

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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The 20th after Pentecost ✕ October 7, 2018

**PRELUDE – “PEACE BE WITH YOU” – DANIEL GAWTHROP
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 #835 “ALL CREATURES, WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH!”

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

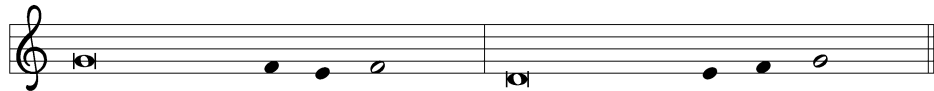
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 2:18-24

PSALM 8 *Sung responsively* *Tone 6*



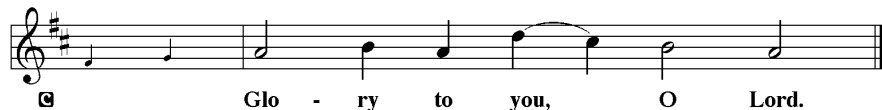
¹O | LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens**
out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
 you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
 to silence the foe | and avenger.
³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**
 human beings that you should | care for them?
⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
 with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**
 you have put all things un- | der their feet:
⁷all | flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts | of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**
 and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
⁹O | LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

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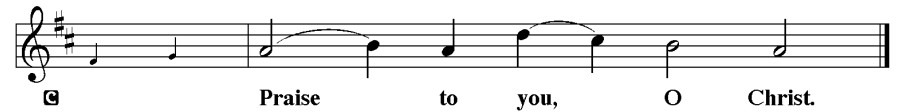


The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16

The Gospel of the LORD.



SERMON

HYMN #603 — “GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE BROKEN”

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 — “COME TO THE BANQUET, MY FRIENDS” — DAVE WILLIAMSON

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

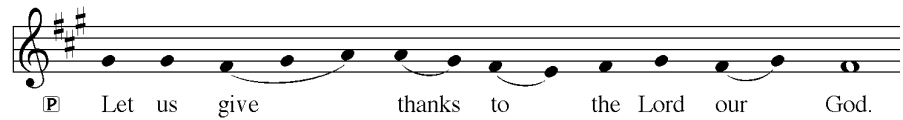
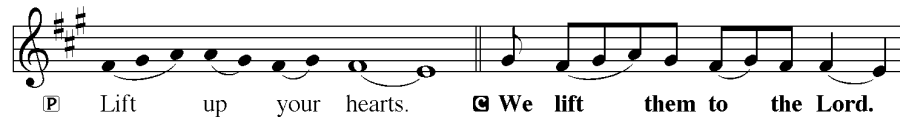
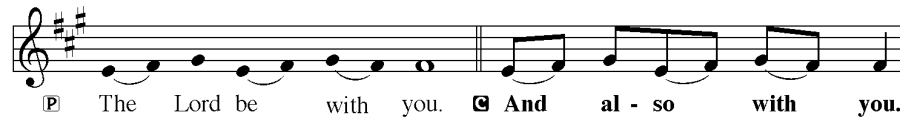
OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

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.

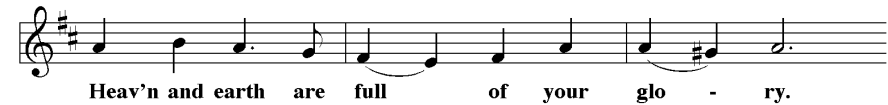
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

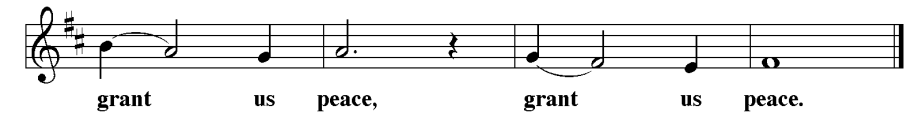
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

**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: #470 "DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

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 #656 – “BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE- “POSTLUDE #4” – CHRISTIAN HEINRICH RINCK

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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 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

Today’s gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus’ saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God’s law. Jesus’ rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

GENESIS 2:18-24: *Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman)*

HEBREWS 1:-4; 2:5-12: *Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God’s right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

MARK 10:2-16: *Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God’s surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST 20: God speaks to us through the Son. (Hebrews 1:2)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Lord our God, help us to receive your kingdom as little children, trusting in your mercy and grace. 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: 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.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

CELEBRANT	The Rev. James Hammond
ORGANIST	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
GREETERS	Mike & Paula Clark
ASSISTING MINISTER	Maggie Fried
LECTOR/CANTOR	Gwen Gibiser
USHERS	Roger & Gloria Knappenberger
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Roger Knappenberger
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY	Dean & Deb Stover

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY:	9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal. New members are welcome. 9:30 AM Christian Education. 9:30 AM New Member Classes. 10:30 AM Worship. 6 – 7 PM 1 st Year Confirmation Class. 7 – 8 PM 2 nd Year Confirmation Class.
MON.:	7 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING.
TUES.:	3 – 7 PM Yard Sale Items Drop Off at Lower Milford Fire Company, Limeport.

WED.: 9 AM Quilting.
3 – 7 PM Yard Sale Items Drop Off at LMFC.
THURS.: 3 – 7 PM Yard Sale Items Drop Off at LMFC.
FRI.: 3 – 7 PM Yard Sale Items Drop Off at LMFC.
SAT.: 9 AM – 2 PM BLUE CHURCH YARD SALE.
NEXT SUN.: 9 AM Choir Rehearsal.
9:30 AM New Member Classes.
9:30 AM Christian Education.
10:30 AM WORSHIP.

C O M I N G E V E N T S – m a r k y o u r c a l e n d a r!

OCT. 21 – 9:30 AM – NEW MEMBER CLASSES.

OCT. 21 – 6 – 7 PM – 1st Year Confirmation Class.

- 2nd Year Confirmation Class.

WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

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

THE YARD SALE IS ALMOST HERE!! IT WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13TH from 9 AM – 2 PM at Lower Milford Fire Company in Limeport. There will be many ways for you to help make this event a success. Also, bakers are needed for the Bake Sale.

Items for Church Yard Sale

We **will not** be accepting clothing.

Large appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, etc. **will not** be accepted.

Oversized items, such as furniture **will be** accepted, **HOWEVER**, if your item does not sell, you are responsible for pick up and removal from Lower Milford Fire Company on [Saturday, October 13](#), after the yard sale has ended at 2 p.m. No Exceptions.

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. Thanks for you help.

Due to the cancellation of Coopersburg Community Day, the drawing for the \$10,000 raffle will be on [Oct. 20](#) at our COBScares 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run at De Sales after the run, approx. 11AM

Do you see anything around Blue Church that needs repairs? If so, jot it down on the form on the clip board on the table in the Narthex and the Property Committee will look into fixing it.

Genesis 2:18-24 – First Reading

18 Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.'¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man* there was not found a helper as his partner.²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.²³Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,*

for out of Man* this one was taken.'

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.