

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany ✘ February 10, 2019**

PRELUDE – "CALL TO WORSHIP" – IOURI GRICHETCHKINE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✘ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**Amen.**

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

Mighty and loving God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of ✘ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the LORD is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **Amen.**

## HYMN #413 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

### GREETING

The boundless grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light 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

P: The LORD be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:**

**ISAIAH 6:1-13**

## PSALM 138

*Sung responsively*

*Tone 3*



I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;  
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all  
things.**

**<sup>3</sup>When I called, you | answered me;  
you increased my | strength within me.**

**<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**

**<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,  
that great is the glory | of the LORD.**

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

**<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right | hand shall save me.**

**<sup>8</sup>You will make good your pur- | pose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works | of your hands.**

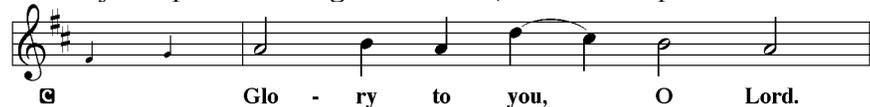
## SECOND LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

## VERSE



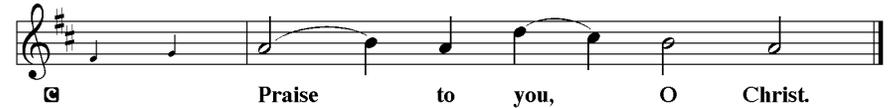
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



## HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 5:1-11

P: The Gospel of the LORD.



## SERMON

**HYMN #798 WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME**

## 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: "hear our prayer."*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING – "ALL TO ME" – SCOTT JEFFRIES

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

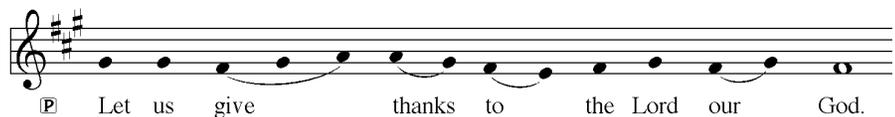
## OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

*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.*

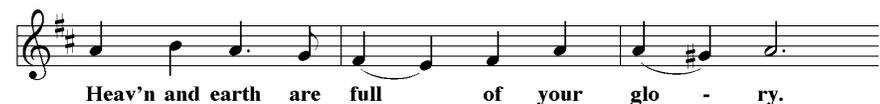
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...God of all creation,  
**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



## 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

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

## LAMB OF GOD



## HOLY COMMUNION - #779 AMAZING GRACE

### BLESSING

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

## PRAYER

Let us pray...We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## HYMN #574 - *HERE I AM LORD*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE- "RECESSIONAL IN C" – JOSEF HAYDN

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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

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.....***The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord. "Who will go for us?" queries the voice of the LORD. A man of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is the fact that we are also called.*

**ISAIAH 6:1-13:** *Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Like other prophets, Isaiah is initially hesitant because of his awareness of his sin and his shortcomings, but when the Lord calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11:** *Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

**LUKE 5:1-11:** *Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.*

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** Here I am Lord. Send me to do your will. *(Isaiah 6:8)*

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Good and gracious God, when we are troubled and fearful, hold us in the net of your mercy and peace. 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:** Ron Fried, Joel Hammond, Linda Kulp, Mary Levy, Christine Robins, Carol Stoudt 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 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.*

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## **LEADING OUR WORSHIP**

**CELEBRANT**

The Rev. James Hammond

**ORGANIST**

Dr. Jennifer Dodd

**GREETERS**

Sherry & Peter Farrell

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

Dick Storat

**LECTOR**

Dick Storat

**CANTOR**

Ron Fried

**USHERS**

Joyce Fulford

**CHURCHTIME NURSERY**

Maggie Fried

**ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY**

Roger & Edie Knappenberger

**CHURCH COUNCIL REP**

Amy Ortwein

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## CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

**TODAY:** **9:00 AM** Choir Rehearsal.  
**9:30 AM** Christian Education.  
**10:30 AM** Worship.  
**6 PM** Catechism.  
**MON.:** **7 PM** Church Council Meeting.  
**WED.:** **9 AM** Quilting.  
**NEXT SUN.:** **9 AM** Choir Rehearsal.  
**9:30 AM** Christian Education.  
**10:30 AM** WORSHIP.

*COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!*

**FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup> - 7:00 PM** Church Council Meeting.

### **WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS...**by Genie Mattson in loving memory of our family.

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

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

**THE COAT DRIVE IS UNDER WAY.** Don't throw out your old coats. Blue Church is collecting gently used coats to help those who can use them. You can bring in coats for drop off in the bin in the narthex.

***The Sheets to sponsor Altar Flowers, Bulletins, the Sanctuary Candle, and the monthly Communion Wine for 2019 are on the bulletin boards in the Narthex. Please make sure to sign the appropriate chart.***

### **Stewardship Snippet**

**Feb. 10, 2019** (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany).

**Luke 5:5,6** –Simon answered Jesus, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

*Jesus's instructions make no sense to Simon, but following them leads him to make an enormous catch of fish. Steward/disciples often find that God's guidance leads to greater abundance. When have you seen this in your life?*

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Second Reading

15Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters,\* of the good news\* that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters\*—at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.\* <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK....**

**FEBRUARY 14 - CYRIL, MONK, DIED 869; METHODIUS, BISHOP, DIED 885; MISSIONARIES TO THE SLAVS**

These two brothers from a noble family in Thessalonika in northeastern Greece were priests and missionaries. After some early initial missionary work by Cyril among the Arabs, the brothers retired to a monastery. They were later sent to work among the Slavs, the missionary work for which they are most known. Since Slavonic had no written form at the time, the brothers established a written language with the Greek alphabet as its basis. They translated the scriptures and the liturgy using this Cyrillic alphabet. The Czechs, Serbs, Croats, Slovaks, and Bulgars regard the brothers as the founders of Slavic literature. The brothers' work in preaching and worshiping in the language of the people are honored by Christians in both East and West.