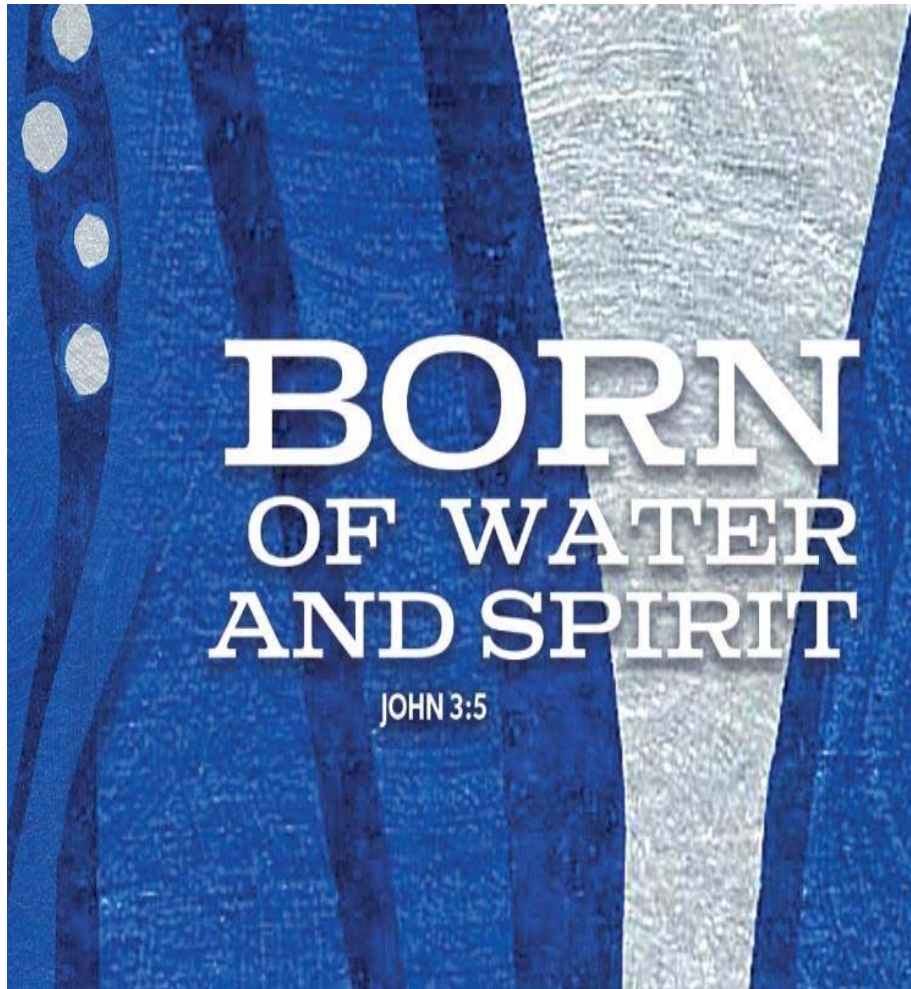


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

10 West 31st Street, Savannah, Georgia

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Welcome & Announcements

Service Prelude

Rebecca McClain

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 as 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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn

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We Praise You, O God #241

- 1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
 in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
 we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
 through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
 When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
 and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
 and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
 To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

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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



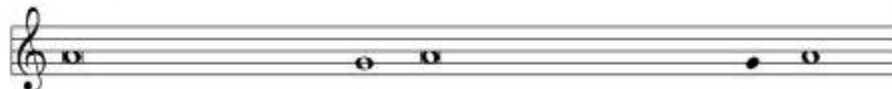
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ 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 Prayer of The Day

Recognition of Birthdays & The Children's Sermon

The First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹Now The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Chancel Choir Anthem

The Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5; 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

The Sermon Hymn

In The Hour of Trial #106

In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,
lest by base denial I depart from thee.
When thou seest me waver, with a look recall;
nor from fear or favor suffer me to fall.

With forbidden pleasures should this vain world charm,
or its sordid treasures spread to work me harm,
bring to my remembrance sad Gethsemane,
or, in darker semblance, cross-crowned Calvary.

Should thy mercy send me sorrow, toil, and woe,
or should pain attend me on my path below,
grant that I may never fail thy hand to see;
grant that I may ever cast my care on thee.

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Today at 8:30 AM

We Welcome Through Infant Baptism...

McKenzie Leigh Henderson

Daughter of Christine and Kyle Henderson.

Her Grandparents are

Lee & Natasha Smith and Cary & Karen Henderson.

Her God Parents are

Caroline Smith and Kristen Henderson.

Baptism

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Who presents this child for Baptism?

We do.

In Christian love you have presented *this child* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *her* to the services of God's house, and teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *she* grows in years, you should place in *her* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *her* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of Baptism and in communion with the Church, *she* may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

McKenzie Leigh I baptize you in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit +.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *McKenzie Leigh*: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Amen.

McKenzie Leigh, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *father* and *mother* of *this child*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *child*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *child* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Through Baptism God has made *this* new *sister, a member* of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

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.**


The Words of Institution & The Communion

- P** The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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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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The Closing Hymn

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Great Is thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***Refrain***

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ***Refrain***

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P/C Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / **Thanks Be To God!**
Organ Postlude Rebecca McClain

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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.

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.

All are welcome to partake in The Communion during the service. After The Consecration, come forward as able to receive the Blessing and The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and then return to your pew to complete the service.

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We Remember in Our Prayers...

Brett Allen, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Jean Camp, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, April Cory, Virginia Huber, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Rita Monson, Leonora Reid, Kay Robb, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Terry Sheldahl, Isabelle Sherouse, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson and Melissa Waller.

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W E L C A...

During the month of February, WELCA is collecting supplies to donate to "SAFE Shelter". If you are not aware, "SAFE Shelter" provides housing for families of domestic or partner violence and their children under "18" years of age. A list of acceptable items is posted in the Narthex. You may bring your donations and place them in the "trunk" in the Narthex. Thank you for helping us with this worthwhile endeavor.

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Rev. Peter J. Hartmann, Pastor

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

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Our Worship Leaders & Staff...

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- Senior Organist ...** Rebecca T. McClain
- Office Administrator ...** Fran Snipes
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- Facebook Live Broadcasting...** Lisa B. Martin
- Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ...** Melissa Flummerfelt
- Chancel Choir Alto Section Leader (Lent) ...** Sarah Poole
- 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 Service Cantors

8:30 Melissa Flummerfelt 11:00 Scott Leary

Our Lectors Today

8:30 Ricky Truluck 11:00 Gene Henry

March Altar Guild

8:30 Lisa Gnann & Chris Heidt
11:00 Candy Green & Allison Gaudry

March Communion Assistants

8:30 Gloria Brown & Charlie Schafer
11:00 Pat Sparks & Mickie Waldhauer

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2023 Offerings

\$8,600.00

Last Sunday’s Current Offering

\$ 3,925.00

\Worship Statistics Ash Wednesday & At Home

11:15 am - 12 6:30 PM - 71 Facebook - 59

\Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home

8:30 am - 41 11:00 - 59 Facebook - 62



St. Paul's Lenten & Holy Week Services

Wednesday's In Lent

March 8, 15, 22 & 29

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel

Palm Sunday Cantata

Morning Services

April 2nd at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

In the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 6th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel

& 6:30 PM In the Sanctuary

Good Friday

April 7th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel

& 7:00 PM In the Sanctuary

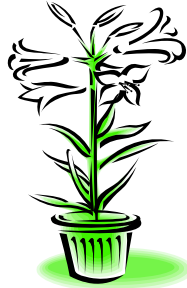
Easter Sunday

April 9th at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Breakfast / Brunch 9:45 AM

Hoffner Hall

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILY



We would like all of our members to have an opportunity to place an Easter Lily in the church this Easter in honor and/or in memory of loved ones.

The plants will be ordered through Oelschig's Nursery at a cost of \$ 15.00.

This price includes tax and delivery. If you would like to place an Easter lily, please complete the form below and return to the Church office **no later than April 2nd, 2023.**

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

I/We wish to donate an Easter Lily which will adorn the chancel for the Easter Services to the Glory of God and:

In Honor of

Or In Memory of

Given By

(List exactly as you want it shown in the bulletin)

() I will pick up my plant after the 11:00 a.m. service or during the following week for my own enjoyment, or to share with a neighbor, friend or shut-in.

The Easter Lilies have been reserved. Orders are taken on a first come, first served basis.

Women ^{of the} **WELCA**

WELCA supports numerous organizations as well as our church throughout the year.

We cannot do everything without the support and help from you. We wanted to thank the congregation for assisting us during the Christmas Season with the following contributions:

1. **WELCA** alone contributed \$100.00 to the “Shelter From The Rain” project *“100 Churches, \$100 dollars”*.
2. **WELCA** also contributed and donated thirty (30) inspirational calendars to the same project.
3. **WELCA** and our congregation contributed cleaning supplies and paper products to “Summit House”.
4. **WELCA**, our congregation and Woodmen Life contributed gift cards for “Park Place”, a contemporary shelter for children.

WELCA...

... is OPEN to ALL women in our church. We would love to have you join us. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in Hoffner Hall at 6PM.

