

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville

20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 11th, 2026

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

Congregational responses are in bold

Prelude: “Holy Manna” Celebration Handbell Choir
(A Merry Mallet Melody) by Moore, arr. Geshke

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:** “This is the Day”

***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. Lord of the feast,

**C: you have prepared a table before all people and poured
out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet.
Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and
transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 (read in unison)

C: The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green
pastures;**

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

**He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through

the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy

shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the

house of the Lord

my whole life long.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

Hymn of the Day: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" ELW 523

The Apostles' Creed ELW pg. 105

The Prayers

A: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: ...give us what you know we need. **C: Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

C: And also with you.

Offering: "In the Circle of Each Home" Choir
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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:

“Come to the Table” Sidewalk Prophets
9t One Songs; Ariose Music; Mike Curb Music;
Pencil Prophet Publishing; Run Run Milo

Communion Hymn “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

***Final Blessing**

***Sending Hymn:** “Step by Step”

***Dismissal**

A: Go, share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude