

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 4th, 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:***

“Gather Us In”

ELW 532

****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. Beloved God,

C: from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:7-15

R: Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**C: You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

R: You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

**C: The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;**

R: it sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.

**C: Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

R: The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.

**C: Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven and see;**

R: have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

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 21:33-46

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" video

The Apostles' Creed *ELW pg. 105*

The Prayers

A: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

****Sharing of the Peace***

C: And also with you.

Offering: "Be Still and Know" Choir
Words and Music by Victor C. Johnson
c. Lorenz Singable Solutions

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: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" ELW 588

Communion Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail" ELW 359

***Final Blessing**

***Sending Hymn:** "You are Mine" ELW 581

***Dismissal**

A: Go, share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude