

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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Baptism of Our Lord ✕ January 13, 2019

PRELUDE – “BY STILL WATERS” – E. K. HEYSER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pastor leads from the baptismal font

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✕ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: 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 and self-examination

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. 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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our LORD in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #455 CRASHING WATERS AT CREATION

GREETING

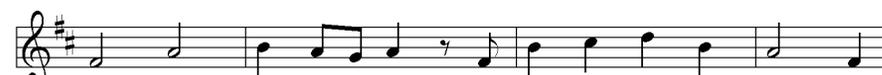
P: The boundless grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Ⓐ 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...Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 43:1-7

PSALM 29 *Sung responsively* *Tone #7*



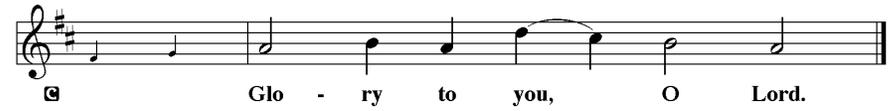
Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
**2Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
**3The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory
thunders;**
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
**4The voice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

SECOND LESSON: ACTS 8:14-17

VERSE

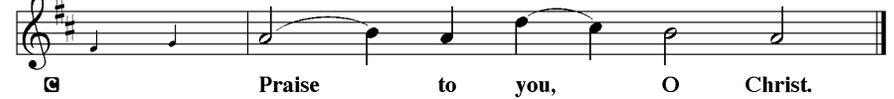


P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd Chapter.



HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The Gospel of the LORD.



SERMON

HYMN #304 CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED

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: "hear our prayer."*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING — "EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW" — TOIM FETTKE

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

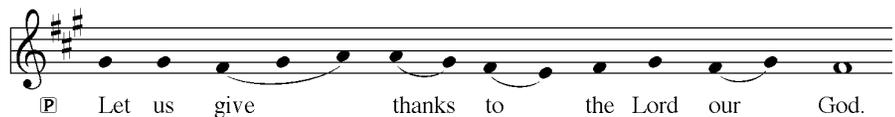
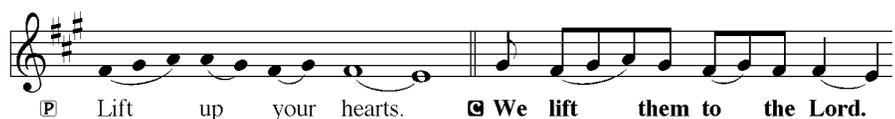
OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

*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

Heavenly Father,
**in the waters of the Jordan your Son was Baptized by John and
anointed with the Holy Spirit. We, your baptized people and
kingdom of priests, offer you these gifts in praise of Him who
takes away our sin, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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



HOLY COMMUNION - #800 SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

BLESSING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray...LORD God, grant that all who have been fed with Bread from heaven may be renewed in the covenant of their Holy Baptism and, following your Son in true faith and obedience, may become your children in name and deed; through Jesus Christ our 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 #452 AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – “RONDEAU” – JEAN FRANCOIS DANDRIEU



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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

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD: *The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters...the rivers...fire.” On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.*

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

ISAIAH 43:1-7: Near the end of Israel’s exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

ACTS 8:14-17: Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22: The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus. God settles the matter: Jesus is God’s beloved Son.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: Do not fear, I have redeemed you.

(Isaiah 43:1)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: God our creator, you have brought us to life in the waters of baptism. Let us hear your Spirit’s voice who says: You are my beloved, with you I am well pleased. 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: Ron Fried, Joel Hammond, Christine Robins, Carol Stoudt Irm

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
GREETERS	Rudy & Marilyn Boandl
ASSISTING MINISTER	Maggie Fried
LECTOR	Loraine Kline
CANTOR	Ron Fried
USHERS	Greg & Wendy Storat
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Greg Storat
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY	Joyce Fulford

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY: **9:00 AM** Choir Rehearsal.
9:30 AM Christian Education.
10:30 AM Worship.

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
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

FEB. 2ND - SCOUT SUNDAY/"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY
FEB. 9TH "ROCK THE CROCK" FUN EVENT AT BLUE CHURCH WITH ENTERTAINMENT. STAY TUNED, MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS...by Margaret Liebl in honor of Anne Nicnols' Birthday.

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

SANCTUARY LAMP...by Joyce Fulford.

COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...

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 for the upcoming winter season. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: *The reports to be included in the Annual Congregational Report should be in the church office no later than January 14th. They can also be emailed at bluechch@ptd.net.*

Valentine's Day Card Signing Party: Blue Church Fellowship Hall, [Saturday, February 2](#), at 10 a.m. Benefits the clients at Valley Manor Nursing Home, Coopersburg. Please bring a snack to share. Valentine's provided, however, if you would like to bring valentines that is fine too. Client's particularly like animal valentine's. Everyone welcome! Coordinator-Sherry Farrell [610-216-6612](tel:610-216-6612) (inclement weather date, [Saturday, February 9](#))

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 3RD. Please help by donating non-perishable food items (you can put them in the box located in the narthex), or by donating cash which will be collected after worship on that day.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK....JANUARY 15 - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., RENEWER OF SOCIETY, MARTYR, DIED 1968

Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered as an American prophet of justice among races and nations, a Christian whose faith undergirded his advocacy of vigorous yet non-violent action for racial equality. A pastor of churches in Montgomery, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, his witness was taken to the streets in such other places as Birmingham, Alabama, where he was arrested and jailed while protesting against segregation. He preached nonviolence and demanded that love be returned for hate. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he was killed by an assassin on April 4, 1968. Though most commemorations are held on the date of the person's death, many churches hold commemorations near Dr. King's birth date of January 15, in conjunction with the American civil holiday honoring him. An alternate date for the commemoration would be his death date, April 4.