St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

24th Sunday after Pentecost – November 8, 2026

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

Prelude & Welcome

****Confession and Forgiveness***

P: …whose compassion never sleeps.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Wake us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: …You are forgiven in the name of Christ.
C: Amen.

****Gathering Hymn:*** "Oh, When the Saints"

****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. O God of justice and love,
C: you guide our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 70

R: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O Lord, make haste to help me!

C: Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

R: Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.

**C: Let those who say, "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame**

R: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

**C: Let those who love your salvation say forever,
"Great is the Lord!"**

R: But I am poor and needy; Come to me quickly, O God.

**C: You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

****Gospel Reading:*** Matthew 25:1-13

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" ELW 244

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

The Prayers

A: …God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: …name of Jesus, your beloved. **C: Amen.**

****Sharing of the Peace***

C: And also with you.

Offering: "Sing Joyful Praise!" Choir

Mary Lynn Lightfoot
c. The Raymond A Hoffman Co.
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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: "Lifesong" video
Mark Hall
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Communion Hymn: "My Lord, What a Morning" ELW 438

****Final Blessing***

****Sending Hymn:*** "Soon and Very Soon" ELW 439

****Dismissal***

A: Go, share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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