

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

13th Sunday after Pentecost – August 23, 2026

*Please stand, as able, where marked with an asterisk**

Congregational responses are in bold

Prelude & Welcome

****Confession and Forgiveness***

C: Amen.

P: ...Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. It is you who frees us.
Restore our lives, mend our hearts, and place us on right
pathways. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: ...Start anew.

C: Amen.

****Gathering Hymn:*** “Making Their Way”

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

P: ...be with you all

C: And also with you.

A: We gather here to worship our Lord.

C: To hear God's word and share the holy meal.

A: Here we are reminded of who God is,

C: and of who we were made to be.

A: Here we see the work of God.

**C: Here we prepare ourselves to join the work of Christ in the
world.**

A: Let us pray. O God,

**C: with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the
rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the
body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

R: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**C: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to
your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word above
everything.**

R: On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

**C: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

R: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

**C: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

R: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you save me from the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**C: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Matthew, the sixteenth
chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 16:13-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "The Church's One Foundation" ELW 654

The Apostles' Creed ELW pg. 105

The Prayers

A: ...Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: ...Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

****Sharing of the Peace***

C: And also with you.

Offering:

"Do It Again"

Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matt Redman, Steve Furtick
CCLI Song #7067555, CCLI License #2896986

****Offertory Prayer***

****Holy Communion***

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: ...as we offer our unending praise:

C: Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

ELW pg. 112

Communion Hymn:

“Built on a Rock”

ELW 652

Communion Hymn

“My Hope is Built On Nothing Less”

ELW 596

****Final Blessing***

****Sending Hymn:***

”We All Are One in Mission”

ELW 576

****Dismissal***

A: Go, share the hope of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude