

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany ✦ January 20, 2019

PRELUDE – "MINUET" – GEORGE F. HANDEL

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 #553

CHRIST WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

GREETING

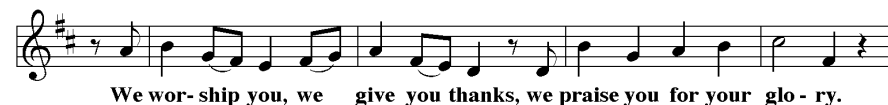
The boundless grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



♩ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led man to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

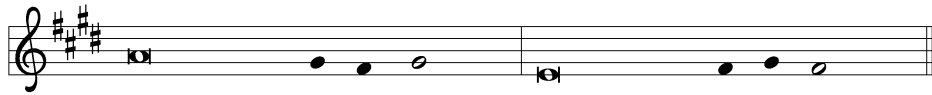
FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 62:1-5

PSALM 36:5-10

Sung responsively

Tone #5



Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens,
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

**6Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep;
you save humankind and ani- | mals, O LORD.**

**7How priceless is your | love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.**

**8They feast upon the abundance | of your house;
you give them drink from the river of | your delights.**

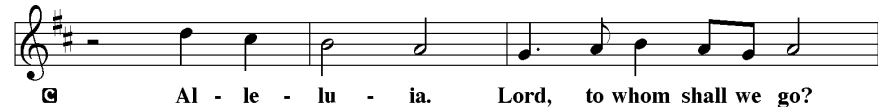
**9For with you is the | well of life,
and in your light | we see light.**

**10Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,
and your favor to those who are | true of heart.**

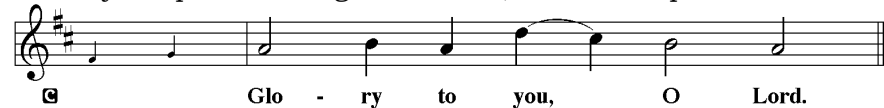
SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

VERSE



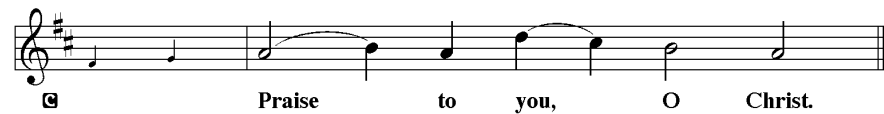
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd Chapter.



HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11

P: The Gospel of the LORD.



SERMON

HYMN #310

“SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE”

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 – “THE KING” – KENN MANN

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION - #312 JESUS COME! FOR WE INVITE YOU

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 #879 - FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE- "TRUMPET TUNE" – GEORGE P. TELEMANN



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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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: *The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

ISAIAH 62:1-5: The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11: The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

JOHN 2:1-11: Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: You are not forsaken, you are mine, says the Lord.
(Isaiah 62:4)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: O God, send your Spirit upon us that we may serve Christ, the new wine poured out for the life of the world. 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	Mike & Paula Clark
ASSISTING MINISTER	Dick Storat
LECTOR	Dick Storat
CANTOR	Gwen Gibiser
USHERS	John & Marcy Sumoski
CHURCHTIME NURSERY	Gloria Knappenberger
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Roger Knappenberger

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY: **9:00 AM** Choir Rehearsal.
 9:30 AM Christian Education.
 10:30 AM Worship.
 Annual Congregational Meeting. Snow date –
 January 27th.
 6 PM Catechism.

WED.: **9 AM** Quilting.

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

C O M I N G E V E N T S – m a r k e y o u r c a l e n d a r !

FEB. 2ND – 10 AM VALENTINE'S DAY CARD SIGNING PARTY AT BLUE CHURCH.

FEB. 3RD – SCOUT SUNDAY/"SOUPER' BOWL SUNDAY

FEB. 9TH – 3 – 6 PM – "ROCK THE CROCK" FUN EVENT AT BLUE CHURCH WITH ENTERTAINMENT.

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

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

SANCTUARY LAMP...by Bill and Kathy Exner

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.

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.

‘ROCK THE CROCK’ EVENT AT BLUE CHURCH, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH FROM 3 PM – 6 PM. We are in need of crock pots with your favorite slow cooker meal (or side dish) for St. Paul’s ‘Rock the Crock & Bake Sale. **Sign up sheets are on the bulletin boards in the narthex.** This will be a fellowship event with live music entertainment from Greg Storat & the Last Train Home band. Money from the Bake Sale will support efforts of the Music Ministry at Blue Church. Please have all crocks or side dishes at Blue Church and “ready to rock” by 3:00 pm Saturday, February 9th.

BLUE CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
RECEIPTS	\$13,337.10	\$ 89,655.97
EXPENSES	\$14,368.75	\$167,516.87
<u>(DEFICIT)</u>	(\$ 1,031.65)	(\$ 77,860.90)

ENDOWMENT FUND WITHDRAWN TO COVER EXPENSES	\$4,500.00	\$54,500.00
ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST/REFUND		\$10,071.62

Stewardship Snippet

Jan. 20, 2019 (2nd Sunday after the Epiphany)

1 Corinthians 2:4 –Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

Everybody has strengths and talents. Steward/disciples know that we find optimal joy, peace and fulfillment when we are using them for Godly purposes. What are your gifts? How are you using them?

HAPPENING THIS WEEK....JANUARY 21 – AGNES, MARTYR, DIED AROUND 304

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome, who had chosen a life of service to Christ as a virgin, despite the Roman emperor Diocletian’s ruling that had outlawed all Christian activity. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. Since her death, the church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

JANUARY 26 – TIMOTHY, TITUS, AND SILAS, MISSIONARIES

On the two days following the celebration of the Conversion of Paul, his companions are remembered. Timothy, Titus, and Silas were missionary coworkers with Paul. Timothy accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey and was commissioned by Paul to go to Ephesus, where he served as bishop and overseer of the church. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, accompanied him on the trip to the council of Jerusalem, and became the first bishop of Crete. Silas traveled with Paul through Asia Minor and Greece and was imprisoned with him at Philippi, where they were delivered by an earthquake.