

# **St. Paul Lutheran Smithville**

## *14th Sunday after Pentecost – August 30, 2026*

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

*Congregational responses are in bold*

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### ***Prelude & Welcome***

#### ***\*Confession and Forgiveness***

**C: Amen.**

P: ...asking him to wash us clean from sin.

**C: God of wisdom, open our hearts so that we are able to see ourselves as you see us. Show us all the ways we have fallen short of your will for us and give us the strength and humility to change in the ways that honor you.**

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.**

**We have not put you first in our lives.**

**We love with condition.**

**We judge and condemn.**

**We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.**

**We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Wipe away our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.**

**Help us to put you ahead of every other desire. Amen.**

P: ...Live in the peace and light of God.

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to our God.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

ELW 879

#### ***\*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: we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 15:15-21

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

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 26:1-8

R: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**C: Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  
test my heart and mind.**

R: For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

**C: I do not sit with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

R: I hate the company of evildoers  
and will not sit with the wicked.

**C: I wash my hands in innocence  
and go around your altar, O Lord,**

R: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**C: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 12:9-21

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 16:21-28

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

### ***Children's Sermon***

**Sermon:** Pastor Kristy Buyok

**Hymn of the Day:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW 798

**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:** "Consumed By Fire"

*First Things First, Red Street Records*

**\*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:** "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW 808

**Communion Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" ELW 638

*\*Final Blessing*

**\*Sending Hymn:** "Let Streams of Living Justice" ELW 710

*\*Dismissal*

A: Go, share the Good News!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude*