

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ✠ November 14, 2021**

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

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✠ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God, **Amen.**

**HYMN #652 BUILT ON A ROCK**

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:**

**DANIEL 12:1-3**

## PSALM 16 *Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD,

"You are my LORD, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 13:1-8**

The Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

**ANTHEM "REMEMBER ME" – DAN MCGOWAN**

**HYMN – #727 LORD CHRIST, WHEN FIRST YOU CAME TO EARTH**

## 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.*

**EUCHARISTIC 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**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### BLESSING

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

### PRAYER

Let us pray...Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both  
host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share  
your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly  
banquet. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the  
book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time  
forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

## HYMN #848 *GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE!*

## 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

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## THE DAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR....25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

*November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when  
we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the  
final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and  
disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of  
confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and  
we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal  
water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last  
day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke  
one another to love.*

**DANIEL 12:1-3:** *The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic  
literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Aiding during  
times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with  
God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God,  
when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

**HEBREWS 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25:** *Images of worship and sacrifice  
are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely  
accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness  
through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's  
promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

**MARK 13:1-8:** *In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** LORD, help my unbelief (*Hebrews 10:23*)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** LORD Jesus, you call us to prepare for the last day. Give us strong faith, firm hope, and loving hearts. Amen.

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**BLUE CHURCH PRAYS FOR...** Marie Berghold, Sandra Denora, Ann Greensweig, Ray Hammond, Anita Johnson, Frank Kelly, Penny, Stephen

**Other concerns:**

*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** The Rev. James Hammond  
**ORGANIST** Dr. Jennifer Dodd  
**ASSISTING MINISTER** Maggie Fried  
**LECTOR** Maggie Fried  
**GREETERS** Roger & Gloria Knappenberger  
**CHURCH COUNCIL REP** Amy Ortwein

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**WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:  
ALTAR FLOWERS...**by Shirley Hildebrand for the blessings of my Great-Grandchildren.

**SANCTUARY LAMP...**by Bill & Kathy Exner

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

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**MON. NOV. 15 – 6:30 PM** *Girl Scouts.*

**SUN. NOV. 21– 9:30 AM** *Choir Rehearsal.*

**SUN. NOV. 21 – 10:30 AM** *Worship/Christ the King*

We will be decorating the church for Advent immediately after Worship. Please plan to stay and help get the church ready for the upcoming season.

**The Advent Season** begins Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Come each Sunday and meet God's puppet creatures of the season.

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**JoAn Hottenstein is now residing in Assisted Living at Lutheran Home at Telford.** She would love to hear from you and would welcome your calls or notes. Her address is Lutheran Home at Telford, 235 N. Washington St., Apt. 145, Telford, Pa. 18969. Her phone number is (610) 737-6170.

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**THE ANNUAL COAT DRIVE IS NOW UNDER WAY.** Blue Church is collecting gently used coats for the winter season to help those who can use them. You can drop them in the bin in the narthex.

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**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR OUR PANTRY FAMILIES.** Monetary donations can be put in the collection plate. Please make checks out to BLUE CHURCH so one check can be sent to Betty Lou's Pantry. Just please remember to put in the memo line that your donation is for BLP Christmas gift cards. **Today is the deadline for donations.** Thanks for all your help!

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**THE LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT LUTHERAN INGATHERING BOX IS IN THE NARTHEX.** The Ingathering is to brighten the holy season of Christmas for our Christian brothers and sisters who have special needs. **November 28<sup>th</sup>** will be the last Sunday to deposit the unwrapped items. Kindly check the suggested list of items needed on the flyer in the Narthex.

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**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** – The sign-up chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex to sponsor poinsettias to adorn the altar area at Christmas. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran (Blue) Church. Last day to order is Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**Please remember to use the Amazon Smile Program** for all your upcoming purchases. It's an opportunity to earn money for Blue Church. The Amazon Foundation will donate 0.05% of the price of your eligible purchases at no cost to you.

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**BLUE CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 8,397.00</b>	<b>\$107,579.06</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,327.34</b>	<b>\$122,367.87</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (2,930.34)</b>	<b>\$(14,788.81)</b>

**ENDOWMENT FUND WITHDRAWN TO COVER EXPENSES**

**\$0                      \$0**

**EMDOWMENT FUND INTEREST/REFUND    \$0**

## LESSONS

### **Daniel 12:1-3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson**

**12** At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth\* shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky,\* and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

### **Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson**

**11** And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ\* had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the

Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, <sup>16</sup>'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', <sup>17</sup>he also adds, 'I will remember\* their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'  
<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

**19** Therefore, my friends,\* since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## Mark 13:1-8 - Gospel

**13** As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!"\* and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

St. Paul's Lutheran "Blue" Church  
Prayers ✠ 25th Sunday after Pentecost ✠  
November 14, 2021

A: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need, responding,

**"hear our prayer."**

*A brief silence*

A: God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

**"hear our prayer."**

A: God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

**"hear our prayer."**

A: God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,

**"hear our prayer."**

A: God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. Today we pray especially for: Marie, Sandra, Ann, Ray, Anita, Frank, Stephen, Penny, and everyone who has asked for our

prayers or known only to the Lord. God, in your mercy,  
**“hear our prayer.”**

A: God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine.  
Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion.  
Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences,  
and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the  
love of Christ. God, in your mercy,  
**“hear our prayer.”**

A: God our beginning and our end, your beloved people  
shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for  
the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from  
famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of  
your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,  
**“hear our prayer.”**

**Pastor: God our hope and strength, we entrust to  
you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**