt
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Greg Storat
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY	Joyce Fulford

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY: **9:00 AM** Choir Rehearsal. If you like to sing, please join us. New members are welcome.
9:30 AM Christian Education.
10:30 AM Worship/Kacey Lynne Eynon Baptism.
New Member Classes following Worship.

WED.: **9 AM** Quilting.

NEXT SUN.: **9 AM** Choir Rehearsal.
9:30 AM Christian Education.
10:30 AM WORSHIP.
New Member Classes.

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

OCTOBER 7 - 6:30 PM CONFIRMATION CLASSES.

OCTOBER 8 - 7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING.

OCTOBER 13, 9 AM - 2 PM - BLUE CHURCH YARD SALE AT LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY, LIMEPORT.

WE WELCOME KACEY LYNNE EYNON through the Sacrament of Baptism into the whole Church of Jesus Christ and the congregation of Blue Church today. Pray that the gift of the Holy Spirit will lead Kacey in the knowledge of the Lord and guide her parents Erica and Jeff.

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS...by Anne Nichols in honor of the Birthdays of Beth and John Hampson.

BULLETINS...by Gwen and Bob Gibiser in honor of their Wedding Anniversary and Gwen's Birthday.

COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...by Joyce Fulford

THE YARD SALE IS GETTING CLOSER!! IT WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13TH from 9 AM - 2 PM at Lower Milford Fire Company in Limeport. There will be many ways for you to help make this event a success. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex for you to volunteer where you can help. Also, bakers are needed for the Bake Sale.

Items for Church Yard Sale

We **will not** be accepting clothing.

Large appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, etc. **will not** be accepted.

Oversized items, such as furniture **will be** accepted, **HOWEVER**, if your item does not sell, you are responsible for pick up and removal from Lower Milford Fire Company on [Saturday, October 13](#), after the yard sale has ended at 2 p.m. No Exceptions.

Blue Church is responsible for providing Betty Lou's Pantry with **80** bottles of laundry detergent for the month of December (our church's month to serve the pantry). The Pantry does not supply laundry detergent. We can start collecting them now to help reach that goal. Simply bring them to church and we will store them until December. Thanks for you help.

Due to the cancellation of Coopersburg Community Day, the drawing for the \$10,000 raffle will be on [Oct. 20](#) at our COBScares 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run at De Sales after the run, approx. 11AM

Do you see anything around Blue Church that needs repairs? If so, jot it down on the form on the clip board on the table in the Narthex and the Property Committee will look into fixing it.

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray.

Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters,* if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's* soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH YEAR...

SEPTEMBER 30 – Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Jerome is remembered as a biblical scholar and translator. Rather than choosing classical Latin as the basis of his work, he translated the scriptures into the Latin that was spoken and written by the majority of the persons in his day. His translation is known as the Vulgate, from the Latin word for *common*. While Jerome is remembered as a saint, he could be anything but saintly. He was well known for his short temper and his arrogance, although he was also quick to admit to his personal faults. Thanks to the work of Jerome, many people received the word in their own language and lived lives of faith and service to those in need.

OCTOBER 4 – Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being “wedded to Lady Poverty.” Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus’ words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to “use words if necessary.” Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God’s creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his bothers and sisters. A prayer and a hymn attributed to St. Francis are included in ELW (p. 87, #835).

OCTOBER 4 – Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Fliedner’s work was instrumental in the revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. While a pastor in Kaiserswerth, Germany, he also ministered to prisoners in Dusseldorf. Through his ministry to prisoners, he came in contact with Moravian deaconesses, and it was through this Moravian influence that he was convinced that the ministry of deaconesses had a place among Lutherans. His work and writing encouraged women to care for those who were sick, poor, or imprisoned. Fliedner’s deaconess motherhouse in Kaiserswerth inspired Lutherans all over the world to commission deaconesses to serve in parishes, schools, prisons, and hospitals.
