

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Second Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, January 5, 2025
10:00 a.m.

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

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Jared Hall

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
Cradle Song
 Away in a Manger

Unison



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus! I ask You to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
 I love you, Lord Je - sus! look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Your ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 And fit us for heav - en, to live with You there.

First Stan. 1, 2, anonymous, et. 3, John Y. MacFarland, 1831-1913
 Tune: CRADLE SONG, 11 11 11 11, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921

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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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷ Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Chancel Choir Anthem

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-12

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

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. John, the first chapter.

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Hymn

I Heard The Bells

1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their
 2. I thought how, as the day had come, The
 3. And in de - spair I bowed my head: "There
 4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God
 5. Till, ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, The

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old fa - mil - iar car - ols play, And wild and sweet the
 bel - fries of all Chris - ten - dom Had rolled a - long th'un -
 is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong, and
 is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the
 world re - volved from night to day A voice, a chime, a

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words re - peat Of peace on earth, good will to men.
 bro - ken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.
 mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."
 right pre - vail, With peace on earth, good will to men."
 chant sub - lime, Of peace on earth, good will to men.

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**

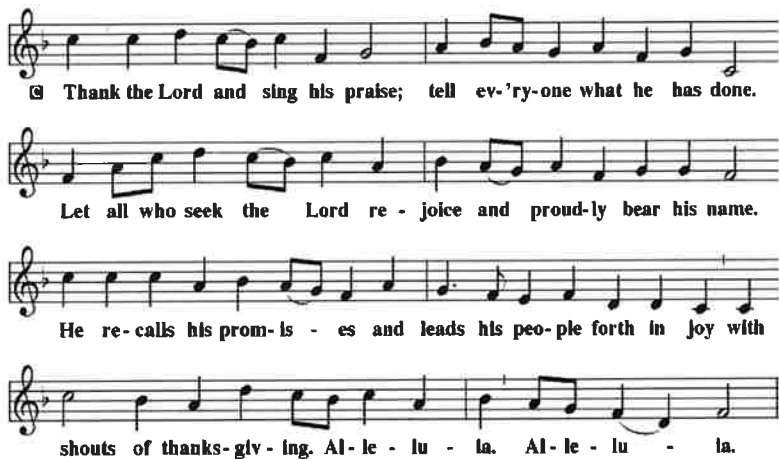
The Prayers of The Church The Lord's Prayer

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-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-la. Al-le-lu-la.

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

As with Gladness Men of Old

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee,
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide,
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

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

Organ Postlude • Jared Hall

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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.

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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, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller & Joe Whitaker.

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Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2025 Offerings

\$8,200.00

**Received From Current Offerings December 22nd
& December 24th Christmas Eve:**

\$4,357.00

**Received From Christmas Angels December 22nd
& December 24th Christmas Eve:**

\$18,700.00

Received From Current Offerings December 29th:

\$790.00

Received From Christmas Angels December 29th:

\$26,000.00

Worship Statistics at Christmas:

December 22nd 10:00AM - 93

Christmas Eve 6:30 PM - 179 10:00 PM - 59

December 29th Lessons & Carols 10:00 AM - 51

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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 & Choir Accompanist ... Jared Hall

Organ Curator ... James Freeman - Callahan, Florida

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 Lector Today

10:00 Charlie Schafer

January Altar Guild

8:30 Patty Cannady

11:00 Pat Sparks & Mickie Waldhauer

Liturgical Service Cantors

Emma Martin & Carol Stemsrud

Communion Assistants

8:30 Lisa Gnann & Chris Conway

11:00 Chuck & Jared McCallar

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2025 Annual Pet Blessing

Saturday, January 11th

11:00 AM in the Sanctuary



Annual Fish Fry...
January 23rd
Thursday at 5PM—Hoffner Hall



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NOW AVAILABLE



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