

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

17th Sunday after Pentecost – September 20, 2026

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

Congregational responses are in bold

Prelude & Welcome

****Confession and Forgiveness***

C: Amen.

P: ...asking to be freed from sin.

C: God of wisdom, open our hearts so that we are able to see ourselves as you see us. Show us all the ways we have fallen short of your will for us and give us the strength and humility to change in the ways that honor you.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We have not put you first in our lives.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, Lord. Wipe away our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

Help us to put you ahead of every other desire. Amen.

P: ...Live in the peace and light of God.

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to our God.

***Gathering Hymn:** “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” ELW 401

****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. Almighty and eternal God,

C: you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.

Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:1-8

R: I will exalt you,
my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**C: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

R: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to your greatness

**C: One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

R: I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and all your marvelous works.

**C: They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will declare your greatness.**

R: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**C: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

****Gospel Reading:*** Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 685

The Apostles' Creed ELW pg. 105

The Prayers

A: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: ...serve you all our days.

C: Amen.

****Sharing of the Peace***

C: And also with you.

Offering: "Gonna Be Alright"

Matt Maher. CCLI Song #4477026

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WHATDOYOU; Pillars Of Hercules

****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: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" ELW 659

Communion Hymn "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" ELW 492

****Final Blessing***

****Sending Hymn:*** "Lord of Light"

ELW 688

****Dismissal***

A: Go, share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude