

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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Reformation Sunday ✕ October 28, 2018

**PRELUDE – “EIN FESTE BURG” – JOHANN CHRISTOPH BACH
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 #504 “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR 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

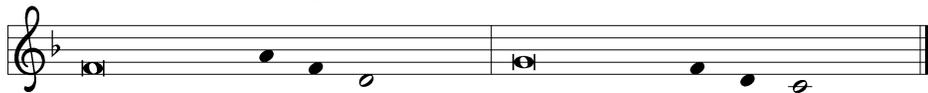
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray...Almighty God, gracious LORD, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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:

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

PSALM 46 *Sung responsively* *Tone 11*



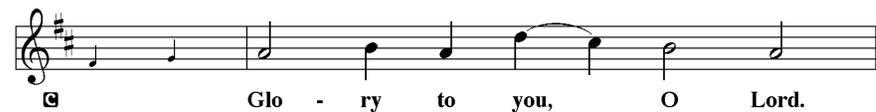
¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the
sea;**
³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**
⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the |
shields with fire.
¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in
the earth."**
¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 3:19-28

VERSE

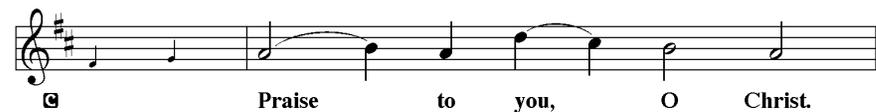


The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th Chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

The Gospel of the LORD.



SERMON

HYMN #654 – “THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION”

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 — “THE GOD OF MY REFUGE” — JAMES FENTON

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

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

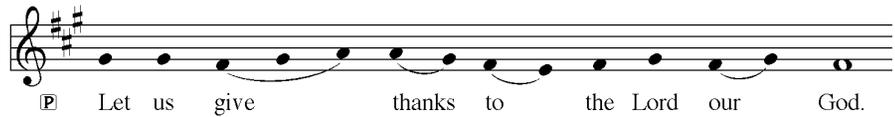
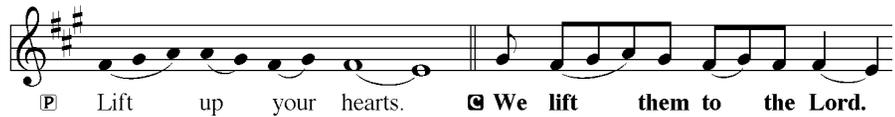
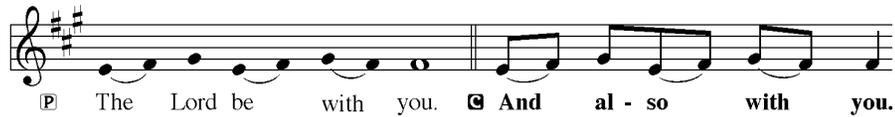
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

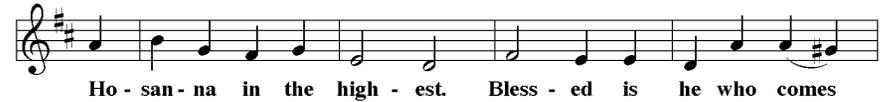
Let us pray...Heavenly Father,

we bring you these offerings in praise and thanksgiving, for the blessings of your gifts of grace, faith, and the salvation won for us through the Life, Death, and Resurrection of your Son, 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

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

LAMB OF GOD





HOLY COMMUNION HYMN: #474 “BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN”

BLESSING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray...God our Father, at His Last Supper your Son prayed that His followers might be one. Strengthen us with this most Holy Sacrament and unite all your people in the one Church—the Body of our LORD Jesus Christ. **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 #729 – “THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE- “BACHIANA” – GORDON YOUNG



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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....REFORMATION SUNDAY ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord’s table.

JEREMIAH 31:31-34: *The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

ROMANS 3:19-28: *Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

JOHN 8:31-36: *Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Jesus, you gave the blind man his sight. Give us the light to see you clearly and to follow you with sincerity of heart. 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: Roman Denora, Joel Hammond, Hattie Smith, Irmi, 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.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

CELEBRANT	The Rev. James Hammond
ORGANIST	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
GREETER	Lillian Frey
ASSISTING MINISTER	Dick Storat
LECTOR	Dick Storat
CANTOR	Ron Fried
USHERS	Shirley Hildebrand, Maggie Fried
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Carol Stoudt
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY	Dick & Sue Storat

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY: 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal.
9:30 AM Christian Education.
10:30 AM Worship/Reception of New Members.

WED.: 9 AM Quilting.

NEXT SUN.: 9 AM Choir Rehearsal.
9:30 AM Christian Education.
10:30 AM WORSHIP/ALL SAINTS SUNDAY.
6:00 PM Confirmation Class.

COMING EVENTS - mark your calendar!

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

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS...Warren and Lois Adams in memory of Loved Ones.

BULLETINS...Dean and Deb Stover in honor of Dean's 70th Birthday.

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

BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT BETTY LOU'S

PANTRY - This years Scouting for Food food drive will be held on November 10th. The scouts will be dropping off bags at everyone's house on the 3rd. 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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ALEX MEDINA AND JOHN

SUMOSKI. 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. We can start collecting them now to help reach that goal. 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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH YEAR...

OCTOBER 31 - REFORMATION DAY...By the end of the seventeenth century many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of the abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.