

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!
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SERVING TODAY:

Reader:	Carolyn Lewis
Prayer Leader:	Paula Schopflin
Children's Message:	Carolyn Behrens
Altar Guild:	Cindy Bench
Video assistant:	Rick Ayling
Ushers:	Robert Adair, Russ Bainbridge, Steve Krause, Benji Sitton & Kenrick Veit
Communion Assistants:	Carolyn Lewis, Robert & Alana Adair, Marci Waguespack, Ann Lawton, Paula Schopflin & Abby Moeller
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Romi Behrens & Evelyn Moeller

PRELUDE: ***Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*** Twilight Tones

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*
Gracious God,
Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #812 ***Faith of Our Fathers***

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword
Oh how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee.
Refrain

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life.
Refrain

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Kyrie 1 & 2



Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING **Amos 5:18-24**

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness,
not light, 19as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested
a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it? 21I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies. 22Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not
accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23Take
away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24But let justice
roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 70

[1]Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2]Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
[3]Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4]Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
[5]But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING **Romans 14:10-23**

[10]Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. [11]For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."
[12]So then, each one of us will be held accountable.
[13]Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister. [14]I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who considers it unclean. [15]If your brother or sister is distressed by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. [16]So do not let your good be slandered. [17]For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. [18]The one who serves Christ in this way is acceptable to God and has human approval. [19]Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. [20]Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong to make someone stumble by what you eat; [21]it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. [22]Hold the conviction that you have as your own before God. Blessed are those who do not condemn themselves because of what they approve. [23]But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat because they do not act from faith, for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- *(Please stand)* ***Alleluia!***
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 25:1-13**

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. **2**Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3**When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them, **4**but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5**As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6**But at midnight there was a shout,
'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7**Then all those young women got up and
trimmed their lamps. **8**The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.' **9**But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go
to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' **10**And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. **11**Later
the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12**But he replied, 'Truly I tell
you, I do not know you.' **13**Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Carolyn Behrens**

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S MUSIC Cherub Choir
This Is My Commandment That You Love One Another & ***Rejoice In The Lord Always***

SPECIAL MUSIC ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*** Laura Labus
MESSAGE **Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

HYMN #650 ***In Christ there is No East or West*** vs. 1, 3 & 4

In Christ there is no east or west, in no south or north,
but one community of love through-out the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

APOSTLE'S CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. (*Silence for prayer.)*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. (*Silence for prayer.)*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. (*Silence for prayer.)*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. (*Silence for prayer.)*

I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (*Silence for prayer.)*
I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. (*Silence for prayer.)*

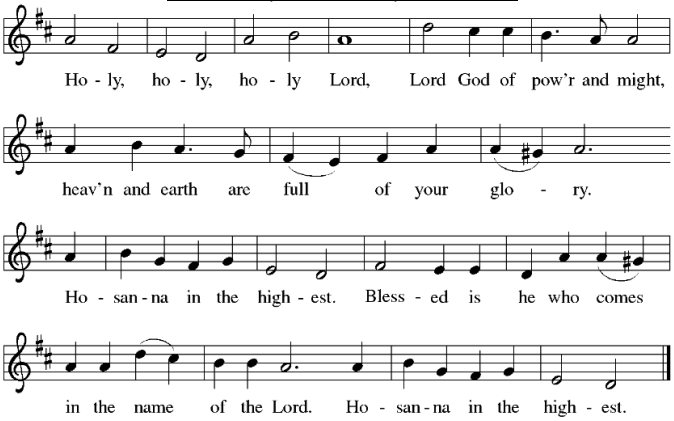
Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. (*Silence for prayer.)*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

COMMUNION
The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS
SPECIAL COMMUNION MUSIC ***A Bach Pastorale*** Twilight Tones

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

May the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE Ron Wallace

SENDING - Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

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Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, www.stpaulsokc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

XYZ

Thursday, November 19th at 1 pm in the activities center. Alana & Robert Adair are the hosts and invite you to come and play 313, an easy and fun card game. Please join us for a fun afternoon.

POINSETTIA SALES

Help decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve and support Blackwelder Brass by purchasing a poinsettia. Order online using the QR code above or visiting www.stpaulsokc.com> "online giving" or order forms are available in the narthex. Please include "poinsettias" on the note/memo line and indicate if you will be taking your plant home. Order deadline – **December 16th**. Questions: contact Nancy Krause.

COFFEE MAKERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to make coffee on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will need to arrive around 8:15 on Sunday mornings. Please sign up at the coffee bar or on the worship assistant sign up genius on the website. Questions: contact Milt Elias or Randal Cain.

YOUTH BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 22 - The SPLC Kids and Youth are invited to bake items. Items need to be ready and at church by 9am sharp on that morning. **Contributions by any church members are also welcomed, whether baked goods or monetary.** Please contact Abby Davis for any questions via ph:580-603-0095 or email: ahoppe86@gmail.com

ANNUAL STEWARD SHIP DRIVE

The annual stewardship is underway and end on **November 22nd!** Members – pick up your pledge cards in the narthex and turn in to the Stewardship committee's mailbox by the south doors. Questions: Contact Myra Smith.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 15th after worship in the sanctuary. Budgets will be discussed and voted on.

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, November 21st. 9am-noon – a chili lunch will be served. Clean up will look different this year as the Property Board is on converting many of our flower beds to low maintenance beds (i.e. rocks and a few plants) by spring. Most of the trees (including crape myrtles) will remain. As a result of this, fall clean-up will be geared toward removing plants and debris. If you are interested in saving a plant to transfer to their flowerbed, please do so before the 21st. Please check with Luke Green before proceeding to ensure that nothing is removed that we are reserving for the future. More information will be posted in the narthex. Questions: contact Luke Green.

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

11/8 – 9:30 – **Worship & Education**
11/9 – Canticle Ringers
11/10 – Twilight Tones
11/11– Wednesday Night Activities
5:45 – Meal - Pizza
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal

11/15 – 9:30 – **Worship & Education**
Congregational Meeting
11/16 – Canticle Ringers
11/17 – Twilight Tones
11/18 – Wednesday Night Activities
5:30 – Meal – Thanksgiving Dinner
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal

11/19 – XYZ
11/21 – 9am **Fall Clean Up**

11/22 – 9:30 – **Worship & Education**
11/23 – 11/27 Thanksgiving Break
Office Closed
11/23 – Canticle Ringers
11/25 – *No Wednesday Night Activities*
11/26 – Thanksgiving Day

11/29 – 9:30 – **Worship**
11/30 – Canticle Ringers