

# **St. Paul Lutheran Smithville**

*16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 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:** “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” ELW 452

### ***\*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 Lord God, merciful judge,

**C: you model true forgiveness through the cross and resurrection.  
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love you, that we  
may forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen.**

***First Reading:*** Genesis 50:15-21

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Responsive Reading:*** Psalm 103:1-13

R: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**C: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—**

R: who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

**C: who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

R: who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**C: The Lord works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

R: He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

**C: The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

R: He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**C: He does not deal with us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

R: For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**C: as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

R: As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

***Second Reading:*** Romans 14:1-12

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

***\*Gospel Reading:*** Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

***Children's Sermon***

***Sermon:*** Pastor Kristy Buyok

***Hymn of the Day:*** "Ten Thousand Reasons"

***The Apostles' Creed***

***ELW pg. 105***

***The Prayers***

A: ...Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: ...serve you all our days.

**C: Amen.**

***\*Sharing of the Peace***

**C: And also with you.**

## **Offering:**

“Your Grace is Enough”

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## **\*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:**

“I Come with Joy”

**ELW 482**

## **Communion Hymn**

“Make Me a Channel of your Peace”

## **\*Final Blessing**

## **\*Sending Hymn:**

“Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

**ELW 208**

## **\*Dismissal**

A: Go, share the Good News!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

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