

# St. Paul Lutheran Smithville



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 12, 2025

## *Prelude*

## *Welcome*

### *\*Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful and loving God,

**C: we are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.**

**Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:** # 886 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” v. 1-4, 6

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!**
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.**
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.**
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.**
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.**

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.*

***\*Greeting & Call to Worship***

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

***\*Prayer of the Day***

A: Let us pray. Almighty God,

**C: you fill all of creation with your abundance and glory. Heal us body, mind, and spirit. Give us grateful hearts that we may always be ready to accomplish what you would have us to do in this world. Be our guide, strength and inspiration today, and every day. Amen.**

***First Reading:*** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

<sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

<sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Responsive Reading:*** Psalm 111

R: Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**C: Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

R: Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**C: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

R: He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**C: He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

R: The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**C: They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

R: He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.

**C: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.**

*Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15*

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

R: The word of the Lord.           **C: Thanks be to God.**

R: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Luke the seventeenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*\*Gospel Reading:* Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children's Sermon*



*Sermon:* Pastor Kristy Buyok

*\*Hymn of the Day: # 453 "Baptized and Set Free"*



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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## *The Apostle's Creed*

A: Together, let us confess the belief that we share in this family of faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic (*universal*) church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *\*The Prayers*

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A: Gracious God, you lead your people in faith. Remind the Church that your presence fills this Earth. By your Spirit, teach the church to point to your presence in all that we do so that those who do not know you may come to see your presence and trust in your love. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. Offer your special care to those on our prayer list: The family of Robert: Chris, Jerry, Denny, Gary, Missy, Loretta, Evan, Ken, Jared, Dave, Lorinda, Pat, and Jaime. We also pray for our St. Paul families of the week: Pat, Barb, Paul and Sandy. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Life-giving God, you show us another vision for the world.  
Help us to be transformed by your witness to live in this world  
as visitors who are firmly rooted in your kingdom. Help us to  
see others the way that you see them. Make us examples of  
unity and love in a world of division and anger. Help our nation  
and our propensity toward violence. Come Lord, Jesus,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in  
faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection  
in Christ. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace  
and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*\*Offertory:*

“Heavenly Father”

Choir

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*Arranged by Hal Wright*

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*\*Offertory Prayer*

P: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,

**C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.**

**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.**

**Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*\*The Great Thanksgiving:*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending praise:

**C: Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed are you, our Savior and Lord!**

***\*Words of Institution***

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

P: Remembering your goodness and grace,  
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
as we pray the prayer you taught us:

***\*The Lord's Prayer***

**C: 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## ***Invitation to Communion***

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to the meal of mercy.

## ***Holy Communion***

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal.)*

P: This is the body of Christ given for you.

*(You may eat your wafer)*

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

*(You may drink the wine from your cup)*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ***Communion Hymn: # 787 "On Eagle's Wings"***

**1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"**

## ***Refrain***

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

*(Continued on next page.)*

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

***Refrain***

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain***

- 4 For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

***Final refrain***

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.**

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## *Communion Hymn: "Thank You, Lord"*



1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,  
2 Been so good, been so good, been so  
3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my  
4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you,



Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional

Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

## *\*Post Communion Blessing*

## *\*Benediction*

**\*Sending Hymn: # 840 "Now Thank We All Our God"**



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

**\*Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## ***Postlude***

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### ***Your Prayers Are Requested For:***

***The family of Robert, Jerry, Denny, Gary, Missy, Loretta, Evan, Ken, Jared,  
Betsy, Dave, Lorinda, Annette, Pat, and Jaime***

### ***St. Paul Families of the week:***

***Pat Schorle, Barb Schuster, and Paul & Sandy Smith***

***The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor  
of Bob & Linda Lance's 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

### ***Thank you to those serving this morning***

**Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok**

**Cantor: Lesley Mast**

**Assisting Minister: Pam Root**

**Lector: Zach Mast**

**Pianist: Joe Hennell**

**Communion Assistant: Aleena Mast**

**Altar Care: Duane & Robin Eggeman**

**Ushers/Greeters: Rex Raff and Ernie Buyok**

**Bread Baker: Lesley Mast**



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### **This Week**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship	9:30 a.m.
	Bible Journaling	6:00 p.m.
<b>Monday:</b>	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	
	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	Vesper Circle	6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Church Council	6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Wednesday Meal	5:30 p.m.
	Choir	6:00 p.m.
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Worship	9:30 a.m.

### **Upcoming & Announcements**

**Empty Nesters:** Open to everyone – our annual weenie roast at Mapledale will be on Saturday, October 11 at 5:30. Bring a “finger food” to share. (no silverware provided.) The Millers will provide hotdogs, buns, condiments, drinks, plates, and napkins. Sign-up in the Narthex. If rain, there is no rain date. Please join us!

**Trunk or Treat:** Our Fall Fun Fest will take place on October 25, from 4 to 6 pm. There will be music, food, activities and trunk or treat. Please sign-up in the Narthex to pass out candy, or donate candy. Please no nuts and all individually wrapped. Thank you.

**Youth:** All youth are invited to a Pumpkin Day on October 26, following Worship!

**People to People:** Needed at People to People in October: canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, canned tuna, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pasta sides, rice sides, shampoo, conditioner, and dish soap. Thank you!

**All Saints Day:** We will light a candle of remembrance for all the faithfully departed who now shine in the light of God's glory on November 2nd. You may come to light a candle to remember your loved ones and we will read the names aloud of all who have died in the last year at both services. If you have lost someone in the last year and would like their names added to the list, please call the church office before October 27th.



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### **Wednesday Night Meals**

October 15 – Kitchen committee casserole, three bean salad and dessert

October 22 – B.B.Q. chicken quarters, rolls, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and dessert

October 29 – Baked potato bar, broccoli cheese soup and dessert

<b>Serving in October In-Person</b>	<b>10/5</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/26</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Tim Preston	Zach Mast	Heather Blough	Lyn Miller
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lynn Moomaw	Pam Root	Lynn Moomaw	Adrienne Karlen
<b>Greeters/ Ushers</b>	Jason Mast Larry Allen	Rex Raff Ernie Buyok	Alvin Rehm Hans Kwee	Steve & Nancy Carr
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Alvin Rehm	Aleena Mast	Ernie Buyok	Duane Eggeman
<b>Altar Care</b>	Steve & Nancy Carr	Duane & Robin Eggeman	Lyn Miller	Tim Preston
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast

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