

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ✠ MARCH 10, 2019

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, ad your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of ✠ Christ, leading you from death into life. **Amen.**

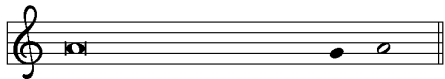
**HYMN #769** *IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU*

## GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE ELEISON



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



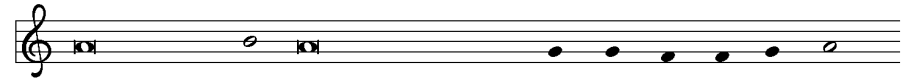
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



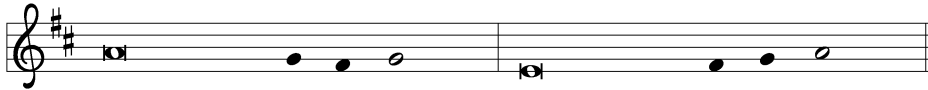
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The LORD be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...O LORD God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:****DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11****PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16** *Sung responsively**Tone #6*

You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,  
 who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty--  
<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold,  
 my God in whom I | put my trust."**  
<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,  
 and the Most High your | habitation,  
<sup>10</sup>**no evil | will befall you,  
 nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**  
<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
 to guard you in | all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,  
 lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**  
<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;  
 you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.  
<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who | cling to me;  
 I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**  
<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will | answer them;  
 I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.  
<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I | satisfy them,  
 and show them | my salvation.**

**SECOND READING:****ROMANS 10:8B-13****VERSE**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead-fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**HOLY GOSPEL:****LUKE 4:1-13**

The Gospel of the LORD.



Praise to you, O Christ.

**THE SERMON****HYMN #325***I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME***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**

**PRAYERS**

Response: **"Your mercy is great."**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

### OFFERING — “CARRY ME” - KYLE HILL

*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...Generous God,

**You feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.**

### 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 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

Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

### 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 - #496 "ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"

### BLESSING

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

### PRAYER

Let us pray...Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✠ peace. **Amen.**

### HYMN #618 "GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER"

### DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the LORD.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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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

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### THE DAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

### ABOUT THE READINGS...

**DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11:** The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

**ROMANS 10:8b-13:** Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

**LUKE 4:1-13:** After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** O God, my refuge, in you alone I place my trust.  
*(Psalm 91:2)*

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** God our redeemer, guide us through this life with your word and when we fall, raise us up and restore us through Christ our LORD. 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:** Jeanette Blackwood, Karen Frederick, Ann Greensweig, Joel Hammond, Linda Kulp, John Kupiszewski, Walt Lehr, Mary Levy, Janet Lick, Carl Ritter, Christine Robins, Myrtle Tracy

*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

<b>CELEBRANT</b>	The Rev. James Hammond
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
<b>GREETER</b>	Joyce Fulford
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Maggie Fried
<b>LECTOR</b>	Greg Storat
<b>CANTOR</b>	Ron Fried
<b>USHERS</b>	John & Marcy Sumoski
<b>CHURCHTIME NURSERY</b>	Lauren Oleskowitz
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL REP</b>	Ed Risi

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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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent.  
1 – 5 PM Blue Church Art Annual Student Show in Fellowship Hall. (The congregation is invited to attend right after worship.)

*COMING EVENTS – mark your calendar!*

**MARCH 17 – 1 – 5 PM** Blue Church Art Annual Student Show in Fellowship Hall.

**MARCH 30 – 8:00 AM** Spring Work Party around Blue Church.

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

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

**SANCTUARY LAMP...**by Joyce Fulford.

**COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...**by Mike and Paula Clark

**BAKERS WANTED...**Blue Church will be having a Bake Sale at the Blue Church Student Art Show next Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday or Sunday morning. Thank you ahead for all your delicious goodies!

**A SPRING WORK PARTY** will take place on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 AM. Some of the items on the agenda will be:

1. Clean up outside for the Easter Egg Hunt.
2. Replace timer in shed.
3. Fix the drawer in the room with the PA system.
4. Clean rooms for the school coming in Fall.
5. Paint ladies bathroom.
6. Move stones from the grove to the stream.

Please plan to help even if you can only offer a small amount of your time. All help is appreciated.

**THE COAT DRIVE IS STILL TAKING PLACE.** 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**

**March 10, 2019** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent.)

**Luke 4:3** – The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

*Our consumer culture tells us again and again that our happiness is measured in how many of our wants we can fulfill. Jesus resists temptation by remembering that we live "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4b).*

**ELIGIBLE THRIVENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE CHOICE DOLLARS AVAILABLE** have until **March 31, 2019**, to direct any remaining Choice Dollars. Help support Blue Church. Last year Blue Church received **\$908.00** in charitable outreach funding from Thrivent. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more, or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER...**IN THIS COLD, FLU AND ALLERGY SEASON, PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHER PEOPLE'S ALLERGIES AND RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS AND REFRAIN FROM WEARING PERFUMES OR COLOGNES THAT MIGHT ACERBATE THESE CONDITIONS.

### **HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK.....**

**MARCH 10 – HARRIET TUBMAN, DIED 1913; SOJOURNER TRUTH, DIED 1883; RENEWERS OF SOCIETY**

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in Maryland and remained a slave until about age thirty when, fearing she would be sold and moved farther south, she escaped with the help of the Underground Railroad. After that, she helped about three hundred others to escape until slavery was abolished. After the Civil War, her home in Auburn, New York, became a center for women's rights and served the aged and poor.

Sojourner Truth, too, was born a slave, in New York State. Her birth name was Isabella. After slavery was abolished in New York in 1827, she was freed and, while working as a housekeeper, became deeply involved in Christianity. A number of years later, she discerned a call to become a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving. In later life, she also became a popular speaker against slavery and for women's rights.