

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ✘ October 21, 2018**

PRELUDE – "UNDER HIS WINGS" – MATTHEW MCCONNELL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✘ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection*

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✘ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## HYMN #825 "YOU SERVANTS OF GOD"

### 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

Let us pray...Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 53:4-12

**PSALM 91:9-16** *Sung responsively* **Tone 1**



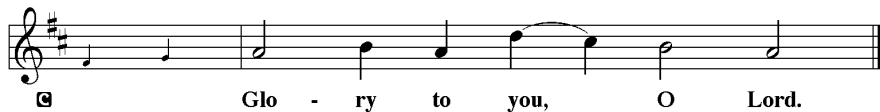
<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,  
<sup>10</sup>**no evil | will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**  
<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
<sup>12</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 LESSON: HEBREWS 5:1-10**

**VERSE**

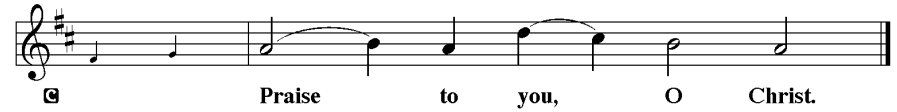


The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 10:35-45**

The Gospel of the LORD.



**SERMON**

**HYMN #604 – “O CHRIST, OUR HOPE”**

**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 – “ON EAGLE’S WINGS” – MICHAEL JONCAS**

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

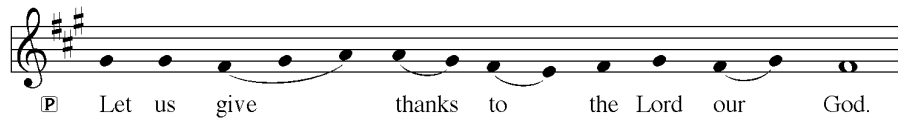
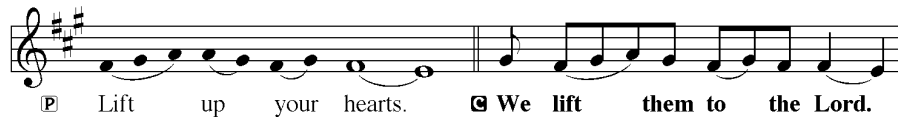
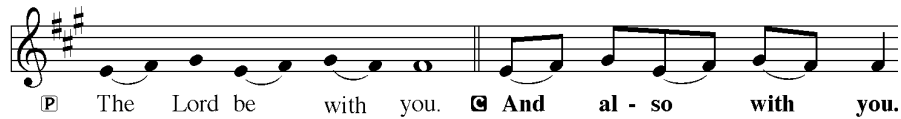
**OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884**

*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.*

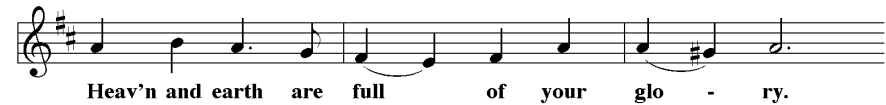
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of life,  
**you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life  
and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use  
them to set a table that will heal the whole creation, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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

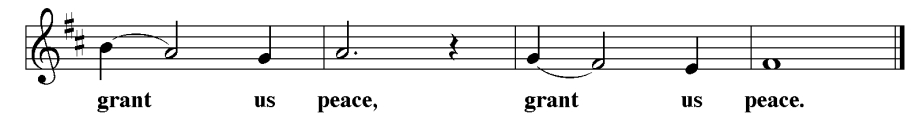
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;**

**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

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

### LAMB OF GOD



### HOLY COMMUNION HYMN: #659 "WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT"

### BLESSING

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

### PRAYER

Let us pray...Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## HYMN #802 — “LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS”

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE- “GRAND MARCH” — JASON KRUG

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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....THE 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

*Today’s gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who’s number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God’s take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God’s community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray “your kingdom come” we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.*

**ISAIAH 53:4-12:** *This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

**HEBREWS 5:1-10:** *Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God’s saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

**MARK 10:35-45:** *On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

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**PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 21:** Jesus, help us to deal gently with others. (*Hebrews 5:2*)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Christ our high priest, you offered up cries and tears to the one who could save you from death. Give us strength to drink your cup in service to the needy and the lost. 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:** Claire Biser, Roman Denora, Joel Hammond, Hattie Smith, Irmi  
*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>	Sherry Farrell
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Ron Fried
<b>LECTOR</b>	Loraine Kline
<b>CANTOR</b>	Gwen Gibiser
<b>USHERS</b>	Roger & Edie Knappenberger
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL REP</b>	Ed Risi
<b>ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY</b>	Roger & Edie Knappenberger

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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>9:30 AM</b> New Member Classes. <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship. <b>6 – 7 PM</b> Confirmation Classes.
<b>WED.:</b>	<b>9 AM</b> Quilting.
<b>NEXT SUN.:</b>	<b>9 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal. <b>9:30 AM</b> Christian Education. <b>10:30 AM</b> WORSHIP/REFORMATION SUNDAY. Reception of New Members.

*COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!*

**NOV. 4 - 10:30 AM Worship - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY.**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS.**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS....**Lauren & Jim Oleskowitz in honor of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**BULLETINS...**Beverly and Richard Lerch in memory of Loved Ones.

**SANCTUARY LAMP...**Wendy and Greg Storat in honor of granddaughter Abby's Birthday.

**COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...**by Walt and Ruth Lehr

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**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)

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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. We can start collecting them now to help reach that goal. 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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**QUILT RAFFLE WINNERS**

1. **QUILT** - *Sandy Stewart*
  2. **QUILT RACK** - *LaMae Harwick*
  3. **HANDMADE WOODEN BOWL** - *Amy Ortwein*
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## **Isaiah 53:4-12 - First Reading**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb\* with the rich\* and although he had done no violence,

and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.\*

When you make his life an offering for sin,\*

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;\*

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one,\* my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.