

# 4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

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.

Today's altar flowers are provided by the Wallaces in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! Happy anniversary Kent & Nancy!

**SERVING TODAY:** 

Reader: Paula Schopflin

Ushers: Phil Crissup, Garrett Purdum, Rod Randall & Jerry Wagner

Children's Message: Tom Todd
Altar Guild: Diane Dewing
Communion Assistant: Marci Waguespack

Video assistant: Tracy Caine

Acolyte & Crucifer: Mia Greiner & Jolie Fauser

**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:** #893 **Before You Lord We Bow** vs 1, 3 & 4

Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above and rules the world below with boundless pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!

Earth, hear your maker's voice; your great redeemer own; believe, obey, rejoice, and worship God alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore, and bow before the Crucified.

And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev'ry land from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band, a countless throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king salvation's song!

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

#### This Is the Feast



Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen*.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10-14

To Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— 11that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast, that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. 12For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees. 13As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**PSALM 66:1-9** 

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;

be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing the glory of God's name;

sing the glory of God's praise.

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>All the earth bows down before you,

sings to you, sings out your name."

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,

and there we rejoiced in God.

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;

let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living

and has not allowed our feet to slip.

**SECOND READING** Galations 6: [1-6] 7-16

6 My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 
2Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 
3For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. 
4All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. 
5For all must carry their own loads. 
6Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

7Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 
8If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 
9So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 
10So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set

before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your

names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SPECIAL MUSIC MESSAGE Tom Todd God Speaking Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

Kristin Grubb

HYMN

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We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

#### APOSTLE'S CREED

 $\overline{I}$  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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy." For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed, the under employed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen*.

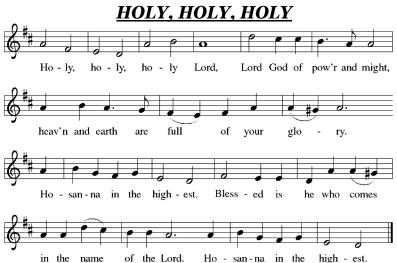
**COMMUNION** 

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. 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:



## **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 SENDING Ron Wallace

Go in Peace. Share the good news. **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, <u>www.stpaulsokc.com</u>.

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# <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

## <u>USHERS NEEDED</u>

We are looking for a few more people to join our usher team! Please contact Luke Green if you are interested in helping out Sunday mornings!

# FALL ACTIVITIES

Save the dates! Our fall activities will begin **September 7** with Bible Blessings and Sunday School following worship. Our Wednesday night activities will begin on **September 10**. We are looking for teachers for all age groups for Sunday and Wednesday classes. We are also looking to find a Wednesday night meal coordinator. If you are interested in serving as a teacher or with meals, please contact Risa at youth@stpaulsokc.com.

# **JULY ACTIVITIES**

**7/6-** Worship **7/12-19-** HS Mission Trip

**7/20-** Worship **7/26-30-** MS Mission Trip

**7/13-** Worship

**7/27-** Worship