

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ✕ August 12, 2018**

PRELUDE – “PRELUDE” – KEITH CHRISTOPHER  
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 #658 “O JESUS, JOY OF LOVING HEARTS”

### 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

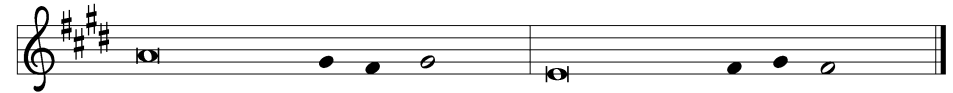
### FIRST LESSON:

**1 KINGS 19:4-8**

## PSALM 34:1-8

*Sung responsively*

*Psalm Tone 5*



- 1 I will bless the LORD | at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- 2 **I will glory | in the LORD;**  
**let the lowly hear | and rejoice.**
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's | name together.
- 4 **I sought the LORD, who | answered me**  
**and delivered me from | all my terrors.**
- 5 Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- 6 **I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**  
**and saved me from | all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD  
and de- | livers them.
- 8 **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**  
**happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**

## SECOND LESSON:

**EPHESIANS 4:25–5:2**

### VERSE



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 6:35, 41-51**

The Gospel of the LORD.



**SERMON**

**HYMN #542 – “O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN”**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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 PRAYERS**

*Response : Your mercy is great.*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING – “MINUET” – VIOLIN SOLO BY ABIGAIL DODD**

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

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884**

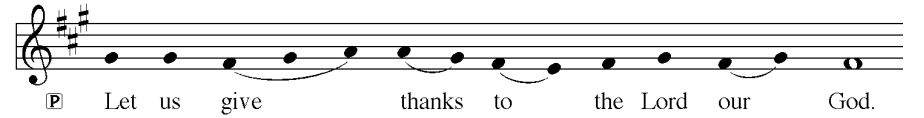
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

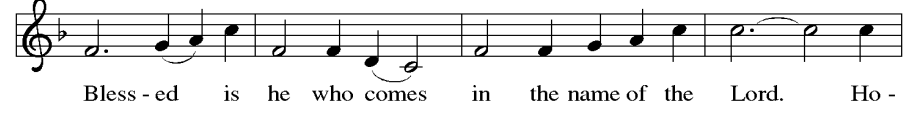
Merciful God,

**you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living  
thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to  
receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live  
it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join  
unending hymn:



## 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.

### LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### HOLY COMMUNION HYMN: #482 "I COME WITH JOY"

### BLESSING

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

### PRAYER

Let us pray...Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are LORD forevermore. **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 #536 – "GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN"

### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE – "JUBILANT MARCH" – ELIZABETH VAN WOERT

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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 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

*Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.*

**1 KINGS 19:4-8:** *First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God; and afterwards Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

**EPHESIANS 4:25—5:2:** *Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

**JOHN 6:35, 41-51:** *After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

**PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 11:** Lord, let me say only what builds up another. (See Ephesians 4:29)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Loving Father, you have called us to live in the love of Christ. May the bread of life strengthen us to give our lives for the good of others. Amen.

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**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.

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**BLUE CHURCH PRAYS FOR.....Sick/Recovering:** Claire Biser, Doris Branson, Alton DeBold, Jason Homlish, Wendy Porter, 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>GREETER</b>	Anne Nichols
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Maggie Fried
<b>LECTOR/CANTOR</b>	Gwen Gibiser
<b>USHERS</b>	Ron & Carol Stoudt
<b>ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY</b>	Diane Wirth
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL REP</b>	Deb Stover

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#### **CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD**

**TODAY:** **9:30 AM Worship.**  
**12 Noon –Church Council Picnic and Meeting at Sue and Dick Storat’s residence.**

**WED.:** **9 AM Quilting.**

**NEXT SUN.:** **9:30 AM Worship**  
**10:30 AM Sunday School Teaching Meeting immediately following Worship.**

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*COMING EVENTS – mark your calendar!*

**OCTOBER – BLUE CHURCH YARD SALE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY.**

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**WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD: ALTAR FLOWERS...**by Henry Lahneman in memory of the Birthday of Mary Lahneman.

**BULLETINS...**by Mike & Paula Clark.

**SANCTUARY LAMP...**by Greg & Wendy Storat in honor of Dick’s Birthday.

**COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...**by Emmett & Marie Miller

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**SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX** to sign up for watering and weeding the “Garden for Giving”. Kindly pick the week that you would be willing to help.

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**PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SIGN-UP SHEETS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR WAYS TO HELP WITH COMMUNITY DAY ON SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.** There are a lot of opportunities for you to help.

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**THERE ARE STILL OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE SANCTUARY CANDLE, BULLETINS, ETC.** Please check the appropriate chart on the Bulletin Boards in the Narthex.

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**THE PRODUCE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX IS FROM THE BLUE CHURCH “GIVING GARDEN”.** Please feel free to take what you can use and leave a donation in the “Cabbage”. All monies will be donated to Betty Lou’s Food Pantry to help feed the hungry.

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**FRIEDENS LUTHERAN CHURCH PEACH FESTIVAL** will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 6 PM. All proceeds will be generously given to COB.

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**THE DATE HAS BEEN SET!! BLUE CHURCH WILL HAVE A YARD SALE ON OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>.** Mark your calendar. *It’s not too early to start saving all your unwanted “treasures” for this event.*

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**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.

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