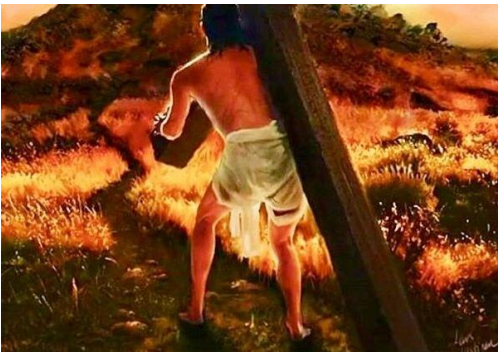




14th Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 2026

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: Ann Caine
Prayer Leader: Nancy Krause
Ushers: Luke Green, Keith Kilpatrick, Patti Spain, Ted Teske & Mike Thompson
Children's Message: Kristin Grubb
Altar Guild: Jessica Purdum
Communion Assistants: Alana & Robert Adair, Ann Caine, Jill Botkin, Joyce Martin, Ann Lawton & Susi Laflin
Video assistant: Mike Lewis
Acolyte & Crucifer: Mia Greiner & Nicholas Bainbridge

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:

Come Christians Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Kyrie 1 & 2

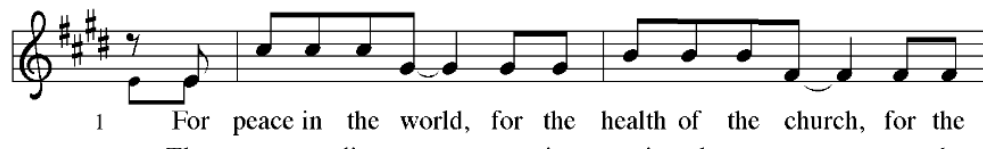
Refrain



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



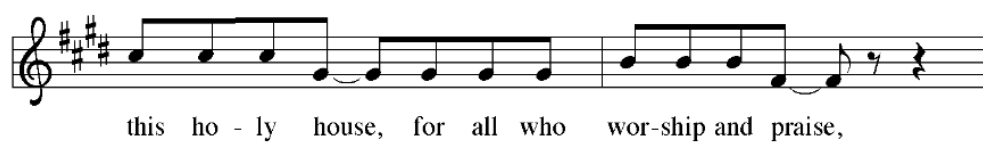
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



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. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. **2**For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3**When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! **4**But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5**for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. **6**So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, **7**for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. **8**But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9**For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10**who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. **11**Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristin Grubb

SPECIAL MUSIC

Another in the Fire

Hayley Thompson w/Ron Wallace & Rick Ayling

MESSAGE

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

HYMN

I Am Thine O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord; I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me.
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the pw'r of grace divine.
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.

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

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 underemployed 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 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.***

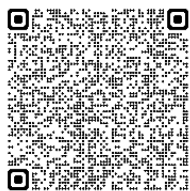
THE BLESSING

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.*



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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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING – TODAY

Children and Youth Sunday School Teachers—join us for a Teacher Training after the potluck.

5th SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP – TODAY

After worship. Bring your favorite sandwiches, salad or sweets!

TRINKETS AND TREASURES – TODAY

We will have many items for sale on *TODAY* in the narthex and in Risa's old office. There will be books & t-shirts from various church activities through the years. There will also be home decorations, school/office supplies and lots of miscellaneous trinkets. Please take what you can use and leave a generous FREE WILL DONATION which will go to the youth at SPLC. Enjoy the treasure hunt!

HHELP (HARVEST HILLS ELEMENTARY LUTHERAN PARTNERSHIP)

Sign up in the Narthex TODAY to help us support the staff and students of Harvest Hills Elementary School by being a HHELP volunteer! We have supported this neighborhood school over the past 6 years in a variety of ways including tutoring in math and reading, helping teachers with office work, reading to younger children, and writing notes of encouragement to both students and teachers. You choose the day you are available and shower blessings on someone who needs you. Sign-up by Sunday, September 13. THANK YOU!

WHIZ KIDS IS STARTING AGAIN

We partner with Cherokee Hills Baptist Church located at 63rd & MacArthur, where tutoring is held on Wednesdays after school. Training begins on 9/9 at 3p.m. Tutoring begins on 9/16. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Questions: contact Vahla Todd at 405-922-8594.

HARVEST HILLS SUPPLIES NEEDED

We are collecting supplies to help families at Harvest Hills Elementary. They need certain supplies & toiletries. The counselor will hand out the items as needed. In addition to cleaning & personal products, teachers have also requested some extra school supplies: plastic pencil boxes, crayons, folders, spiral notebooks, washable markers, colored pencils & glue sticks. Questions: contact Patti Spain.

YOUTH & FAMILY SURVEY

We are looking at ways we can better serve the children, youth, parents & families in our church. We have a short survey to learn what activities, events, programs & opportunities would be meaningful to our congregation. All questions are optional, so please feel free to share as much or as little as you'd like. Use the following link or QR Code to complete the survey: [Youth & Family Ministry Survey](#)



UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST

8/30 – 9:30- Worship
5th Sunday Fellowship

8/31 – 9am Canticle Ringers Resumes

SEPTEMBER

9/1 – Exec Board Meeting
9/2 – 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

9/6 – 9:30 – Worship
9/7 – Labor Day – Office Closed
9/9 – 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal

9/13 – 9:30 – Worship & Education
9/14 – Canticle Ringers
9/16 – Wed. Night Activities Resume
5:45 – Meal
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal
9/17 – XYZ

9/20 – 9:30 – Worship & Education
9/21 – Canticle Ringers
9/22 – Twilight Tones Resume
9/23 – Wednesday Night Activities
5:45 – Meal
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal

9/27 – 9:30 – Worship & Education
9/28 – Canticle Ringers
9/29 – Twilight Tones
9/30 – Wednesday Night Activities
5:45 – Meal
6:30 – Education & Choir Rehearsal