



10th Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 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 in celebration of Bill & Amy Bandi's 50th Wedding anniversary!
Happy Anniversary Bill & Amy!!*

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Marci Waguespack
Ushers: Allen Baker, Ron Jantz, Will Koski, Mark Mitchell, Corey Grubb,
Kent Wallace & Bob Pirog
Children's Message: Tom Todd
Altar Guild: Shelly Nutter
Communion Assistants: Marci Waguespack, Joyce Martin, Susi Laflin, Jill Botkin, Ann & Tracy
Caine & Abby Moeller
Video assistant: Mike Lewis
Acolyte & Crucifer: Emma Lewis & 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: #660 ***Lift High the Cross*** vs 1, 2 & 4

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear
on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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 - passionate 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. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed and following your servants and prophets to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 82

- ¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
²"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?
³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
⁴rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
⁶Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;
⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'
⁸Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.
³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.
³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.
12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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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 12:49-56

⁴⁹"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."
⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SPECIAL MUSIC
MESSAGE

Tom Todd
Jesus, Son of God Most High
Pastor Stefanie Rowinski
Conversation with Ann & Tracy Caine

Maelee Moeller

HYMN

#818

O Master, Let Me Walk With You

vs 1,2 & 4

O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;
Tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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.***

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 **SENDING**

Ron Wallace

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20! Join us from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Choir Room as the Adult Choir starts back with regular weekly rehearsals. ALL ARE WELCOME! Questions? Talk to Nancy Krause or email her at music@stpaulsokc.com

TWILIGHT TONES

Interested in ringing bells? Twilight Tones needs another ringer. They meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30. You do not need to be an accomplished musician to join, but a basic knowledge of rhythm is helpful. First rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 2. Contact Nancy Krause with questions:

music@stpaulsokc.com

HHELP

Is a partnership between St. Paul's and Harvest Hills Elementary School. Our members volunteer in various areas at the school from tutoring Reading and Math students, to adopting a Teacher and assisting that teacher with tasks outside of teacher/student interaction. Reading to younger children, writing notes of encouragement, etc. Sign up to help with HHELP! sign ups on the visitor's booth in the narthex, or see Nancy Krause if you have questions.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES – CONTINUE TODAY!

If you have been visiting St. Paul's and are interested in joining the congregation, we will be holding a new member class **TODAY**. 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. Training will be Wednesday, **September 3** at 3:00 p.m., at Cherokee Hills Baptist Church. Tutoring in person will begin on Wednesday, **September 17** at 3:00 p.m. 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 in the sanctuary after worship **TODAY!** 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.

FALL ACTIVITIES

Sunday School will begin **September 7** after worship. Wednesday night activities resume **Sept 10**. We are looking for a couple of people who would like to team up to teach Gr. 1-2 on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in teaching or helping with Wednesday meals, contact Risa at 405-570-4616 or youth@stpaulsokc.com!

THE 80TH CELEBRATION MERCHANDISE

Order forms are available in the narthex and can be turned in to CAROLYN BEHRENS (mailbox #62) or the church office. Order can be paid by cash, check (made out to "The Okay See") or credit cards on Sunday mornings in September. Order deadline is Sunday, September 28th. Please text Carolyn (405-550-4494) if you have any questions.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

8/17- Worship

8/20- 6:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

8/24- Worship

Mission Trip Recap

8/25- 9am Canticle Ringers

8/27- 6:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

Fellowship Sunday

8/31- Worship

9/1- Labor Day

Office Closed