

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



**Increase
our faith!**

LUKE 17:5

*The Seventeenth Sunday
After Pentecost*

Sunday, October 5, 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.

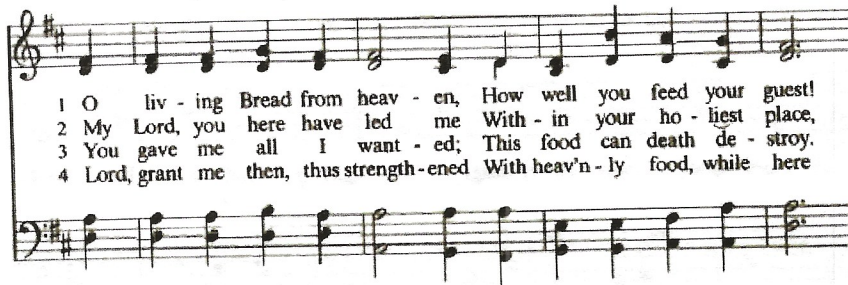
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

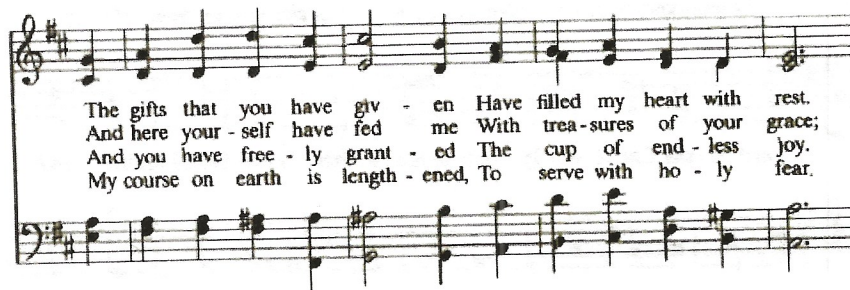
Opening Hymn

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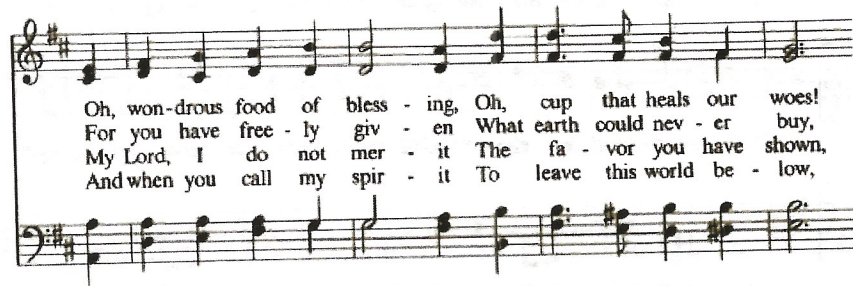
“O Living Bread from Heaven” #197



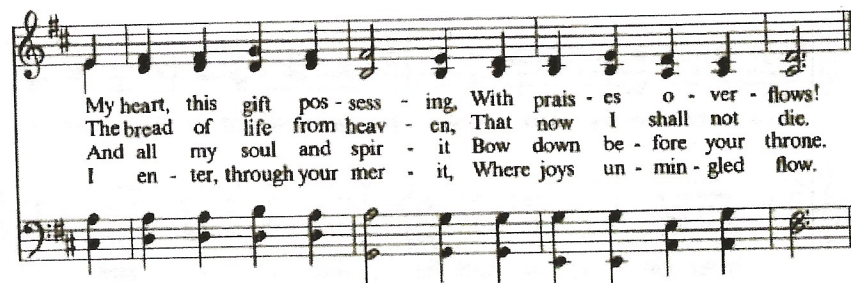
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well you feed your guest!
2 My Lord, you here have led me With - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can death de - stroy.
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en Have filled my heart with rest.
And here your - self have fed me With trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed The cup of end - less joy.
My course on earth is length - ened, To serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
For you have free - ly giv - en What earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it The fa - vor you have shown,
And when you call my spir - it To leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows!
The bread of life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
And all my soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore your throne.
I en - ter, through your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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.

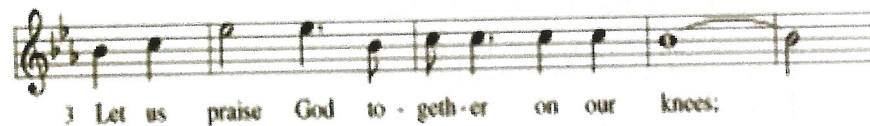
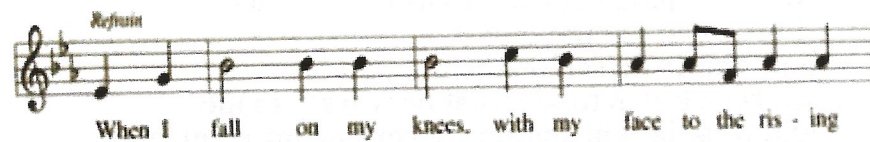
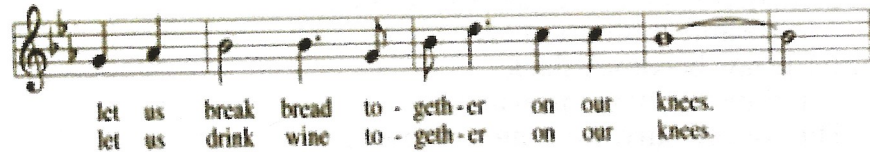
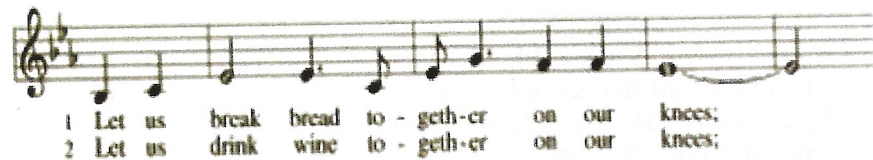
The First Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

- ¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
- ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
- ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
- ⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
- ^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
- ² Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
- ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
- ⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Here Ends the First Lesson

The Hymn of The Day
"Let Us Break Bread" #212

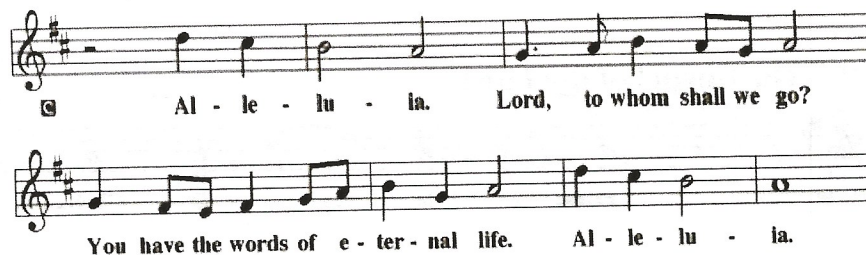


The Second Lesson

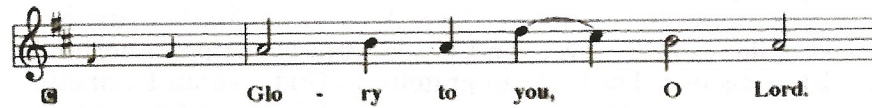
2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Here Ends the Second Lesson



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



⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

P The Gospel of the Lord



The Sermon
The Sermon Hymn

Rev. Peter J. Hartmann
"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 sor - 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.

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

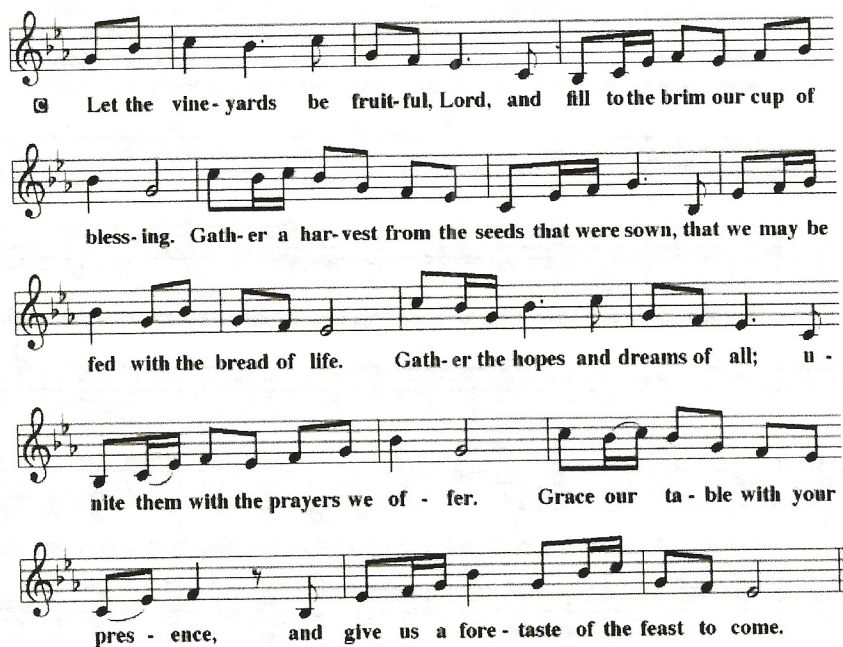
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The score is divided into two main sections by a double bar line on the second staff.

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

C 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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion



Q 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.

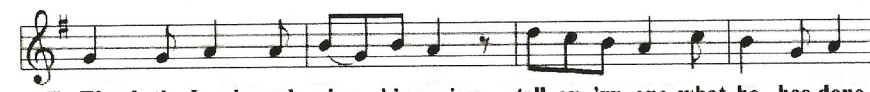


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

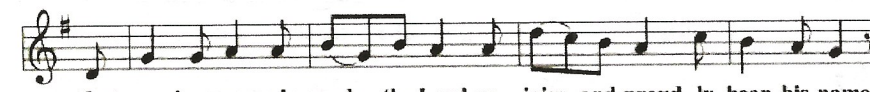


grant us peace, grant us peace.

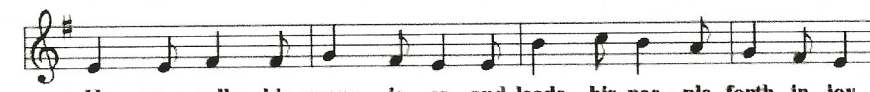
P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.



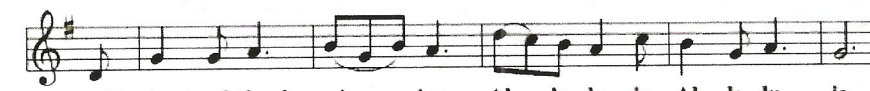
Q Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



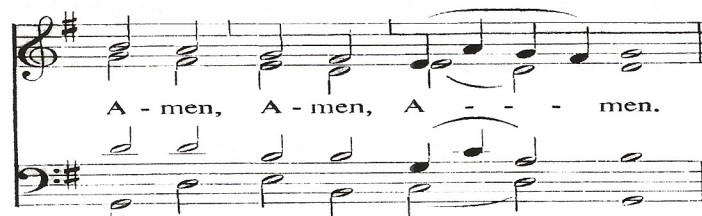
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



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.



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

The Closing Hymn

+ "Sent Forth by God's Blessings" #221



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing.
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing.



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing.



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, George Flathmann, 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:

\$1,665.00

Worship Statistics Last Week:

10:00 AM - 83 Facebook Broadcast - 102

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Our Lector Today

Mary Gail Wolf

Altar Guild

Lynn Wood, Ricky Truluck, Erin Foose & Charlie Schafer

Liturgical Service Cantors

Emma Levy & Carol Stemsrud

Communion Assistants

Lisa Gnann & Bill Wiggins

Narthex Greeters

Pat Sparks

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Today We Welcome into Membership...

Brittney Gracen & Brian Causby

and

Marshall Gracen and Everly Gracen.

***We Welcome You Into the Family
of St. Paul's Lutheran Church***



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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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....**