

# **St. Paul Lutheran Smithville**

*15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 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:** “Earth and All Stars”

ELW 731

### ***\*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,  
**C: preserve your church with your mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail. Remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***First Reading:*** Ezekiel 33:7-11

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

***Responsive Reading:*** Psalm 119:33-40

R: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.

**C: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.**

R: Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.

**C: Turn my heart to your decrees  
and not to selfish gain.**

R: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;  
be gracious to me according to your word.

**C: Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which is for those who fear you.**

R: Turn away the disgrace that I dread,  
for your ordinances are good.

**C: See, I have longed for your commandments;  
in your righteousness be gracious to me.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-14

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 18:15-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

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

**Sermon:** Pastor Kristy Buyok

**Hymn of the Day:** "We Are Called" ELW 720

**The Apostles' Creed** ELW pg. 105

### ***The Prayers***

A: ...Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: ...We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**C: And also with you.**

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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:** "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW 836

**Communion Hymn** "Ask The Complicated Questions"

*\*Final Blessing*

**\*Sending Hymn:** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" ELW 543

*\*Dismissal*

A: Go, share the Good News!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude*