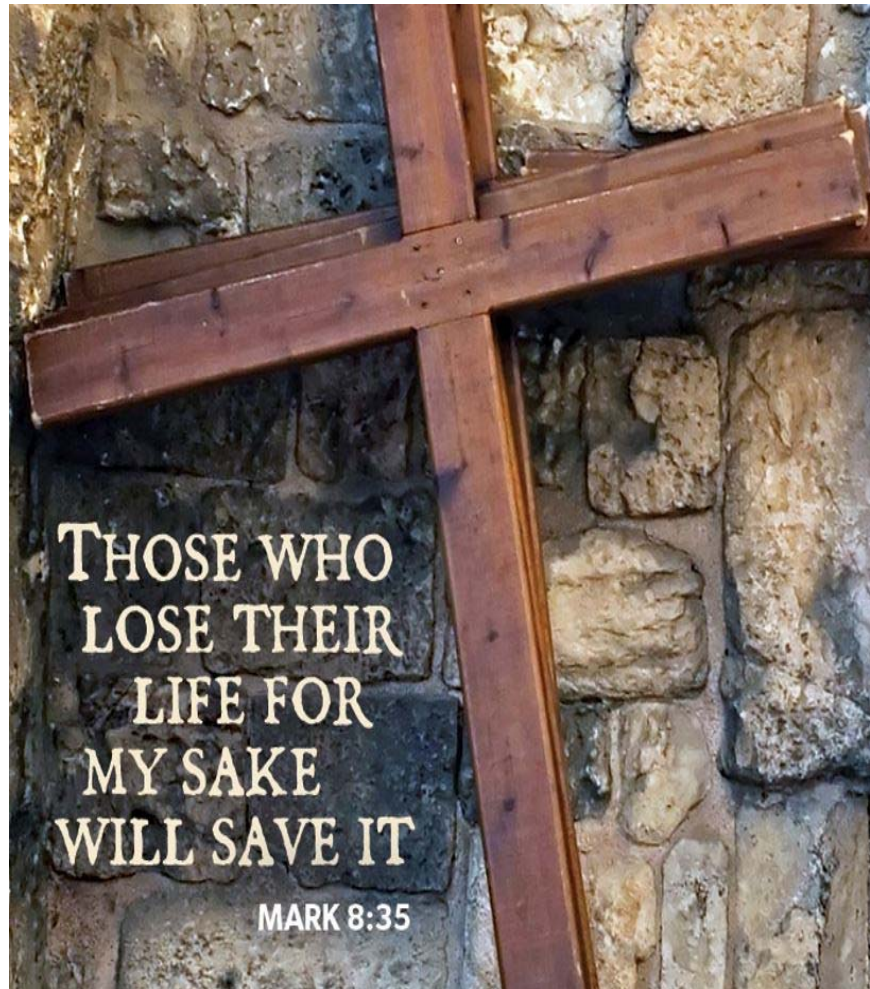


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 25, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

10 West 31st Street, Savannah, Georgia

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The Second Sunday in Lent
Welcome & Announcements

Service Prelude

Rebecca McClain

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” arr. 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.

Opening Hymn

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Rise, O Children of Salvation #182

- 1 Rise, O children of salvation,
all who cleave to Christ the head!
Wake, awake, O mighty nation,
lest the foe on Zion tread;
he draws nigh and would defy
all the hosts of God Most High.
- 2 Saints and martyrs long before us
firmly on this ground have stood;
see their banner waving o'er us,
conqu'rors through the Savior's blood.
Ground we hold, whereon of old
fought the faithful and the bold.
- 3 Fighting, we shall be victorious
by the blood of Christ our Lord;
on our foreheads, bright and glorious,
shines the witness of his word;
spear and shield on battlefield,
his great name; we cannot yield.
- 4 When his servants stand before him,
each receiving his reward;
when his saints in light adore him,
giving glory to the Lord;
"Victory!" our song shall be,
like the thunder of the sea.

Text: Justus Falckner, 1672-1723; tr. Emma F. Bevan, 1827-1909, 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 Kyrie



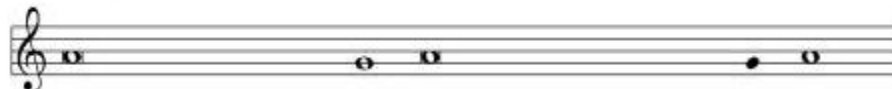
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ 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 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” ¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

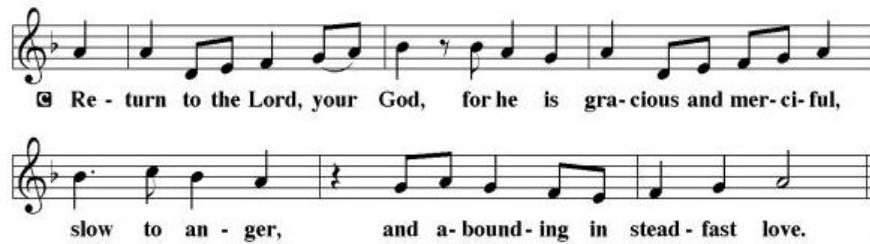
Chancel Choir Anthem

“The Shepherd of My Soul” Swain / Lewis / Lovelace

The Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.



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.

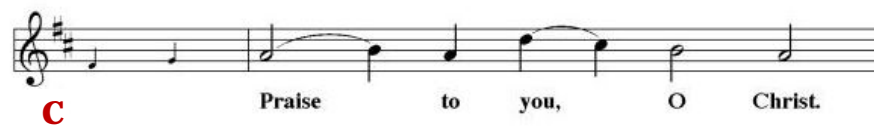
P The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann

The Sermon Hymn

**O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days
#99**

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust
in God's eternal word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930
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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.**

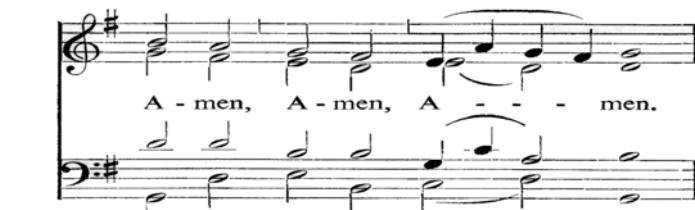
The Words of Institution & The Communion

- 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

+ **O Living Bread From Heaven #197**

1 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!

2 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.

3 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.

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

Organ Postlude

Rebecca McClain

“Prelude in d Minor” J. S. Bach

**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.

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.

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

Received From Current Offerings Last Week
Offering \$ 8,535.00 E-Giving \$ 102.90

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home
Ash Wednesday 11:00 am - 15 6:30 pm - 46 Facebook - 84
Sunday 8:30 am - 38 11:00 - 68 Facebook - 92



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 Lisa Gnann 11:00 Rick Gnann

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 Gbarpolu County, Liberia.**

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CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

*There will be a Called Congregational Meeting after each service on Sunday, March 3, 2024, for the Business of voting to allow the Congregational Council to Place the Activities Building / Gym Property on the commercial real estate market for sale. This will be the only item of business on the agenda for the meeting.
 For the Congregational Council, Donald Martin-Treasurer .*



St. Paul's Lenten & Holy Week Services

Wednesday's In Lent

February 28 & March 6, 13 & 20

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel

Family Night in Lent - Wednesday

March 13th - Bingo Night

w Soup & Trimmings - 5:15-7:00 pm

In Hoffner Hall - Sign Up in Narthex

Palm Sunday Cantata

March 24th 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

In Hoffner Hall