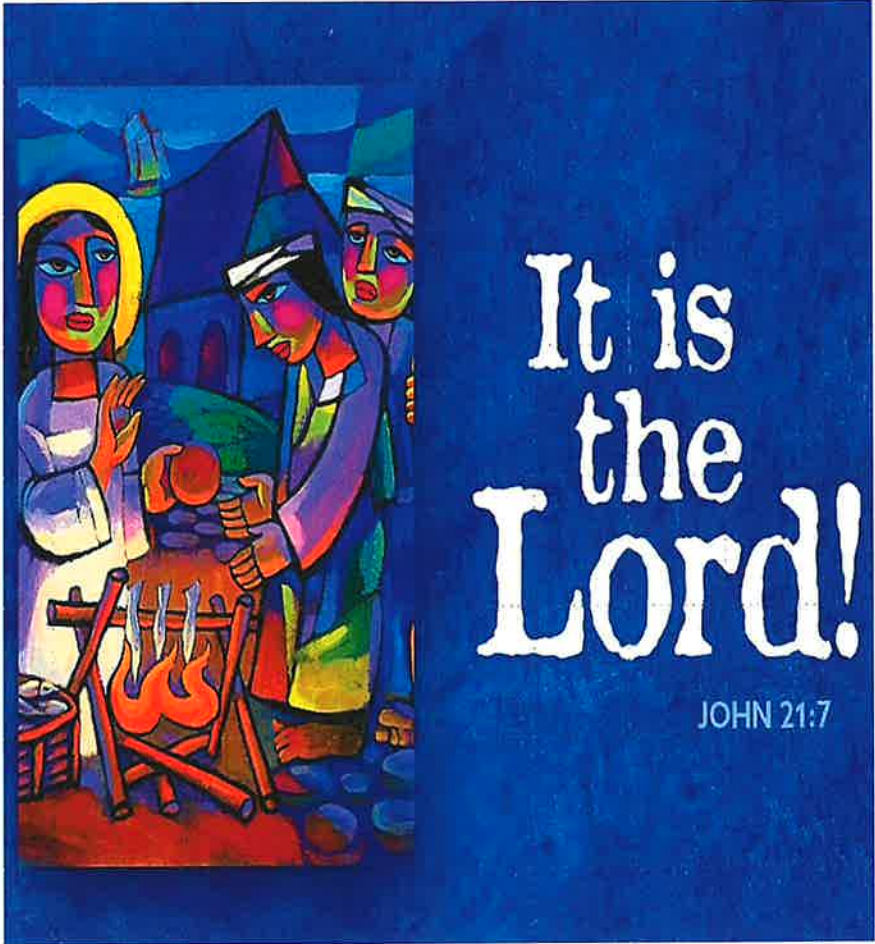


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



It is
the
Lord!

JOHN 21:7

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:00 a.m.

10 West 31st Street, Savannah, Georgia

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Welcome & Announcements

Service 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

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus #389

1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone,
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

life high his roy - al han - ner; it must not suf - fer loss,
 stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day,
 the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own,
 this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.

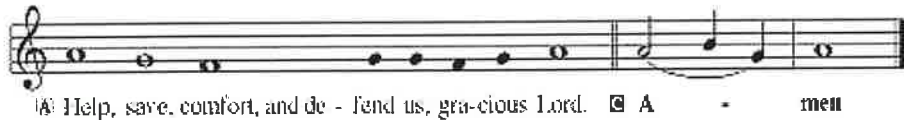
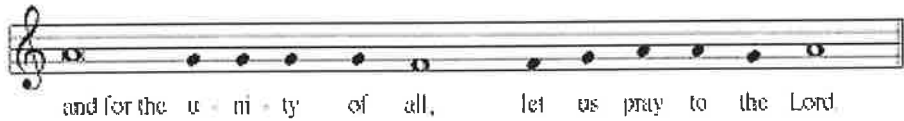
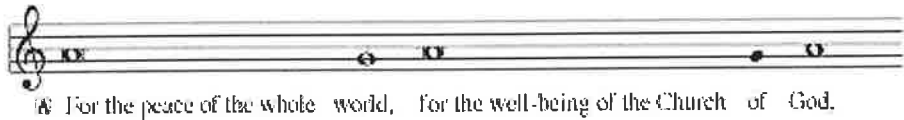
From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
 Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer,
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,

till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed,
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose,
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, he nev - er want - ing there,
 and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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 Hymn of Praise



W This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God, Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Prayer of The Day

The Children's Sermon & Birthday Recognitions

The First Lesson

Acts 9:1-6

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Chancel Choir Anthem

The Second Lesson

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.



P The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



¹ After Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



The Sermon Hymn

We've A Story to Tell

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions, that shall
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions, that shall
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, that the
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions, who the

turn their hearts to the right, a sto - ry of truth and mer - cy,
 lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall con - quer e - vil,
 Lord who reign-eth a - bove has sent us His Son to save us,
 path of ser - row has trod, that all of the world's great peo - ples

a sto - ry of peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.
 and shat - ter the spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.
 and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
 may come to the truth of God, may come to the truth of God!

For the dark-ness shall turn to dawn-ing, and the dawn-ing to noon-day bright,

and Christ's great king-dom shall come on earth, the king-dom of love and light.

Baptism

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Who presents this child for Baptism?

We do.

In Christian love you have presented *Sophia Olivia* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *her* to the services of God's house, and teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *she* grows in years, you should place in *her* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *her* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of Baptism and in communion with the Church, *she* may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Sophia Olivia I baptize you in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit +.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Sophia Olivia*: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Amen.

Sophia Olivia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *father* and *mother* of *this child*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *child*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *child* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Through Baptism God has made *this* new *sister, a member* of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Sophia Olivia Ellis

Born October 3, 2023

Daughter of Brett and Amanda Ellis

Robert and Rose Smith, God Parents

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 - 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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Lift High the Cross #377 (1,3,4&5)

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod.
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree.
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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, Alan Brown, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, Melissa Flummerfelt, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Charlie Smith, Debbie Sonnenschmidt, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller, Michelle Ward & Joe Whitaker.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2025 Offerings
\$8,200.00**

**Received From Current Offerings Last Week:
\$ 1,373.00**

Worship Statistics Last Week:

8:30 AM - 25 11:00 AM - 35 Facebook Broadcast - 147

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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 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

Kelley Cale

May Altar Guild

Lynn Wood & Charlie Schafer

Liturgical Service Cantors

Emma Levy & Donald Martin, Jr.

Communion Assistants

Chuck McCallar & Bill Wiggins

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Celebration Tea May 11th
Hoffner Hall 11AM



*... for the month of May, is asking for donations of the below listed items for **PACK and SHELTER FROM THE RAIN.***

SHELTER FROM THE RAIN is a non-profit that provides assistance to single mothers and children in need in our community. Their wish list includes:

Walmart/Target Gift Cards

Restaurant Gift Cards

Household Items

Clorox Wipes

Laundry Detergent

Hand sanitizer

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Dish Detergent

Canned Ravioli

Canned Green Beans

Canned Stew

Cereal

Kroger Gift Cards

Baby Supplies

Baby Wipes

Baby Oil

Baby Shampoo

Baby Wash

Diapers

(newborn to sz 5)

Pull-Ups

(Girls and Boys)

Diaper bags

Baby Bottles

Peanut Butter



... for the month of May, is asking for donations of the below listed items for PACK and SHELTER FROM THE RAIN.

People of Action Caring for Kids, a local non-profit, is a resource for children in crisis in our community, 24 hours a day – 365 days a year. Children of abuse, victims of human trafficking, foster care, house fires, medical events and even homelessness. They provide personal items, clothing, toiletries and comfort items to meet the physical needs of vulnerable children. Items that bring love, hope and security in their time of need. They also provide 5,400 weekend meal bags to students at 42 schools and community centers each week.

Acceptable items are: Ramen noodle individual packs (NO CUPS); macaroni and cheese (up to 7 oz box); individual cereal servings; SNACKS including individually wrapped Rice Krispie Treats; 2 count Oreo cookies or a similar item; snack size crackers with cheese or peanut butter; snack size cookies; child friendly granola bars such as Nature Valley Crunch or Kind and pop tarts. They can also accept NEW baby and children's clothing and toys for the PACK COTTAGES program. This helps meet the needs of over 100 children in crisis each month.