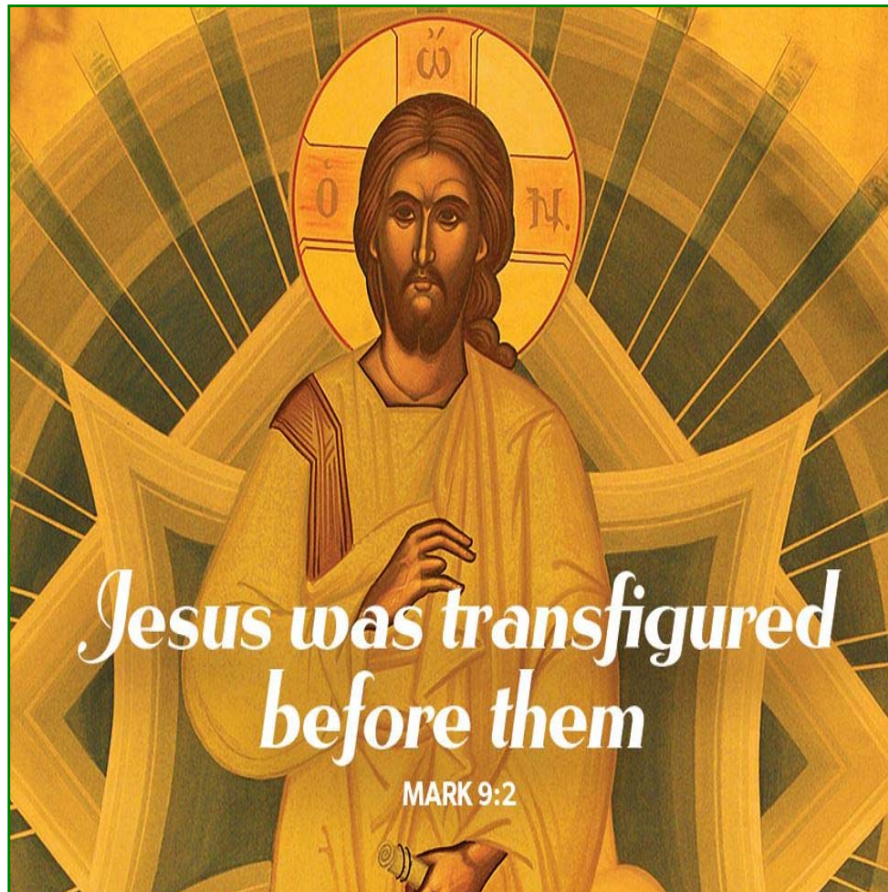


# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



*“The Transfiguration Of  
Our Lord”*

*“The Last Sunday After The Epiphany”*

Sunday, February 11, 2024 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**  
**“The Transfiguration of Our Lord”**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Service Prelude   Rebecca McClain**

“A Pleasant Thought”   Florence Price

**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.**

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### Opening Hymn

## Sing to The Lord of Harvest #412

Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
sing songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices  
your alleluias raise.

By him the rolling seasons  
in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest  
a joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds drop fatness,  
the deserts bloom and spring,  
the hills leap up in gladness,  
the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with his fullness,  
all things with large increase;  
he crowns the year with goodness,  
with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar  
the gifts his goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest,  
the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him  
when at his feet you fall,  
and with your lives adore him  
who gave his life for all.

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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:



7 We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



7 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



7 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



7 You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



7 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



7 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**

## **2 Kings 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## **Chancel Choir Anthem**

**"Come to Calv'ry's Holy Mountain" Tom Fettke**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**C** 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. Mark, the ninth chapter.**

**C** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Peter J. Hartmann**

**The Sermon Hymn**

## **My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less #294**

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

***Refrain***

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. ***Refrain***

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. ***Refrain***

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! ***Refrain***

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

## The Apostles' Creed

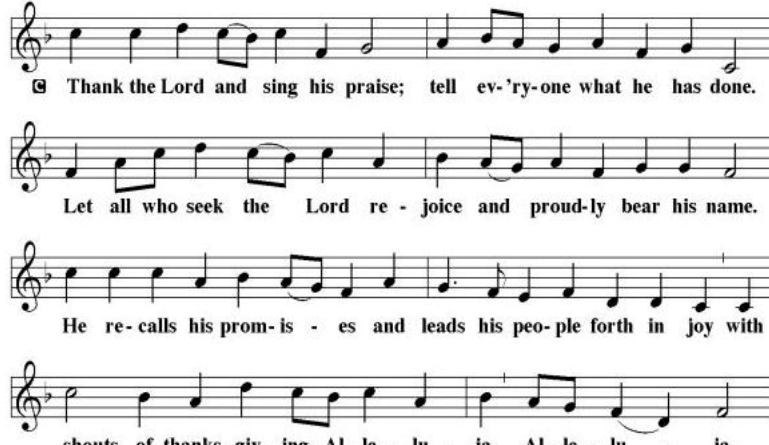
- + I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the 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.**

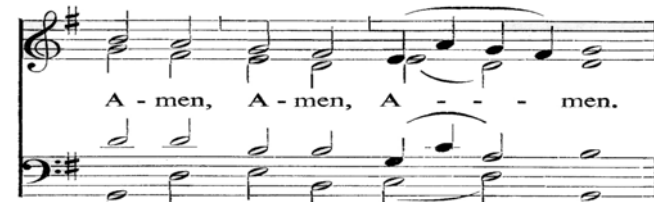
## The Words of Institution & The Communion

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

**C**  **C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice 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**  **C** A - men, A - men, A - - - men.



## The Closing Hymn

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### God Whose Almighty Word #400

God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

Lord, who once came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind:  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!

Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might!  
Boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light!

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

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

**Organ Postlude**

**Rebecca McClain**

“Fugue in D Minor” William Selby

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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...**

Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, Mike Hatfill, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Leonora Reid, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2024 Offerings**  
\$ 8,600.00

**Received From Current Offerings Last Week**  
Offering \$ 4,068.00 E-Giving \$ 20.58

**Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home**  
8:30 am - 31 11:00 - 52 Facebook - 53

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## **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 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 Dianne Fennell 11:00 Gene Henry

### **February Altar Guild**

8:30 Natasha Smith  
11:00 Lisa Neville & Erin Foose

### **Liturgical Service Cantors**

Melissa Flummerfelt, Emma Levy, Carol Stemsrud

### **Communion Assistants**

8:30 Janet Gnann & Lee Smith  
11:00 Lisa Neville & Andy Foose

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**This Month the Women of the ELCA...  
Are collecting New School Supplies for Kits and  
Monetary Donations for Gloarpolu County, Liberia...**



# Shrove Tuesday Meal

Tuesday, February 13th

5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

## Pancakes & Sausage



**In  
Hoffner  
Hall**

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## Wednesday, February 14th



**Midday Services  
11:00 AM  
In the  
Henry J. Black  
Memorial Chapel**

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**Evening Services  
6:30 PM  
In the  
Sanctuary**