

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
"I Am the True Vine"

Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

10 West 31st Street Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912) 233-8895

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+ *Please Stand*

Welcome & Announcements

Organ Prelude

“Cornet Solo”

Anonymous

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors and ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; In
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; Thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; Thy
all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; We
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; All

bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -
jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove Thy
blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree, And
laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see 'Tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.
Tune: Welsh folk tune

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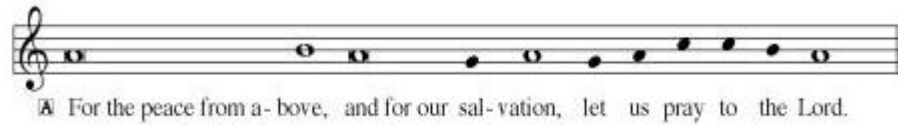
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

The Kyrie



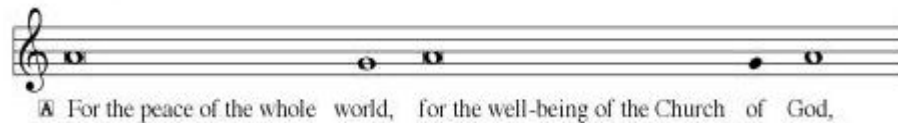
⌘ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ⌘ Lord, have mer - cy.



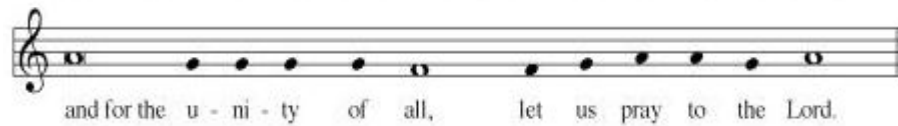
⌘ For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



⌘ Lord, have mer - cy.



⌘ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



⌘ Lord, have mer - cy.



⌘ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

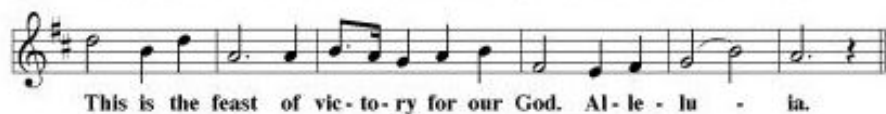
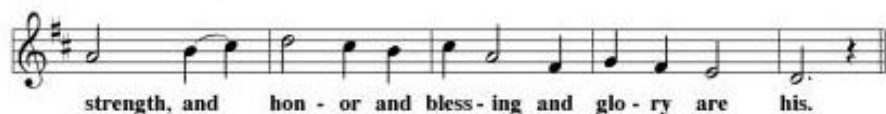
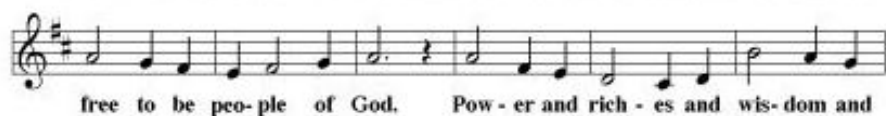


let us pray to the Lord. ⌘ Lord, have mer - cy.



⌘ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra- cious Lord. ⌘ A - men

The Hymn of Praise



The Prayer of The Day

The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Choir Anthem

The Chancel Choir

The Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Donald R. Martin, Jr.

The Sermon Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am his And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

The 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 of The Church

The 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, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord Bless You & Keep You, The Lord Make His Face
Shine on you and Be Gracious to You, The Lord Look Upon
You with Favor, and Give You Peace.

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Musical notation for the Benediction. The piece is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a supporting bass line. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble clef staff, with the first 'A' on a quarter note, the second 'A' on a quarter note, and the final 'A' on a half note followed by a long dash and 'men.' on a quarter note.

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The Closing Hymn

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Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train Join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bow are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you. Though in es - sence on - ly one;

All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; And from morn to
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you And, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord; "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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Tune: Maria Theresia, Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774

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L Go In Peace to Serve The Lord *C Thanks Be To God!*

Organ Postlude

“Allegro from Trio Sonata No. 1”

J. S. Bach

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**We Welcome You to
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call.

If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time.

Each person worshipping with us today is asked to please fill out a worship attendance slip and place it in the offering plate at the rear of the church.

Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates.

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We Remember in Our Prayers...

Betty Bacon, Kevin Boatright, Jean Camp, Chuck Campbell, Pat Cunningham, Ian Foose, Nelson Graff, Herman Grotheer Jr., Toni Hadden, Virginia Huber, Denny Jacobi, Clarke Jones, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Jane McClain, Nancy Merk, Rita Monson, Page Kleinsteuber Park, Dorothy Perry, Jodi Ragno, Leonora Reid, Kay Sellman, Barbara Tyson, Jackie Walker, Bart Waller, Melissa Waller and Stan Woo.

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2021 Offerings
\$8,000.00

Received From Current Offerings Last Sunday
\$9,891.00

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home

8:30 - 40 11:00 - 51 Facebook - 100 YouTube - 0

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Our Worship Leaders & Staff...

Senior Pastor... The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

Director of Music ... Donald R. Martin, Jr.

Senior Organist ... Rebecca T. McClain

Facilities Coordinators ...

Rebecca T. McClain & Richard Wolf

Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leaders ...

Melissa Flummerfelt & Sarah P. Taito

Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ... Carl Lettow

Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader ... Anthony Broadnax

Pre-School Director ... Gina Johnson

Assistant Pre-School Director ... Cynthia Thomas

Parish Housekeeping ... April Reilly

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Our Lectors Today

8:30 Kelley Cale 11:00 Marlis Froistad

May Altar Guild

8:30 Lynn Wood & Doris Gladden

11:00 Pat Sparks & Mickie Waldhour

Liturgical Service Cantors

8:30 Melissa Flummerfelt 11:00 Scott Leary

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**Flowers on the Altar are Given
To the Glory of Almighty God
And in Loving Memory of Jack Gnann
By the Family.**