

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

9th Sunday after Pentecost - July 26, 2026

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

Congregational responses are in bold

Prelude & Welcome

****Confession and Forgiveness***

C: Amen.

P: ...Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. It is you who frees us.
Restore our lives, mend our hearts, and place us on right
pathways. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: ...Start anew.

C: Amen.

****Gathering Hymn:***

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532

****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. Beloved God,

**C: through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us
into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us
your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:129-136

R: Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

**C: The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

R: With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

**C: Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.**

R: Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let sin have dominion over me.

**C: Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

R: Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

**C: My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

****Gospel Reading:*** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: “Be Thou My Vision” ELW 793

The Apostles’ Creed ELW pg. 105

The Prayers

A: ...God of Grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: ...of Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

C: And also with you.

Offering: “Goodness of God”

*Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson
CCLI Song #7117726 2018 Capitol CMG Paragon*

***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: “See Ye First”

Communion Hymn: “Holy, holy”

***Final Blessing**

***Sending Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” ELW 705

***Dismissal**

A: Go, share the hope of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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