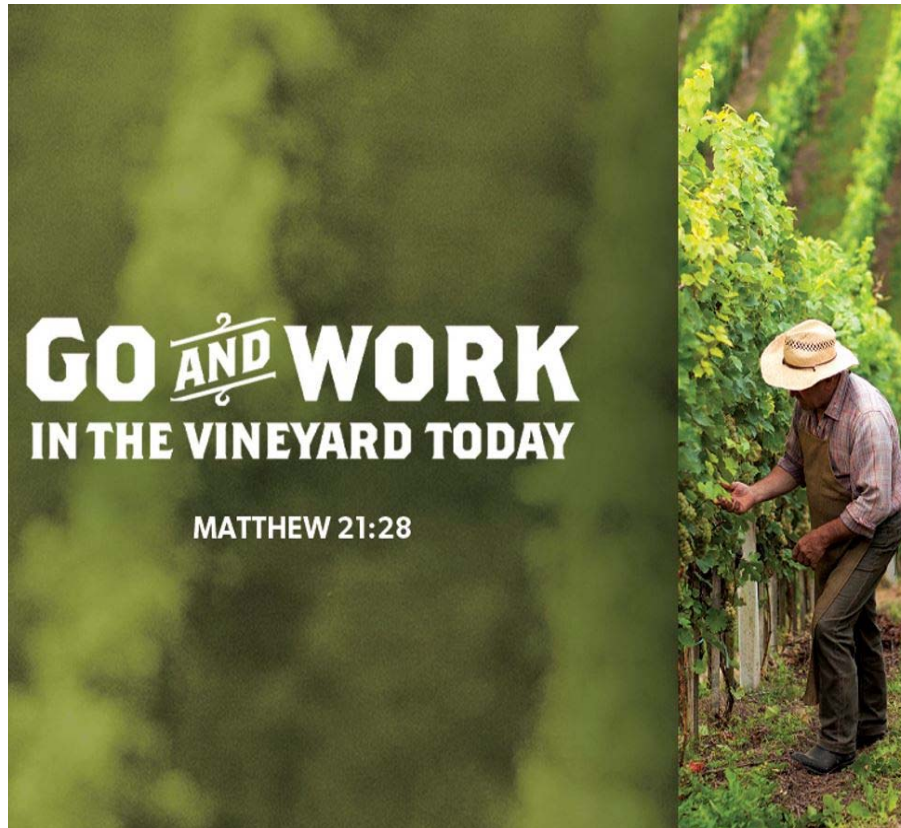


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1, 2023 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

Prelude Rebecca McClain

“Sarabande” (After Felix Mendelssohn) Gordon Young

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 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.

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Opening Hymn

O Living Bread from Heaven #197

O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
with praises overflows!

My Lord, you here have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
to leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
where joys unmingled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1606-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.

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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 Hymn of Praise



♩ Glory to God in the highest, 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

The Prayer of The Day

Recognition of Birthdays & The Children's Sermon

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

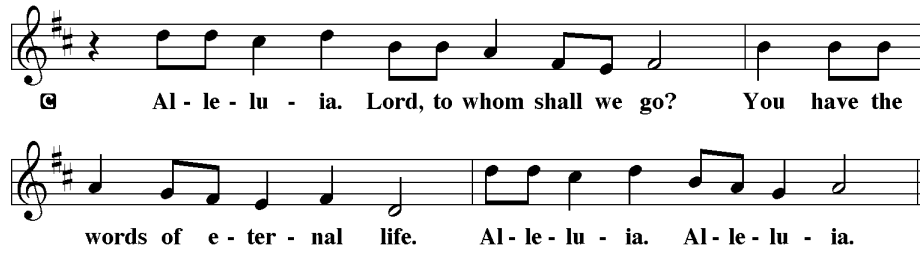
Choir Anthem

The Chancel Choir

The Second Lesson

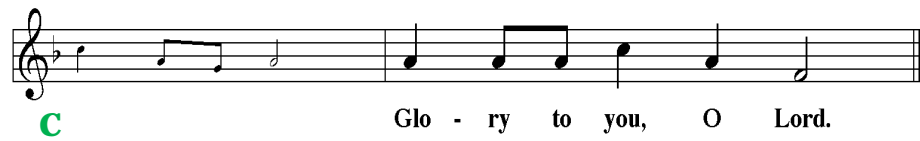
Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

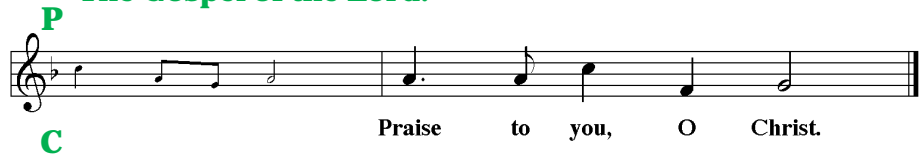
P The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

The Sermon Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together #212

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

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.

C  Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.


 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

 He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

 shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

C  A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

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The Closing Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing #221

Sent forth by God's blessing,
 our true faith confessing,
 the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
 The supper is ended.
 Oh, now be extended
 the fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of Christ's teaching,
 receptive souls reaching,
 shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 Your grace shall incite us,
 your love shall unite us
 to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving
 to God ever-living,
 the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
 our faith ever sharing,
 in love ever caring,
 embracing God's children, the whole human race.
 With your feast you feed us,
 with your light now lead us;
 unite us as one in this life that we share.
 Then may all the living
 with praise and thanksgiving
 give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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P/C Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / **Thanks Be To God!**

Organ Postlude Rebecca McClain

"The Happy Trumpeter"

Gordon Young

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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...

Doug Blackley, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, Nancy Flood, Virginia Huber, Connie Jones, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Dottie Kraft, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Betty Miles, Leonora Reid, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Marilyn Stemsrud, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2023 Offerings

\$8,600.00

Received From Current Offerings Last Week

\$2,984.00

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home

8:30 am - 39 11:00 am -58 Facebook - 63

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W E L C A

OCTOBER COLLECTIONS ...

**We are collecting "Cards for Veterans" in
Honor of Veterans' Day...**

**Items for Operation Shoebox... And
Encouragement Cards for the Children of P A C K
Available in the Narthex**

Our Worship Leaders & Staff...

Senior Pastor... The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann
Director of Music & CFO ... Donald R. Martin, Jr.
Senior Organist ... Rebecca T. McClain
Office Administrator ... Fran Snipes
“The Epistle” ... Betsy Martin
Facebook Live Broadcasting... Lisa B. Martin
Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ... Melissa Flummerfelt
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 Charlie Schafer 11:00 Chuck McCallar

October Altar Guild

8:30 Lynn Wood, Lisa Gnann, & Charlie Schafer
11:00 Becky Truluck

Liturgical Service Cantors

Melissa Flummerfelt, Emma Martin, Carol Stemsrud

Communion Assistants

8:30 Bill & George Wiggins
11:00 Chuck & Jared McCallar

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“Operation Christmas Child” Shoebbox Drive Starts Today!



A sign for a coat drive. At the top, the words "COAT DRIVE" are written in large, colorful, block letters (C: green, O: red, A: purple, T: blue, D: green, R: red, I: blue, V: purple, E: blue). Below the text is a row of seven cartoon children wearing winter coats and hats, standing next to a small snowman. The sign is mounted on a metal rod with rings.

Our Annual Coat Drive Ends Today!
Men, Women & Children's Coats...
Must Be in Good Condition.
Place in the Box in the Narthex Today.

A cartoon illustration of a teal car with orange wheels. The car is decorated for Halloween. The trunk is open, and the words "TRUNK -OR- TREAT" are written in large, orange, block letters across the top of the trunk. Inside the trunk, there is a jack-o'-lantern, a skull, and other Halloween-themed items. The car is set against a dark purple background.

Come Join Our Day Care For...
HALLOWEEN TRUNK or TREAT
"Box Dinners" On Friday Afternoon
October 27th ... 4pm - 6pm
Hamburger or Hot Dog w Fixin's
Chips & A Cookie

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