

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

18th Sunday after Pentecost – September 27, 2026

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

Congregational responses are in bold

Prelude & Welcome

****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:***

“God is Here”

ELW 526

****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. God of love, giver of life,

C: you know our weakness and failings.

Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-9

R: To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.

**C: O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

R: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**C: Make me to know your ways,
O Lord; teach me your paths.**

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

**C: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they are from everlasting**

R: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**C: Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

R: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

****Gospel Reading:*** Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "We All Are One in Mission" ELW 576

The Apostles' Creed ELW pg. 105

The Prayers

A: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: ...in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

****Sharing of the Peace***

C: And also with you.

Offering: "I Will Sing Praise" Choir
Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin
c. A Lorenz Company

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: "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" ELW 531

Communion Hymn "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Communion Hymn "God Is So Good"

***Final Blessing**

***Sending Hymn:** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" ELW 551

***Dismissal**

A: Go, share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude