



10th Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 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: Mia Greiner, Emma Lewis, Sara Lewis
Prayer Leader: Maelee Moeller
Ushers: Luke Green, Keith Kilpatrick, Patti Spain, Ted Teske & Mike Thompson,
Luke Baker, Luke Purdum, Tyler Gracie
Children's Message: Tom Todd
Altar Guild: Amy Bandi
Communion Assistants: Risa Powell
Video assistant: Mike Lewis
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: #504 ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** vs. 1 2 & 4

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious,
Who breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God alone elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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

This Is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

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1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

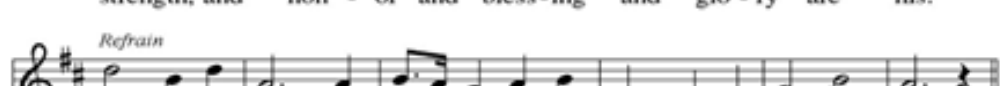


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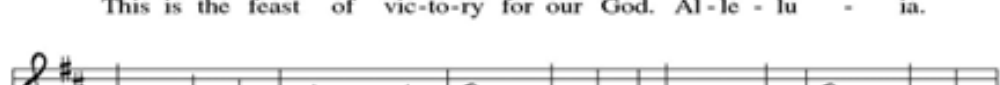


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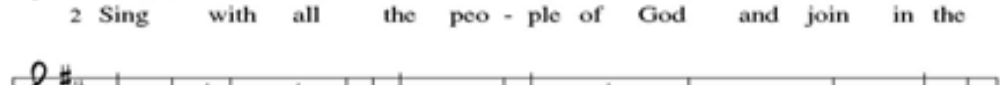
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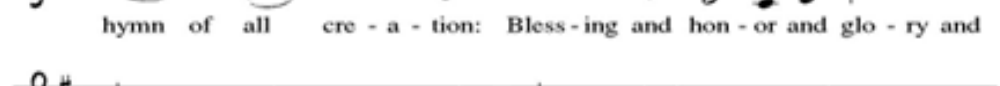
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

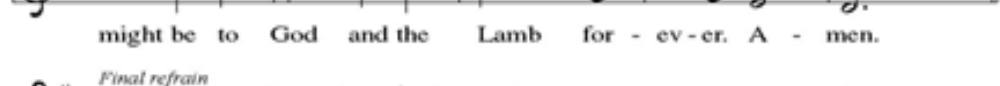


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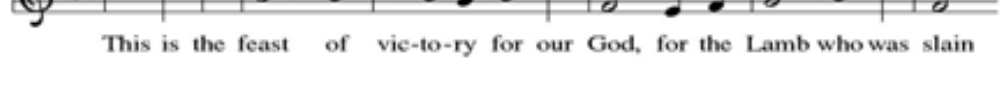


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

55 Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.
¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.
¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.
²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING **Romans 9:1-5**

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14:13-21**

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tom Todd

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary- Emiley Bainbridge, Laura Labus, Rick Ayling & Ron Wallace

MESSAGE

Fireside Chat

HYMN

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Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, fill with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

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

Father, we pray for your holy Christian Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Prayer for Risa Powell led by Pastor Stefanie.)

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant, Risa, who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve her at this time of transition. Guide her in the continued use of your gifts. Give her sustenance for the temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer her way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling her. By your Holy Spirit be present in her pilgrimage, that she may travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

COMMUNION

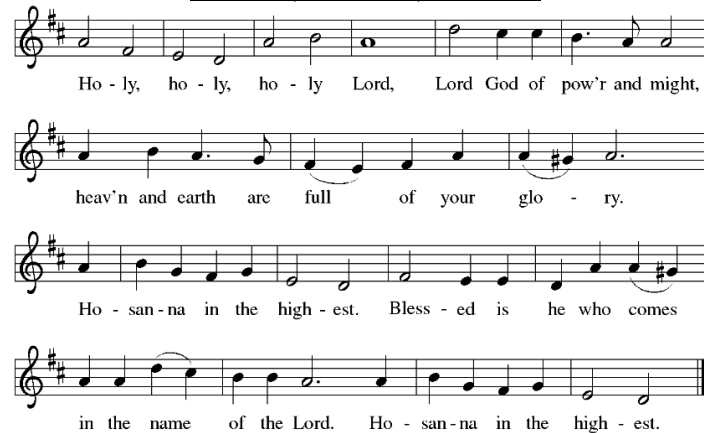
The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***

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.stpaulsoke.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RISA POWELL'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION – TODAY!

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. Pizza & drinks will be provided, but we ask that everyone bring a dessert to share. RSVP to Abby Davis at 580-603-0095. Address will be sent out this week!

WHIZ KIDS IS STARTING AGAIN

We will be recruiting Whiz Kids Tutors starting on TODAY. We partner with Cherokee Hills Baptist Church located at 63rd & MacArthur, where tutoring is held on Wednesdays 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, 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. Payment to the musicians comes to a total of \$2200/semester. The annual poinsettia sale in November will generate some money for the fund, but we will need the same amount again in January. If you can donate to this fund, either through online or in person, we would greatly appreciate it! Blackwelder will be here for the first time on September 27.

HARVEST HILLS SUPPLIES NEEDED

As the new school year approaches, we will resume collecting supplies to help some of the families at Harvest Hills Elementary. They are in need of certain supplies & toiletries. The counselor will hand out the items as needed. Supplies requested: toilet paper, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap/detergent, paper towels/plates/napkins, toothbrush & toothpaste, hand/body soap, shampoo & conditioner and sanitary products. Questions: contact Patti Spain.

HOT DOG MINISTRY RESUMES – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

The hot dog ministry will resume serving hot dog meals each Wednesday afternoon. Please visit the "Sign Up" page on the website if you are interested in serving.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

AUGUST

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