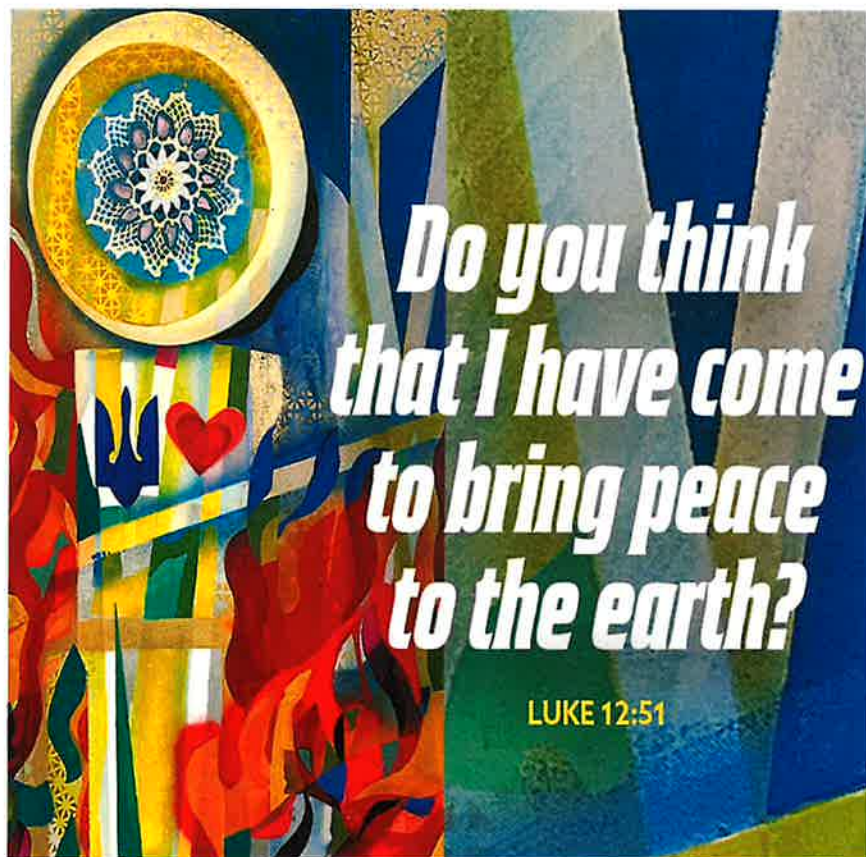


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 2025 10:00 a.m.

10 West 31st Street, Savannah, Georgia

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Welcome & Announcements

Service Prelude
Jared Hall, Organist

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.

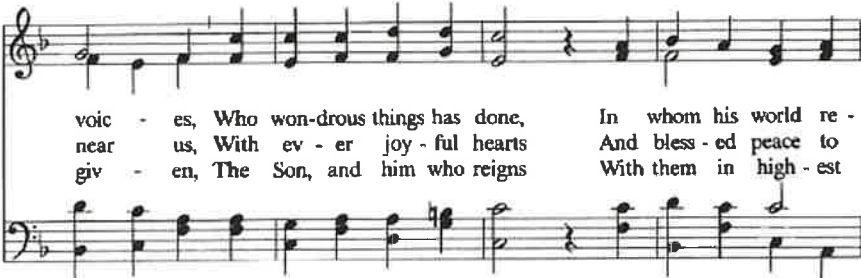
C Amen.

Opening Hymn

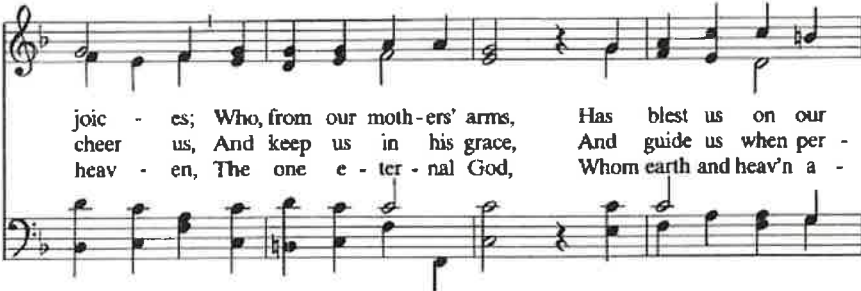
“Now Thank We All Our God” #534



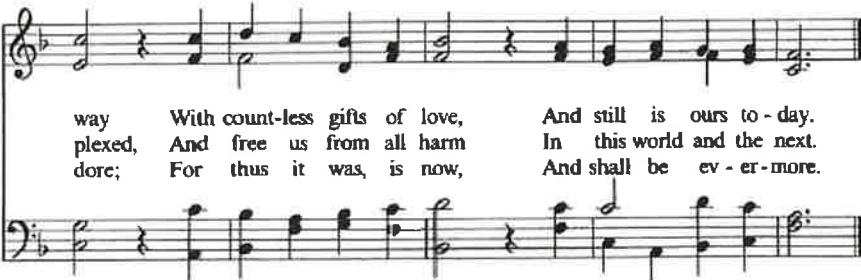
1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our life be
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -
 near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to
 giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est



joic - es; Who, from our moth-ers' arms, Has bless us on our
 cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per -
 heav - en, The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a -



way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 plexed, And free us from all harm In this world and the next.
 dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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 Gloria



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Here Ends the First Lesson

The Hymn of The Day
“When The Roll Is Called”

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound
and time shall be no more
And the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there! **Refrain.**

On that bright and cloudless morning
when the dead in Christ shall rise
And the glory of His resurrection share,
When His chosen ones shall gather
to their home beyond the skies
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there! **Refrain.**

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there! **Refrain.**

Refrain.

When the roll, is called up yonder,
When the roll, is called up yonder,
When the roll, is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there!

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Here Ends the Second Lesson



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



[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P The Gospel of the Lord



The Sermon Hymn

“I Love to Tell the Story” #390



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song.



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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

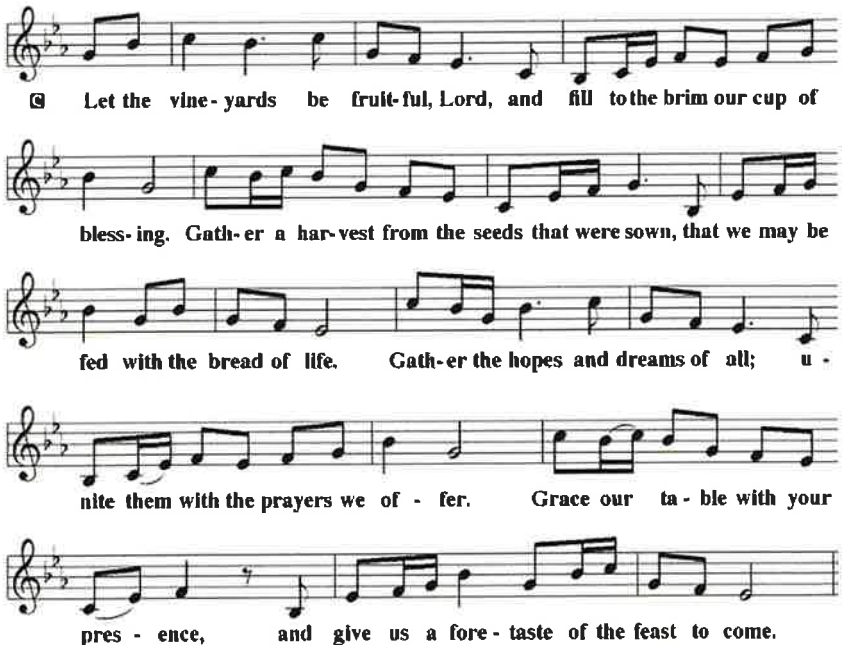
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

P The Peace of The Lord Be with You.

C And Also with You.

Sharing of The Peace & Chancel Choir Anthem

The Offering



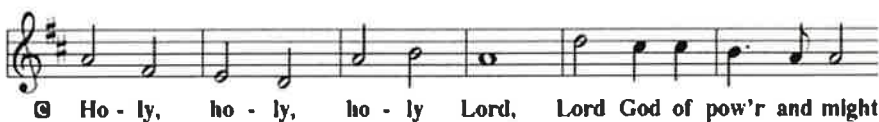
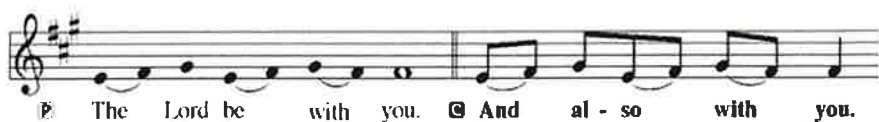
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let Us Pray

P Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love, Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Words of Institution

The Communion



© Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

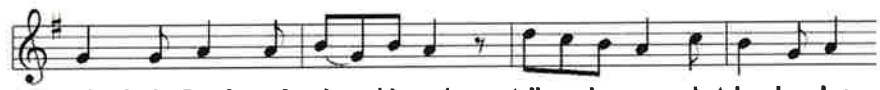


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.



☞ 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.



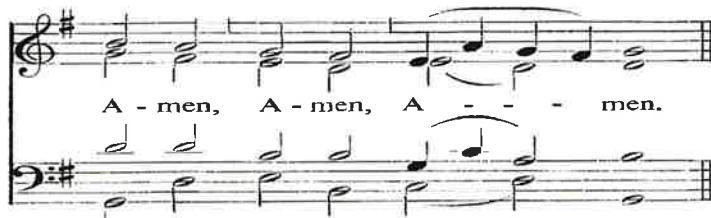
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - 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.



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

The Closing Hymn


+ “O Savior, Precious Savior” #514



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove;
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought:
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; To thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; To thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; To thee a - lone we sing;
 Then shall we praise and bless thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise thee and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 We praise thee and con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
 We praise thee and con - fess thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
 And ev - er - more con - fess thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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

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, Kim Conway, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Dianne Martin, 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 and Alan Wyatt.

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

Received From Current Offerings Last Week:
\$2,753.00

Worship Statistics Last Week:
10:00 AM - 61 Facebook Broadcast - 89

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Our Worship Leaders & Staff...

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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 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

Gene Henry

Altar Guild

Becky Truluck

Liturgical Service Cantors

Emma Levy & Donald Martin, Jr.

Communion Assistants

Chris Conway & Charlie Schafer

Narthex Greeters

Candi Green

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Operation Christmas Child
The Power of a Simple Gift

Churches in more than 100 countries distribute gift-filled shoeboxes to boys and girls during outreach events that focus on Jesus Christ, God's Greatest Gift.

Time To start Planning Now!
Operation Christmas Child Begins
NEXT MONTH!!!



Rally Day

Coming... September 7th
Fall Rally Day Service
10:00 AM with
Holy Communion
& Covered Dish Luncheon

Hoffner Hall 11:00 AM

Ham and Drinks to Be Provided.

Please Bring Your Favorite Dish to Share!

Please Sign Up in the Narthex.

