



9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!
If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St. Paul's, visit www.stpaulsokc.com.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Debi Musick
Prayer Leader: Janet Miller
Ushers: Ron Jantz, Allen Baker, Mark Mitchell, Bob Pirog, Kent Wallace & Corey Grubb
Children's Message: Carolyn Behrens
Altar Guild: Debi Musick
Communion Assistants: Carolyn Behrens, Debi Musick, Linda Allison, Ann Lawton, Jill & Bali Botkin and Susi Laflin
Video assistant: Rick Ayling
Acolyte & Crucifer: Jane Green & Evelyn Moeller

PRELUDE: Ron Wallace

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: #632 O God Our Help in Ages Past vs 1, 2, 4 & 5

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Kyrie 1 & 2

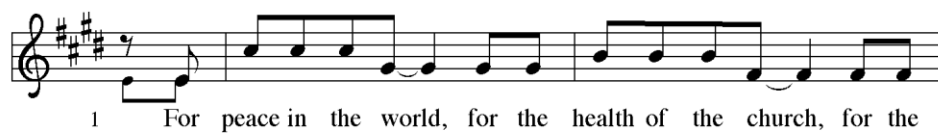
Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰When your word is opened it gives light;

it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant

because I long for your commandments.

¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me,

as you always do to those who love your name.

¹³³Order my footsteps in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴Rescue me from those who oppress me,

and I will keep your commandments.

¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant

and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears,

because people do not keep your teaching.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 7:24-29

²⁴"Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SPECIAL MUSIC
MESSAGE

Carolyn Behrens
Be Thou My Vision
Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

Laura Labus & Danielle Mitchell

HYMN

#654

The Church's One Foundation

vs 1,4 & 5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life died.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

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

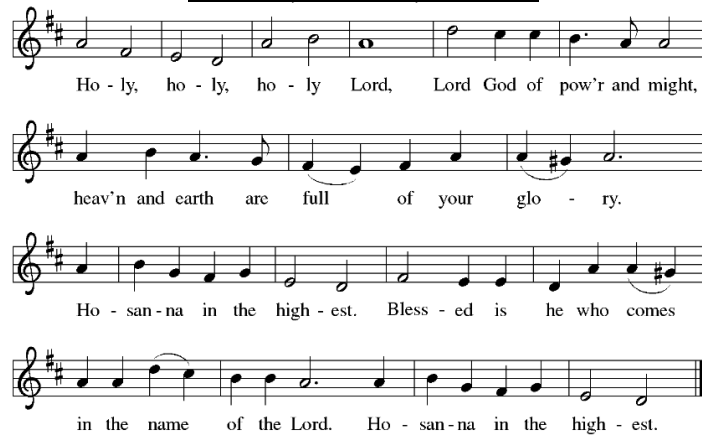
The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***

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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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.***



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

BOARD COMMITTEE RETREAT

Saturday, Aug 1, 8am-noon. Breakfast will be provided by the Executive Committee. We will be reflecting on where we are as a church, set goals for the coming year and explore ways the committees can work more effectively together. Please RSVP, to Emiley Bainbridge or Joyce Martin by **Wednesday, July 29th**.

RISA POWELL'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION- NEXT SUNDAY!

We will celebrate Risa Powell's retirement on Sunday, August 2nd. Risa has served St. Paul's as the Youth and Family Director for 26 years! Join us for a potluck reception after church.

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual back to school pool party will be Sunday, August 9th from 11am – 1 pm at the Warwick Place pool. Pizza & drinks will be provided, but we ask that everyone bring a dessert to share. RSVP to Abby Davis at 580-603-0095.

WHIZ KIDS IS STARTING AGAIN

We will be recruiting Whiz Kids Tutors starting on Sunday, August 2nd. We partner with Cherokee Hills Baptist Church located at 63rd and MacArthur, where tutoring is held on Wednesday after school. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile Christian Children's Reading Program. Training begins on September 9th at 3:00 p.m. Tutoring begins on September 16th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions regarding this Whiz Kids Program, please contact Vahla Todd at 405-922-8594.

BLACKWELDER BRASS FUND

Our Blackwelder fund does not have quite enough money in it to pay the brass players for the Fall Semester. Each player receives \$480 at the beginning of each semester. This comes to a total of \$2200. We are JUST shy of that amount currently. We will hold our annual poinsettia sale in November and that should generate some money for the fund, but we will need the same amount again in January for the 2nd semester. If you can donate to this fund, either through Simply Giving or by writing a check and placing it in the Offering Plate, we would greatly appreciate it! Blackwelder will be here for the first time on September 27.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

JULY

7/26- 9:30- Worship

7/27- 11am- Will Koski Funeral Service

AUGUST

8/1- 8am-12pm Board Committee Retreat

8/2- 9:30- Worship

Retirement Celebration for Risa

8/4- Exec Board Meeting

8/9- 9:30- Worship

11am-1pm Back to School Pool Party

8/16- 9:30- Worship – Mission Trip Recap
4pm – Adult Choir Swim Party @ The Todd's

8/19- 6:30 Choir Rehearsal Resumes

8/23- 9:30- Worship

Youth/Parent Meeting

8/26- 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

8/30- 9:30- Worship

8/31- 9am Canticle Ringers