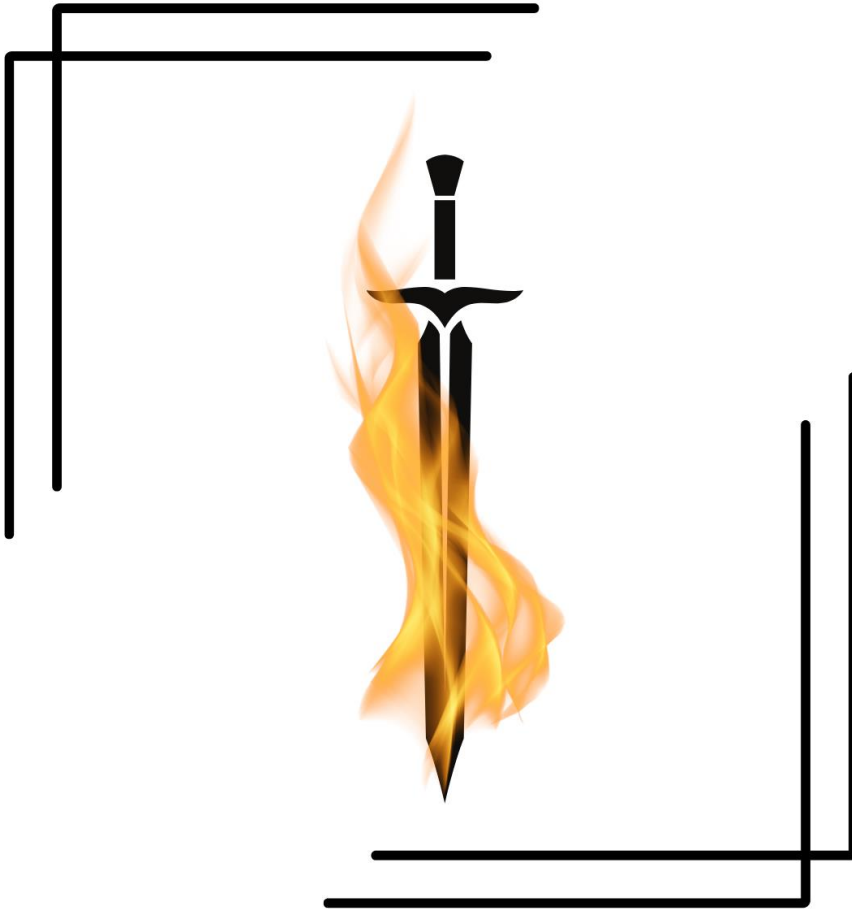


St. Paul Lutheran Smithville



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus
 and you are God's children through faith.
 In the cross of Christ,
 and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
 your sins are forgiven.
 Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: # 876 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"**



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

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

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: When we long for your presence,

C: you are there with us, O source of comfort.

A: When we face dangers and perils,

C: you are there for us, O source of strength.

A: When we need to do justice,

C: you are there within us, O source of courage.

A: So we come with songs and praises,

C: trusting that you are here with us now, as you have promised that you are.

P: Let us praise God!

C: Amen

****Prayer of the Day***

A: Let us pray. O God, judge eternal,

**C: you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off?

²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 82

R: God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**C: “How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?”**

R: Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**C: Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

R: They have neither knowledge nor understanding;
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**C: I say, “You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;**

R: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like any prince.”

**C: Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
for all the nations belong to you!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

R: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Luke the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

****Gospel Reading:*** Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

**Hymn of the Day: # 810 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"*



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

The Apostle's Creed

A: Together, let us confess our shared faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic (*universal*) church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers*

A: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire truth tellers, justice workers, and fearless leaders who speak truth and work with compassion. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Safeguard our world from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to care for the Earth and those who live here. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable and work for the good of people over profit. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound. We ask your special care for Jaime, Evan, Ken, Betsy, Jared, Dave, Lorinda, Bob, Annette, Pat and Karen. We also pray for the St. Paul families of the week: Jason, Sheri, Izzy, Tyler, and Corbin. Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for the generations of witnesses who have passed down their faith and given us examples of Godly living. Inspire us to honor their lives by living in accordance to what they taught us, and one day, join us with them, in your eternal kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who hears us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

***Offertory: # 721 "Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"**



Good - ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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Repeat

***Offertory Prayer**

P: Let us pray.

C: We thank you for all the blessings you have given to us.

Use these gifts we offer as a sign of our gratitude
and in order to glorify you in this place.

In your holy name we pray.

Amen.

****The Great Thanksgiving:***

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: Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

You stand with those who suffer,
offering them strength.

You give a mission and purpose
to your people.

You turn fear into hope by your very presence.

Therefore we join our praise and prayer with all those on Earth
and in heaven as we say:

**C: Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are you, our Savior and Lord!**

****Words of Institution***

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

P: Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we pray the prayer you taught us:

**The Lord's Prayer*

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Holy Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you.

(You may eat your wafer)

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

(You may drink the wine from your cup)

C: Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymn: # 485 "I Am the Bread of Life"

- 1 "I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."**

Refrain

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

- 2 "The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain***

- 3 "Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you." *Refrain***

- 4 "I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain***

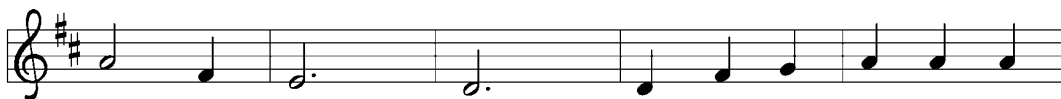
- 5 Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world. *Refrain***

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
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Communion Hymn: # 815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



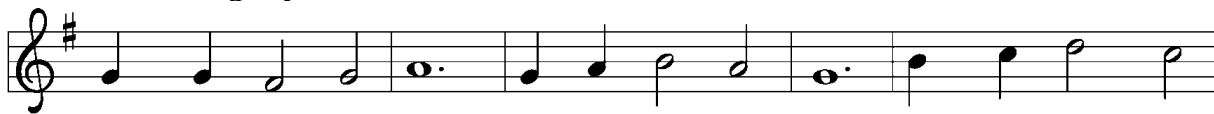
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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**Post Communion Blessing*

**Benediction*

**Sending Hymn: # 624 "Jesus, Still Lead On"*



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

****Dismissal***

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Your Prayers Are Requested For:

***Jaime, Evan, Ken, Jared, Betsy, Dave, Lorinda, Bob, Annette, Pat, and
Karen***

St. Paul Families of the week:

Jason, Sheri, Izzy, Tyler, and Corbin Matter

***The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Duane &
Robin Eggeman in honor of their anniversary.***

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok
Cantor: Lesley Mast
Assisting Minister: Pam Root
Lector: Lyn Miller
Pianist: Joe Hennell
Communion Assistant: Ernie Buyok
Altar Care: Larry & Sandy Allen
Ushers/Greeters: Ernie Buyok
Bread Baker: Nancy Carr



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This Week

Sunday:	Worship	9:30 a.m.
Monday:	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday:	Quilting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Wednesday Meal	5:30 p.m.
Next Sunday:	New Member Sunday Worship	9:30 a.m.

Upcoming & Announcements

New Member Sunday: Welcome new members Mike & Kathy Smith on August 24. Stay and join us after Worship for a cake reception.

50th Wedding Anniversary: Come celebrate Terry & Kathy Bumgardner's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, August 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. At Smithville Church of the Brethren. Light refreshments and cake provided. No gifts necessary. *Please RSVP by August 16th to Adbum30@gmail.com.*

Blanket Sunday & Quilt Dedication: On August 31, during our Worship service we will ask God's blessing on donated blankets and the quilts lovingly made by our quilters throughout the year. The quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief as well as to local hospitals and charities. If you would like to donate, please bring in any new or gently used blankets, baby blankets, or afghans.

People to People: Stacking the shelves for People to People: canned mandarin oranges, canned chicken, pork & beans, rice, and shampoo. Vegetables from your garden are also appreciated. Thank you for contributing to this mission.





Scan the QR code to view our website or to donate thru Paypal.

Wednesday Night Meals

August 20- Kitchen Committee casserole, pasta salad, and dessert

August 27- Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and dessert

Serving in August In-Person	8/3	8/10	8/17	8/24	8/31
Lay Reader	Lynn Moomaw	Zach Mast	Lyn Miller	Heather Blough	Hans Kwee
Assisting Minister	Lynn Moomaw	Hans Kwee	Pam Root	Aleena Mast	Adrienne Karlen
Greeters/ Ushers	Bob Race & Pat Badger	Duane & Robin Eggeman	Jerry Meitzler Ernie Buyok	Alvin Rehm Tim Preston	Rex Raff Jason Mast
Communion Assistant	Nancy Carr	Tim Preston	Ernie Buyok	Alvin Rehm	Lynn Moomaw
Altar Care	Jerry Meitzler	Rex & Beth Raff	Larry & Sandy Allen	Lyn Miller	Zach Mast Tim Preston
Bread Baker	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr

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More to Read: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings about a beautiful vineyard, carefully planted and cultivated, that nevertheless yields wild grapes. The owner therefore determines to destroy the vineyard, which represents the sinful people of Israel and Judah.

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!