

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Whoever
is faithful in
a very little
is faithful
also in much

LUKE 16:10

*The Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost*

Sunday, September 21, 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

On Our Way Rejoicing #260



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

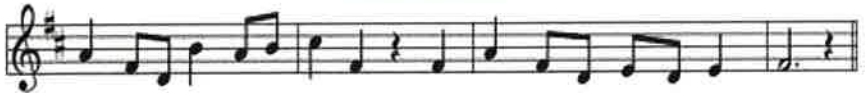


hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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

Recognition of Birthdays & The Children's Sermon

The First Lesson


Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.



Here Ends the First Lesson

The Hymn of The Day



“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #107





1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, My eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;




The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land,
The ver - y dy - ing form of one Who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of his face;



A home with-in a wil - der - ness, A rest up-on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, Two won - ders I con - fess:
Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,



From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And bur - dens of the day.
The won - der of his glo - rious love And my un - wor - thi - ness.
My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all, the cross.



The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Here Ends the Second Lesson



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



¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P The Gospel of the Lord



“Victory in Jesus”

1. I heard an old, old story, How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary, To save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, Of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins, And won the victory.

Chorus

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me, With His redeeming blood;
He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory, Beneath the cleansing flood.

2. I heard about His healing, Of His cleansing pow'r revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again, And caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

Chorus

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me, With His redeeming blood;
He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory, Beneath the cleansing flood.

3. I heard about a mansion, He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold, Beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there, The song of victory.

Chorus

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me, With His redeeming blood;
He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory, Beneath the cleansing flood.

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

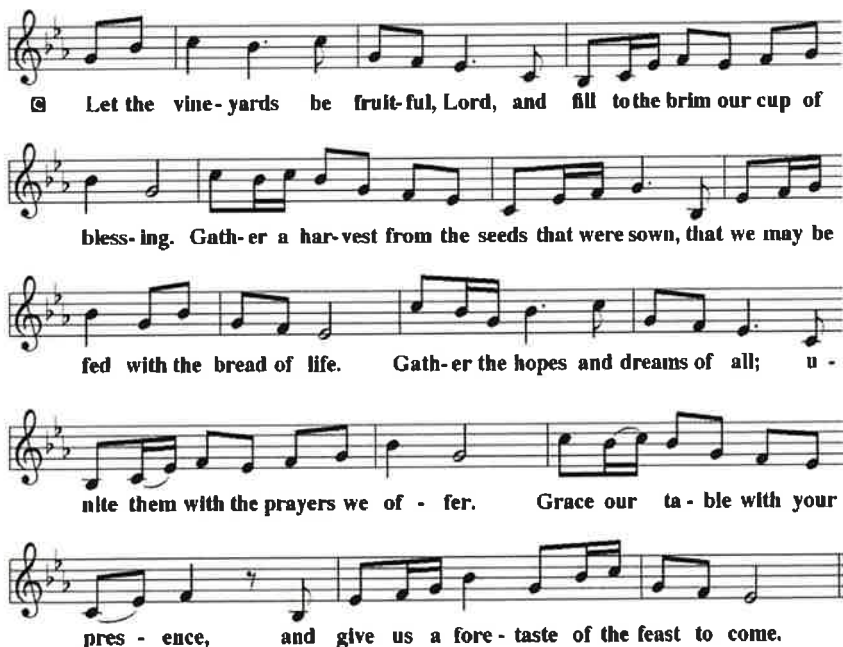
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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 musical score is written on eight staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

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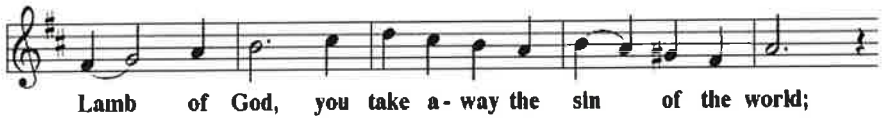
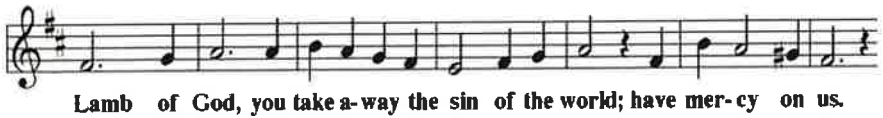
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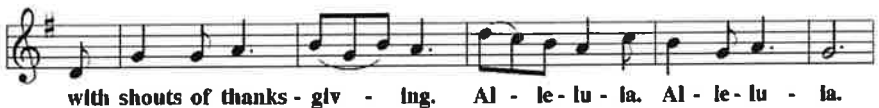
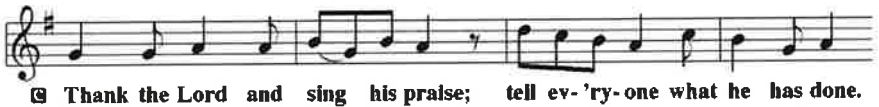
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The Words of Institution

The Communion

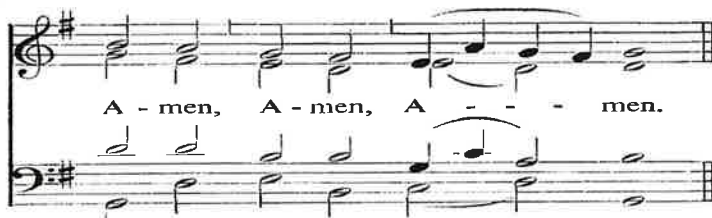


P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.



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.



The Closing Hymn

+ “Earth and All Stars #558”



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing ar - my!
 Flow - ers and trees! Loud res - ting dry - leaves!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Refrain
 He has done mar - vel - ous things.



1 too will praise him with a new song!

5 Classrooms and labs!
 Loud boiling test tubes!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Athlete and band!
 Loud cheering people!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

6 Knowledge and truth!
 Loud sounding wisdom!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Daughter and son!
 Loud praying members!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

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

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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, Kim Conway, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Dianne 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:

\$3,878.00

Worship Statistics Last Week:

10:00 AM - 91 Facebook Broadcast - 122

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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

Kim Screen

Altar Guild

Lisa Gnann, Alison Gaudry & Candy Green

Liturgical Service Cantors

Emma Levy & Carol Stemsrud

Communion Assistants

Lisa Neville & Gloria Brown

Narthex Greeters

Lisa Neville

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"Sharknado"

The Musical...

Coming Oct 4th & 5th
Saturday Evening 7 pm
With A Luncheon
Sunday the 5th

Covered Dish Lunch
11 am & Musical 12 Noon



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.

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Operation Christmas Child
Is Upon Us!**

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Gently Used or New Coats Are
Being Collected to be Delivered to Our
Neighboring Shelters for the Fall & Winter!!!
Place All Donations in the Narthex....**