

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

21st Sunday after Pentecost – October 18th, 2026

*Please stand, as able, where marked with an asterisk**
Congregational responses are in bold

Prelude & Welcome

**Blessing of the Quilts*

C: ...Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

C: ...Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

C: ...Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

C: ...Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

C: ...Amen

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P: ...let us confess our sin.

C: Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt and distract from love.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore what we have damaged.

Renew us and make us follow the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

P: ...You are loved and set free!

C: **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:* “All My Hope on God is Founded”

ELW 757

**Greeting & Call to Worship*

P: ...be with you all

C: **And also with you.**

A: God is here!

C: **All Glory be to God!**

A: May the presence of the holy open us to truth.

C: and transform our hearts.

A: Let us listen, learn, and heal.

C: That we would leave here ready to serve in God's name.

A: Let us pray. Sovereign God,

C: raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96:1-13

R: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**C: Sing to the Lord; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

R: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the nations.

**C: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

R: For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

**C: Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

R: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the people,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

R: Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

**C: Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established;
it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."**

R: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;

C: let the field exult and everything in it.

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the
Lord,**

R: for he is coming to judge the earth.

**C: He will judge the world with righteousness
and the people with his truth.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Matthew, the twenty-second
chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:15-22

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "Commonwealth is God's Commandment"

The Apostles' Creed

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The Prayers

A: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

C: And also with you.

Offering:

"Everlasting God"

Video

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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

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Communion Hymn:

“Give Thanks”

Communion Hymn:

“We Are an Offering”

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Communion Hymn:

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

****Final Blessing***

****Sending Hymn:***

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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****Dismissal***

A: Go, share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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