



9th Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 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.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Carolyn Lewis
Ushers: Allen Baker, Ron Jantz, Will Koski, Mark Mitchell, Corey Grubb,
Kent Wallace & Bob Pirog
Children's Message: Jesica Purdum
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox & Debi Musick
Communion Assistants: Carolyn & Romi Behrens, Susi Laflin, Jill Botkin, Ann Caine, Abby Moeller
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Video assistant: Mike Lewis
Acolyte & Crucifer: Viktor Teske & Kale Foote

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: #619 ***I Know that My Redeemer Lives*** vs 1, 3 & 7

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

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

Kyrie 3 & 4

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. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

15After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven,

and sees all humankind.

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches

all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵God fashions all their hearts

and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,

nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory;

despite its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,

upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹to deliver their lives from death,

and to keep them alive in time of famine.

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,

our helper and our shield.

²¹Surely, our heart rejoices in you,

for in your holy name we put our trust.

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,

even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

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

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:32-40

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
SPECIAL MUSIC
MESSAGE

Jessica Purdum
My Tribute
Pastor Stefanie Rowinski
Conversation with Erin Harrington

Hayley Thompson

HYMN

O Jesus I Have Promised vs 1,2 & 4

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou has promised to all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

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 & BACKPACK BLESSING

(All students and their families will be welcomed forward to receive a backpack tag and a blessing as they start the new school year. We will also pray for our teachers and those working in education.)



Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or scan to QR code to give online.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

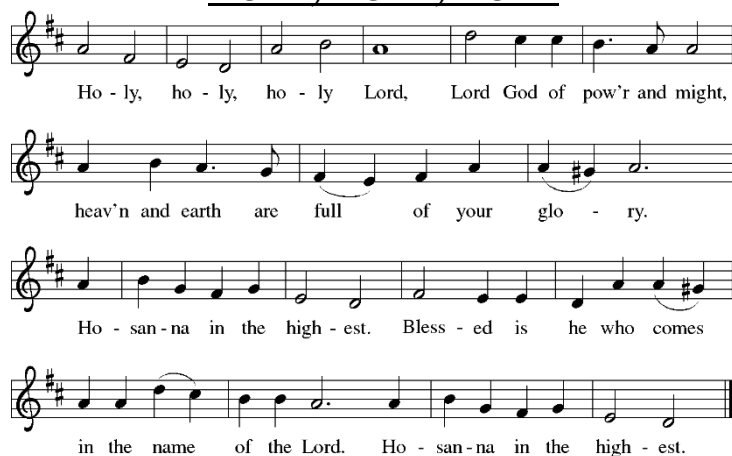
We lift them up to the Lord.

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:

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.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASSES – BEGINS TODAY!

If you have been visiting St. Paul's and are interested in joining the congregation, we will be holding new member classes **TODAY** & next Sunday. If you are more interested, please join us in the office classroom after worship!

WHIZ KIDS IS BACK!

We will be returning to Whiz Kids this school year with our students from Tulakes Elementary. Whiz Kids training will be Wednesday, **September 3** at 3:00 p.m., at Cherokee Hills Baptist Church, 5700 NW 63rd. Whiz Kids tutoring in person will begin on Wednesday, **September 17** at 3:00 p.m. at Cherokee Baptist Church and continues each Wednesday during the school year. Contact Vahla Todd if you are interested in being a Whiz Kids Tutor.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY -POTLUCK

Join us for a breakfast potluck on **August 24** following worship. Bring a breakfast casserole, pastry or fruit to share. Coffee will be provided. We will be welcoming a group of new members and celebrating with a meal together. Any questions contact a member of the outreach board.

HOT DOG MINISTRY

Hot Dog ministry resumes on **August 20th**. There will be a meeting after worship **August 17th**. To sign up, visit stpaulsokc.com and use the Sign Up! link. If you have questions, please plan to attend on the 17th or contact Misty Veit.

“DOG DAYS OF SUMMER” BOOK CLUB

Read with us! We are reading “The Last Battle” by C.S. Lewis. We will also read “Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church” by NT Wright. Let Pastor Stefanie know you are reading along. We'll discuss them towards the end of August!

FALL ACTIVITIES

Back to school is right around the corner! Mission trip recap will be **August 24**. Sunday School will begin **September 7** after worship. Wednesday night activities resume **Sept 10**. Interested in teaching or helping with Wednesday meals? Contact Risa at youth@stpaulsokc.com!

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

8/10- Worship
Backpack Blessings
New member class

8/17- Worship

8/24- Worship
Mission Trip Recap
Fellowship Sunday

8/31- Worship
9/1- Labor Day
Office Closed