

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

10 West 31st Street, Savannah, Georgia

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Welcome & Announcements

Service Prelude

Rebecca McClain

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

Paul Manz

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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You Servants of God #252

- 1 You servants of God, your master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2 Our God rules on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, 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



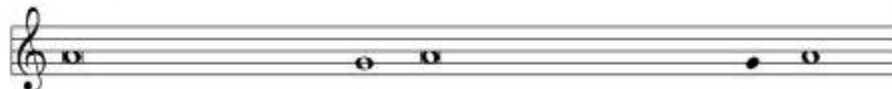
☩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

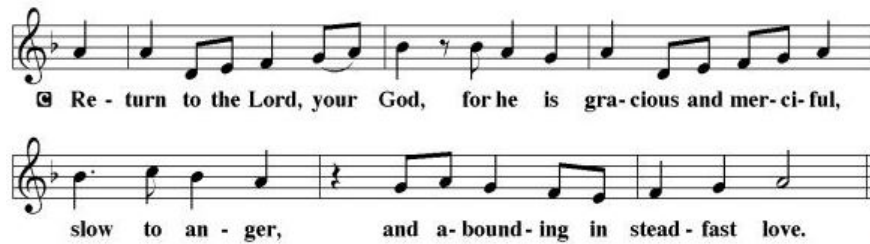
³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Soprano Solo - Melissa Flummerfelt

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.



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.

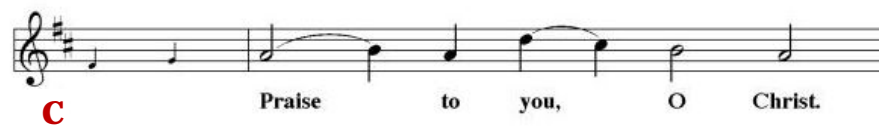
P The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Hymn

Glory Be to Jesus Jesus #95

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,
 who, in bitter pains,
 poured for me the lifeblood
 from his sacred veins.

- 2 Grace and life eternal
 in that blood I find;
 blest be his compassion,
 infinitely kind.

- 3 Blest through endless ages
 be the precious stream
 which from endless torment
 did the world redeem.

- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance
 pleaded to the skies;
 but the blood of Jesus
 for our pardon cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
 wafts its praise on high,
 angel hosts rejoicing
 make their glad reply.

- 6 Lift we then our voices,
 swell the mighty flood;
 louder still and louder
 praise the precious blood.

Text: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

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 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.

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

The Closing Hymn

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Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. ***Refrain***

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. ***Refrain***

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. ***Refrain***

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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

Organ Postlude

Rebecca McClain

“Postludium”

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...

Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, Frances Graff, 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 \$ 4,749.00 E-Giving \$77.18

Worship Statistics Last Week In Person & At Home
Sunday 8:30 am - 32 11:00 - 65 Facebook - 67

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*Join Us at Either Service Next Week
For A Palm Sunday Cantata
by The Chancel Choir...
"Covenant of Grace"*

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 Bill Wiggins 11:00 Robert Shuman

March Altar Guild

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

Liturgical Service Cantors

Melissa Flummerfelt, Emelia Levy, Carol Stemsrud

Communion Assistants

8:30 Charlie Schafer & Gloria Brown
11:00 Pat Sparks & Toni Hadden

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**This Month the Women of the ELCA...
Are Collecting Monetary Donations for Outreach &
Large Quantity Detergent for the Fresh Air Home at
Tybee Island, Georgia.**

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St. Paul's Lenten & Holy Week Services

Wednesday's In Lent

March 20

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel

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 Services

March 31st at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Breakfast / Brunch 9:45 AM

In Hoffner Hall

Please Sign-Up in the Narthex