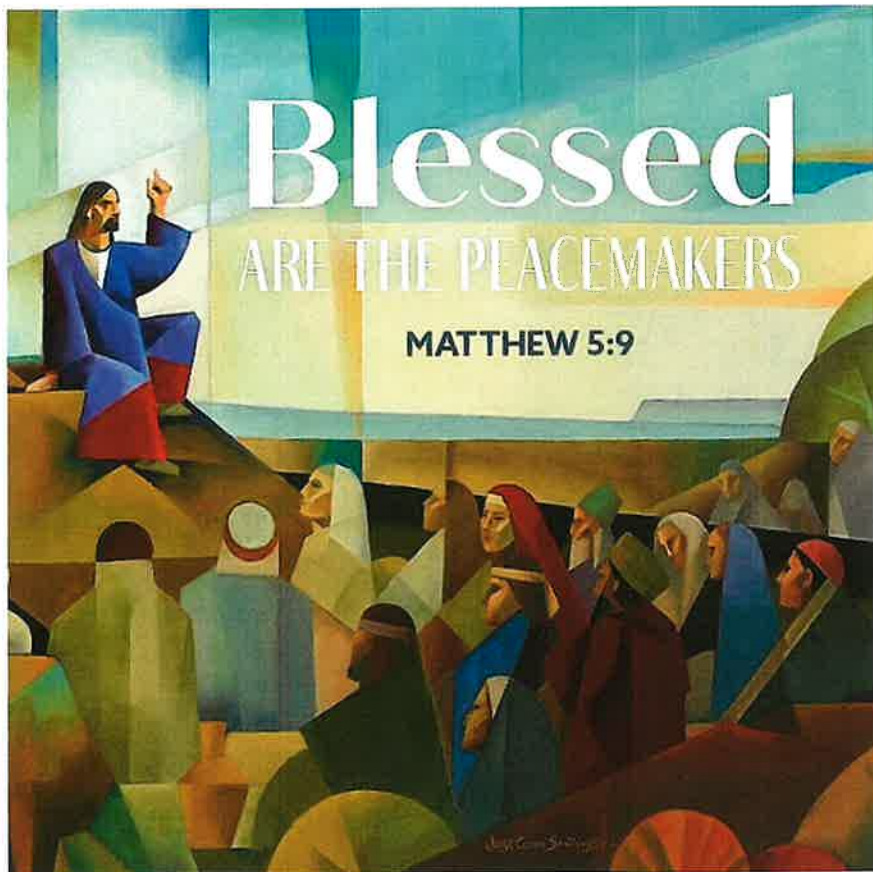


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, February 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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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,

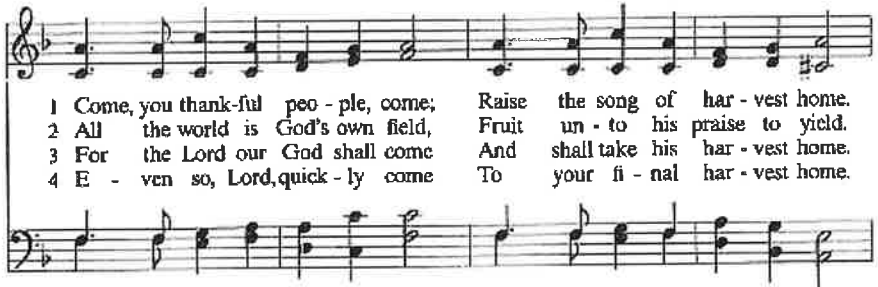
C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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.

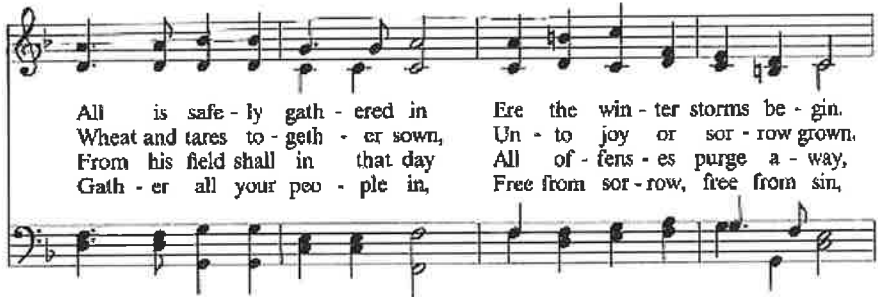
C Amen.

Opening Hymn

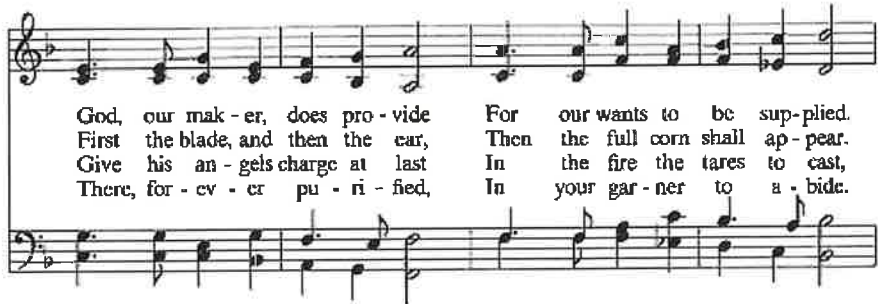
“Come You Thankful People” #407



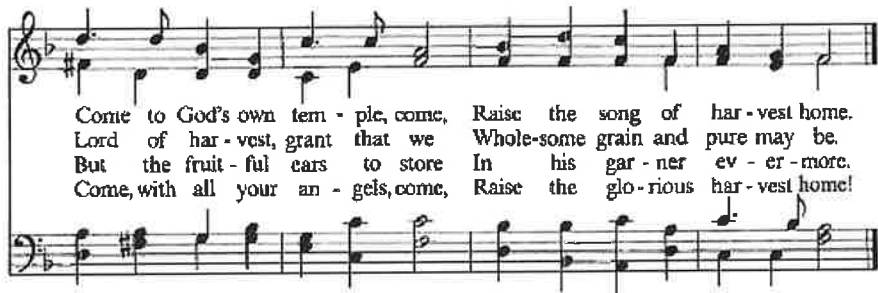
1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his praise to yield.
3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his har - vest home.
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From his field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er all your peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give his an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all your an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

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

**Recognition of Birthdays & The Children's Sermon
Installation of 2026-2028 Council Members**

- ¹ Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
- ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
- ³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
- ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”
- ⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
- ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
- ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

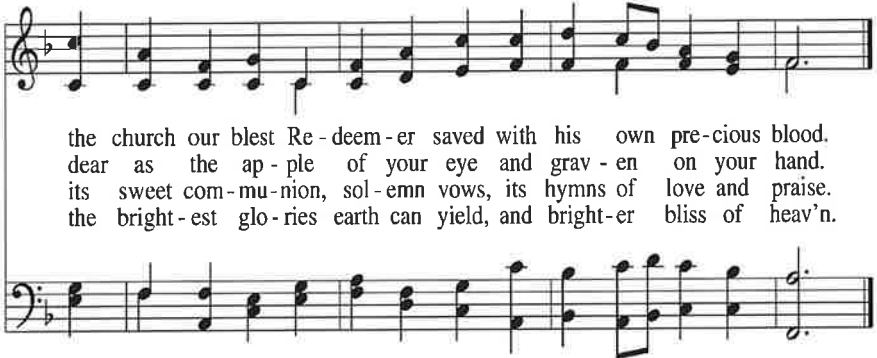
Here Ends the First Lesson

Psalm Hymn

“I Love Your Kingdom” #368



1 I love your king - dom, Lord, the place of your a - bode;
2 I love your church, O God! Its walls be - fore you stand,
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
4 Sure as your truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be giv'n



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of your eye and grav - en on your hand.
its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, its hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heav'n.

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Here Ends the Second Lesson

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord



The Sermon Hymn

“Sing To The Lord of Harvest” #212

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts his good-ness gave,

With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing,
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.

By him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore him When at his feet you fall,

Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
He crowns the year with good - ness, With plen - ty and with peace.
And with your lives a - dore him Who gave his life for all.

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

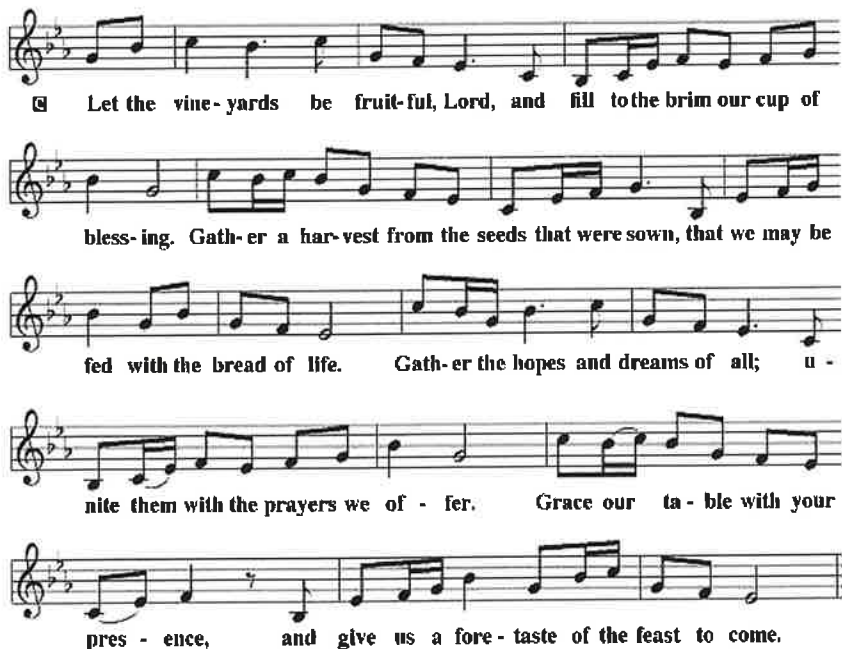
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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



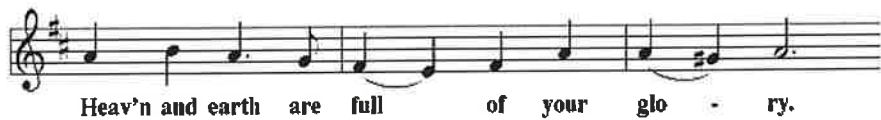
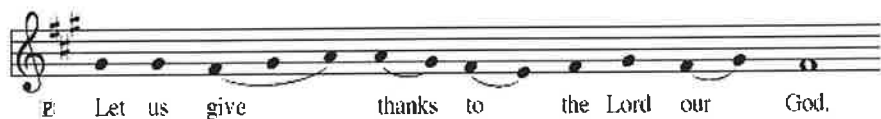
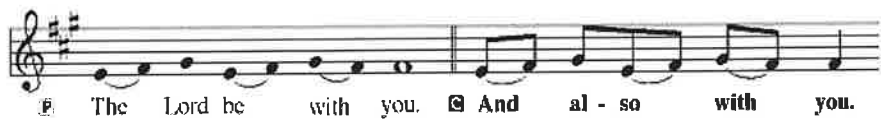
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and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



C 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.



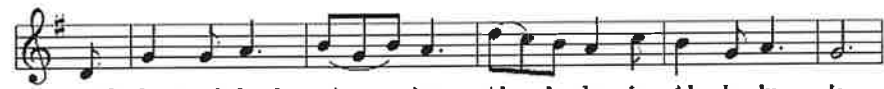
C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



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
“O Zion Haste” #397



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion,
3 Give of your own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,
4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
give of your wealth to speed them on their way,
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious,
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
and haste the com - ing of the glo - rious day.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

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...

Kristen Aspaas, Kevin Boatright, Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, George Flathmann, Mike Frederick, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Mike Hatfil, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Dianne Martin, Mario Morin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Debbie Sonnenschmidt, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller, Michelle Ward, Joe Whitaker, Lea Wright and Alan Wyatt.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday:
\$8,700.00**

**Received From Current Offerings
Sunday, January 25th**

**Worship Statistics
10:00 AM - 71 Facebook Broadcast - 87
Offering \$2,693.00**

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Senior Organist & Choir Accompanist ... Jared Hall
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Facebook Live ... Lisa B. Martin, Emma Levy, George Wiggins
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Assistant Choral Director ... Anthony Broadnax
Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ... Evelyn Thomas
Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ... Allan Berry, II
Resonator Guitar ... William Pan
Pre-School Director ... Gina Johnson
Assistant Pre-School Director ... Cynthia Thomas
Parish Housekeeping ... April Reilly

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Our Lector Today Alan Cale

Altar Guild Erin Foose & Natasha Smith

Liturgical Service Cantors

Emma Levy, Carol Stemsrud & Donald Martin

Communion Assistants

Lee Smith & Gloria Brown

Narthex Greeter Pat Sparks

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Women
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During the Months of January & February,
WELCA

is collecting funds and items of need for
Our Day Care Program Here at St. Paul's.
Please consider assisting with this valuable
mission of the Church. We need...

33-Gallon Trash Bags
Clorox wipes / Lysol wipes
Laundry Pods, Bleach
Kitchen Towels, Swiffer Pads
Construction Paper
Sam's & Kroger Gift Cards
Children's Books

UPCOMING EVENTS

★ ★ ★ *It's Shrove
Tuesday!* 

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

HOFFNER HALL 5:30PM
PANCAKES & SAUSAGE

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8
Savannah Men's Chorale

In Concert at 5:00 PM

In Our Sanctuary

"Welcome The Stranger"

A Choral Concert Benefiting "Inspiritus"

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"Lenten Fish Fry"

THURSDAY

MARCH 12th

HOFFNER HALL 5:30PM
FRIED FISH & FIXINGS