

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**25th Sunday after Pentecost ☒ November 11, 2018**

**PRELUDE – "SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER" – GENE CLARKE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## A LITANY FOR VETERANS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☒ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **Amen**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection*

O God, our merciful redeemer,  
**we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☒ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. **Amen.**

### HYMN #707 "LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US"

#### 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.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE



☒ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



☒ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray...O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:**

**1 KINGS 17:8-16**

**PSALM 146** *Sung responsively* **Tone 7**



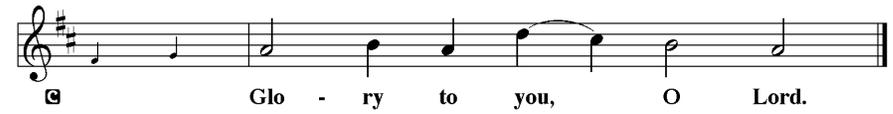
<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!  
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**  
<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.  
<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**  
<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;  
<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those  
who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those  
who | are bowed down;  
the LORD | loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the  
way | of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. |  
Hallelujah!**

**SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 9:24-28**

**VERSE**

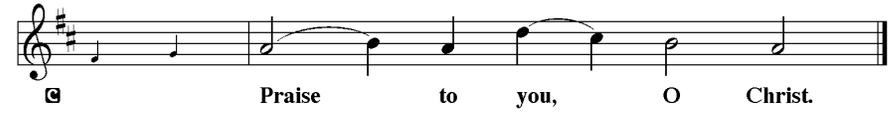


The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44**

The Gospel of the LORD.



**SERMON**

**HYMN #679 – “FOR THE FRUIT FOR ALL CREATION”**

**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 – “I GIVE IT ALL” – DENNIS ALLEN**

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

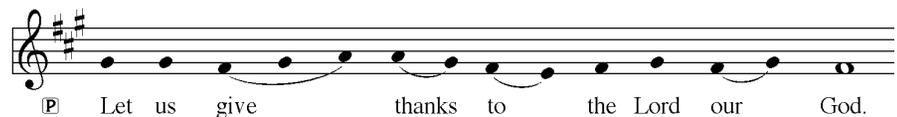
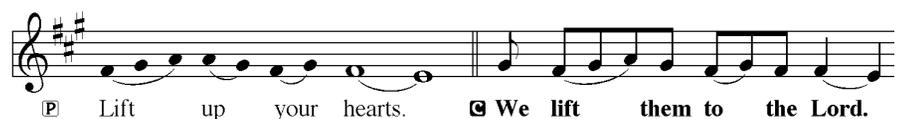
**OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884**

*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.*

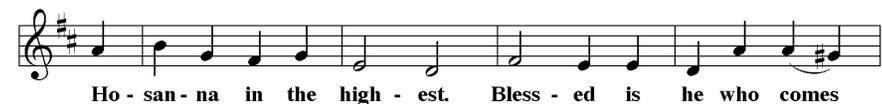
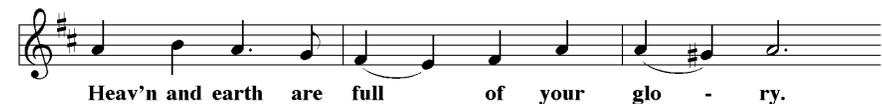
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray... Creator God,  
**you made everything and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus 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

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

### LAMB OF GOD



### HOLY COMMUNION HYMN: #790 "DAY BY DAY"

#### BLESSING

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

## PRAYER

Let us pray...Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The love of God surround you; the grace of ✠ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## HYMN #638 – “BLESSED ASSURANCE”

## DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE- “VOLUNTARY IN F” – ROBERT LAU

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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....25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

*Widows are visible everywhere in today’s readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows’ houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn’t see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

**1 KINGS 17:8-16:** *This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God’s saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

**HEBREWS 9:24-28:** *The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does*

*not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

**MARK 12:38-44:** *After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** I will praise the Lord as long as I live (*Psalm 146:2*)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** LORD Jesus, you warn us not to practice goodness for the reward others give us. Teach us true poverty of spirit and generosity of heart. 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:** Roman Denora, Joel Hammond, Hattie Smith, Irmi, Dan, Deb  
*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>GREETERS</b>	Walt & Ruth Lehr
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Amy Ortwein
<b>LECTOR/CANTOR</b>	Amy Ortwein
<b>CANTOR</b>	Ron Fried
<b>USHERS</b>	Greg & Wendy Sorat
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL REP</b>	Amy Ortwein
<b>ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY</b>	Susan Valasek

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### CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

<b>TODAY:</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal. <b>9:30 AM</b> Christian Education. <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship.
<b>MON.:</b>	<b>7 PM</b> Church Council Meeting.
<b>WED.:</b>	<b>9 AM</b> Quilting. <b>4 PM</b> Altar Care Committee Meeting.

**THURS.:** **6:30 PM** Pack #364 Den Meeting.

**NEXT SUN.:** **9 AM** Choir Rehearsal.

**9:30 AM** Christian Education.

**10:30 AM** WORSHIP.

**6 PM** Confirmation Class.

*COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!*

**DEC. 2 - 10:30 AM - 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent.**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS...**by Irene Frederick in memory of Vernon Frederick.

**BULLETINS...**by Mike and Paula Clark

**COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...**by Deb & Dean Stover

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**THE COAT DRIVE IS ONCE AGAIN 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. The collection of coats will continue through the Christmas season. You can bring in coats for drop off in the bin in the narthex.

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**Blue Church is responsible** for providing Betty Lou's Pantry with **80** bottles of laundry detergent for the month of December (our church's month to serve the pantry). The Pantry does not supply laundry detergent. **Thanks to your generosity we have collected 54 bottles toward our goal so far.** Simply bring them to church and we will store them until December.

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**THE LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS**

**INGATHERING** is continuing this year to brighten the holy season of Christmas for our Christian brothers and sisters who have special needs. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect the items. Please check the flyer for the list of items needed. Also note that Blue Church will need to provide 10 individual wrapped gifts for names that will be provided to us. Index cards with the information on it will be available so that people can take them and provide the gift

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**As in the past, we are now accepting monetary contributions for Christmas for a family or families in the Southern Lehigh community through Betty Lou's Food Pantry.** Contributions will be accepted until Sunday, December 2, 2018.

If you would like credit for your monetary contribution at Blue Church, be sure to write your name on the front of the envelope. The envelopes are located on the table in the narthex next to a basket in which to place your contribution. Let's help make this family's holidays a joyous one.

We thank you again for your support. Christian Action Team.

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**Stewardship Snippet**

**Nov. 11, 2018** (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

**Mark 12:43** – Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury."

*One measure of a gift's true value is the capacity of the one who gives it. What do the gifts you now offer God in time, talent and treasure really cost you? How might you prayerfully improve?*

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**The Church commemorates this week...**

**November 11 - Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the army at age fifteen. One winter day, a beggar approached Martin for aid, and he cut his cloak in half and gave a portion to the beggar. Later, Martin understood that he had seen the presence of Christ in that beggar, and this ended his uncertainty about Christianity. He soon asked for his release from his military duties, but he was imprisoned instead. After his release from prison he began preaching, particularly against the Arians. In 371 he was elected bishop of Tours. As bishop he developed a reputation for intervening on behalf of prisoners and heretics who had been sentenced to death.

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