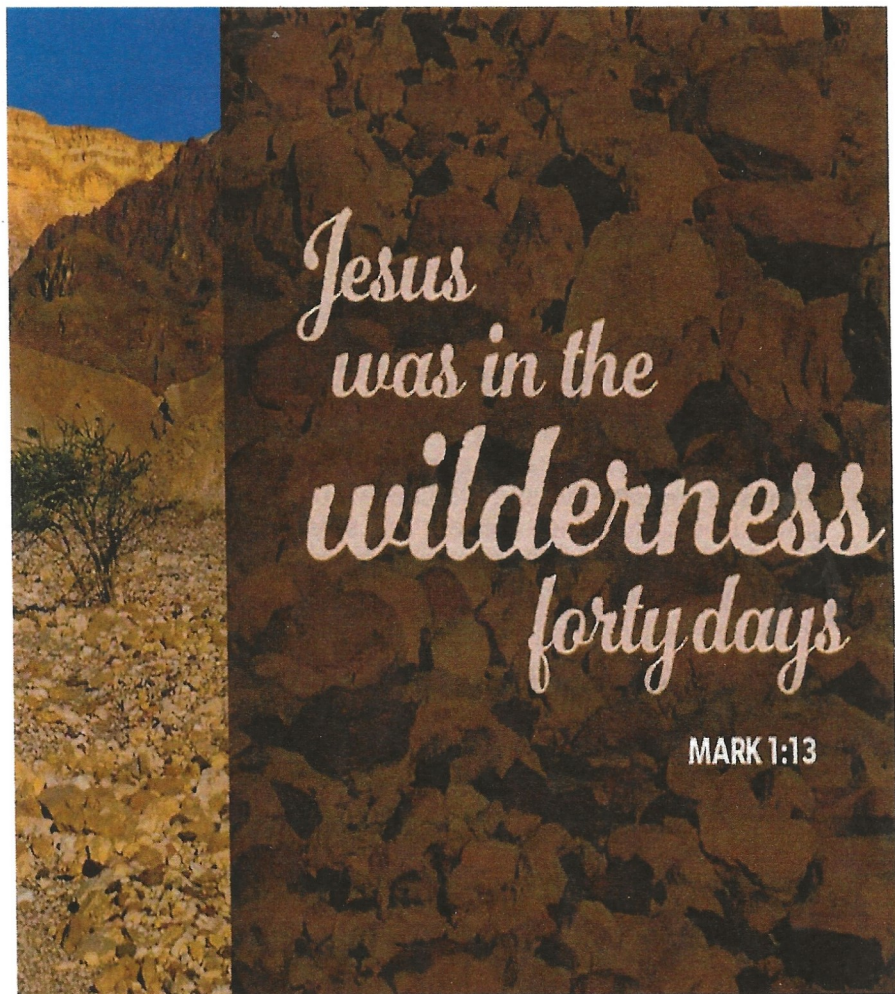


# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## *The First Sunday of Lent*

Sunday, February 18, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

10 West 31st Street, Savannah, Georgia

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Service Prelude**

**Rebecca McClain**

"Melody"

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

**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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# Glories of Your Name Are Spoken #358

Glories of your name are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply your sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name.  
Fading are the worldlings' pleasures,  
all their boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

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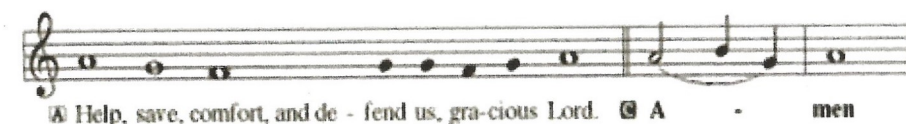
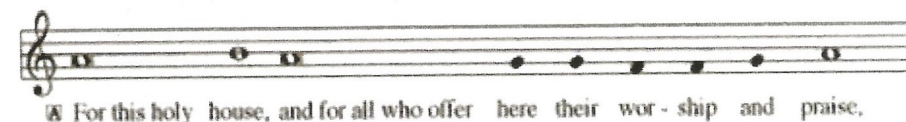
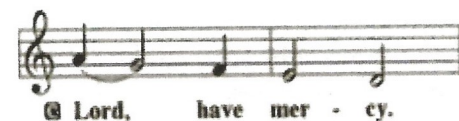
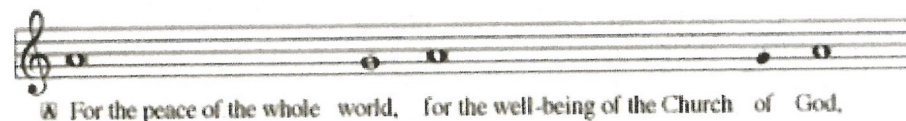
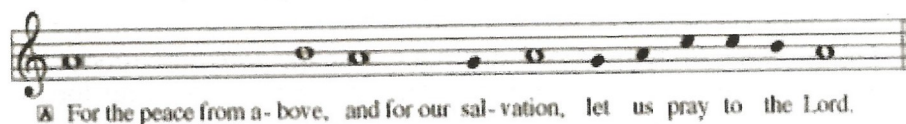
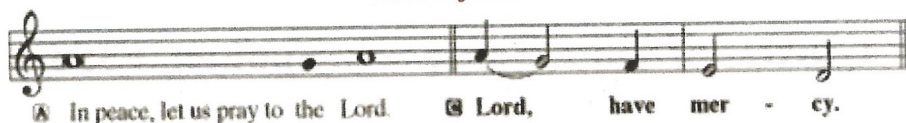
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**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** And also with you.



## The Kyrie



## The Prayer of The Day

### Recognition of Birthdays & The Children's Sermon

## **The First Lesson**

**Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

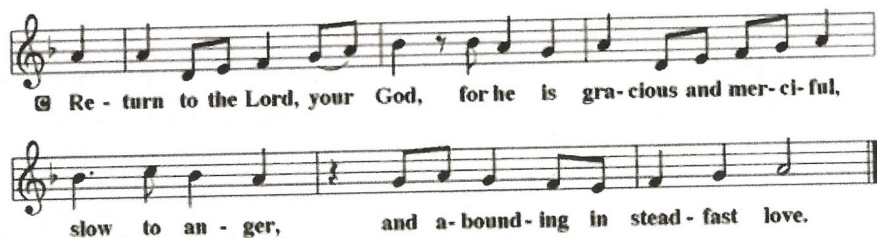
## **Chancel Choir Anthem**

**“Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake”      Gordon Young**

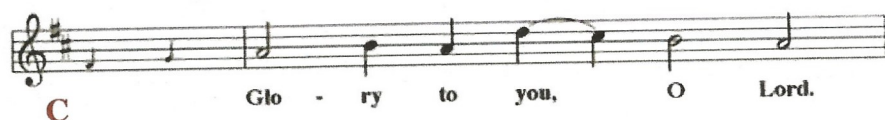
## **The Second Lesson**

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



**P The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the first chapter.**



<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**



The Sermon Hymn

**“Love Lifted Me”**

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

**Refrain**

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,  
In his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful loving service, too, to Him belongs. **Refrain**

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;  
He's the master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today. **Refrain**



## 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**

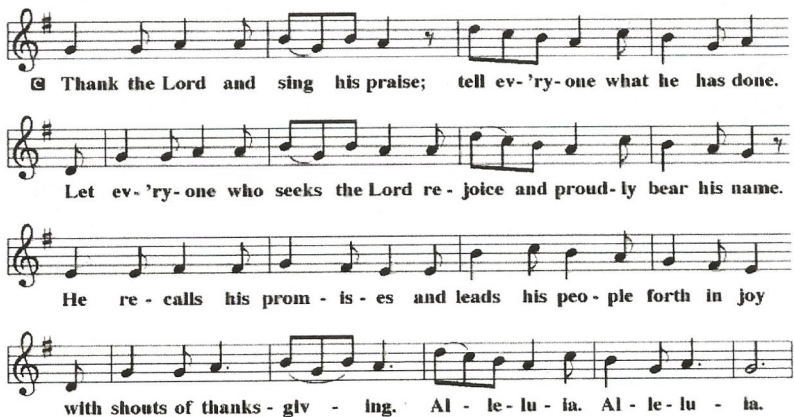
## The Prayers of The Church The Lord's Prayer

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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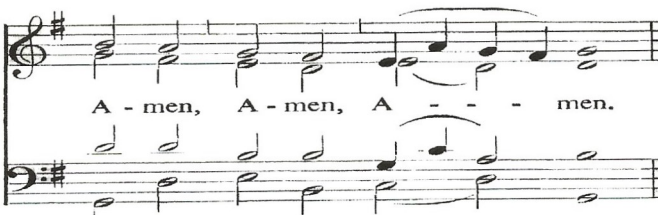


Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## 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.

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



## The Closing Hymn

# + Love Devine, All Loves Excelling #315

Love divine, all loves excellung,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

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

**Organ Postlude**

Rebecca McClain

"Rigadoon" G.F. Handel

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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 \$ 8,989.75 E-Giving \$ 227.73

**Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home**  
8:30 am - 41 11:00 - 54 Facebook - 71

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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 Emelia Levy 11:00 Becky Truluck

### 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...**







# **St. Paul's Lenten & Holy Week Services**

## **Wednesday's In Lent**

February 21, 28 & March 6, 13 & 20  
at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel

## **Palm Sunday Cantata**

Morning Services

March 23rd at 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
In the Sanctuary

## **Maundy Thursday**

March 28th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel  
& 6:30 PM In the Sanctuary

## **Good Friday**

March 29th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel  
& 7:00 PM In the Sanctuary

## **Easter Sunday**

March 31st at 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Breakfast / Brunch 9:45 AM  
Hoffner Hall