

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

8th Sunday after Pentecost - July 19, 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:***

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

ELW 689

****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. Faithful God,

C: you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 86:11-17

R: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**C: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.**

R: For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the pit of death.

**C: The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

R: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**C: Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your handmaid.**

R: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may
see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

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 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: “Day by Day” ELW 790

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: “Good Good Father”

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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: “O Living Bread from Heaven” ELW 542

Communion Hymn: “Here is Bread” ELW 483

***Final Blessing**

***Sending Hymn:** “Beauty for Brokenness”

***Dismissal**

A: Go, share the hope of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude