

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**All Saints Sunday ✕ November 4, 2018**

**PRELUDE – "MEDITATION ON 'EVENTIDE'" – CRAIG PENFIELD  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 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 #422 "FOR ALL THE SAINTS (V. 1-5 ONLY)"

### 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



♩ 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

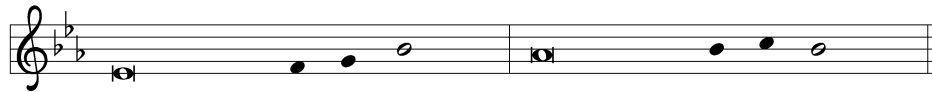
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray...Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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 25:6-9**

**PSALM 24**    *Sung responsively*    *Tone 4*



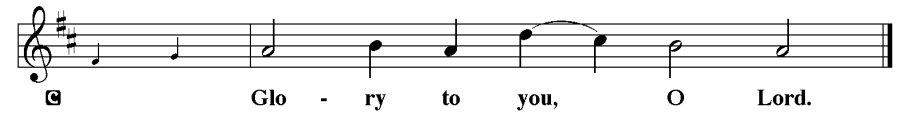
- <sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- <sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas  
and established it up- | on the rivers.**
- <sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's | holy place?
- <sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by |  
what is false.**
- <sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing | from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.
- <sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**
- <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting  
doors,                    that the King of glory | may come in.
- <sup>8</sup>**Who is this | King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in  
battle!**
- <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting  
doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.
- <sup>10</sup>**Who is this | King of glory?  
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.**

**SECOND LESSON:    REVELATION 21:1-6A**

**VERSE**

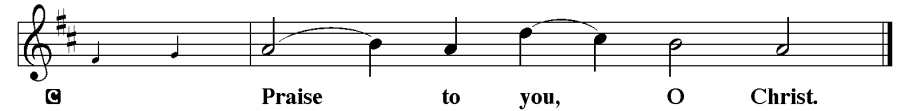


The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL:    JOHN 11:32-44**

The Gospel of the LORD.



**SERMON**

**HYMN #628 – “JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME”**

**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

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERING — “LET THE RIVER FLOW” — STAN PETHEL

*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... Holy God,

**through the ages countless men and women have offered you their praises, discipleship, talents, and lives. Accept and bless these gifts and bring us to share with all your saints in the everlasting feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.**

### THE 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 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.*

#### 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**

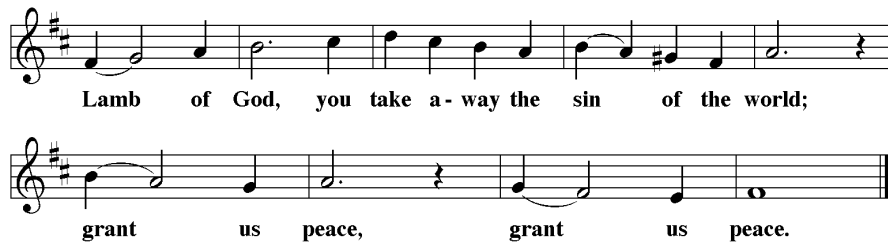
#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

#### LAMB OF GOD

♩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

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**HOLY COMMUNION HYMN: #785 “WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER”**

**BLESSING**

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

**PRAYER**

Let us pray...Almighty Father, in the Lord’s Supper you give us a foretaste of the Lamb’s Feast of Victory. Keep us faithful to you so that we, with all your saints in heaven, may at length celebrate the Feast which has no end in 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 #423 – “SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER”**

**DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: “HEAVEN” – RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM**



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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....ALL SAINTS DAY ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....**

*Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year’s All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John’s gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah’s feast to come.*

**ISAIAH 25:6-9:** *Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God’s people on God’s holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

**REVELATION 21:1-6A** *Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God’s people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

**JOHN 11:32-44:** *Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

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**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Lord Jesus, help us to love you through service to our neighbors in need. 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, Irmir, Dan, Deb

**OTHER CONCERNS:** The family and friends of Claire Biser  
*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**  
**ORGANIST**  
**GREETERS**

The Rev. James Hammond  
 Dr. Jennifer Dodd  
 Sandy Giannattasio,  
 Savannah, Sierra Giannattasio  
 Maggie Fried  
 Gwen Gibiser

**ASSISTING MINISTER**  
**LECTOR/CANTOR**

**USHERS**

Joyce Fulford,  
Susan Clemens-Bruder

**CHURCH COUNCIL REP**

Deb Stover

**ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY**

(No Flowers)

**CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD**

**TODAY:** 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal.  
9:30 AM Christian Education.  
10:30 AM Worship/Reception of New Members.  
6 PM Confirmation Class.  
**WED.:** 9 AM Quilting.  
**NEXT SUN.:** 9 AM Choir Rehearsal.  
9:30 AM Christian Education.  
10:30 AM WORSHIP.

*COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!*

**NOV. 12 - 7:00 PM - Church Council Meeting.**

**WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD: BULLETINS...**JoAn and George Hottenstein in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.  
**COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...**by Deb & Dean Stover

**BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT BETTY LOU'S PANTRY** - This years Scouting for Food food drive will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The scouts will be dropping off bags at everyone's house on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please consider helping us beat the record of collecting 21,000 pounds of food. Thanks in advance for your support. If you or someone you know live in Southern Lehigh and needs help with food, please call 610-282-2838 or email [blp18036@gmail.com](mailto:blp18036@gmail.com)

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS JEFF AND ERICA EYNON.** We welcome them into the family of St. Paul's (Blue) Church.

**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.

**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.

**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

**THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - NOVEMBER 4, 2018.**  
We remember all who have died in the faith of Christ in the past year and the promise of the resurrection to be fulfilled, especially....

- CLAIRE BISER**
- GREG FINK**
- CAROL GIBISER**
- ROBERT GIBISER**
- DORIS H. HEISERMAN**
- KENNETH KNAPP**
- JOHN A. LUCAS**
- MARLENE OCHS**
- CHERYL L. (HARWICK) OMAN**
- DEREK OVENALL**
- DR. ANN RAMAGE**
- CLAIRE SONEN**
- CYNTHIA TAYLOR**
- MARY J. WAGNER**