



12th Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 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: Tracy Caine
Ushers: Allen Baker, Ron Jantz, Will Koski, Mark Mitchell, Corey Grubb,
Kent Wallace & Bob Pirog
Children's Message: Jill Botkin
Altar Guild: Shelly Nutter
Communion Assistants: Carolyn & Elie Behrens, Janet Miller, Susi Laflin, Ann Lawton, Amy Bandi
& Debi Musick
Video assistant: Mike Lewis
Acolyte & Crucifer: Madelynn Thompson & 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: #858 ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** vs 1, 3 & 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; ⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 112

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;

their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink,

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;

the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹³Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

⁶So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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 Luke. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹⁴One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable:

⁸"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

Jill Botkin

Shout to the North

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

Jill Botkin

HYMN

#461

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here is truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***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.

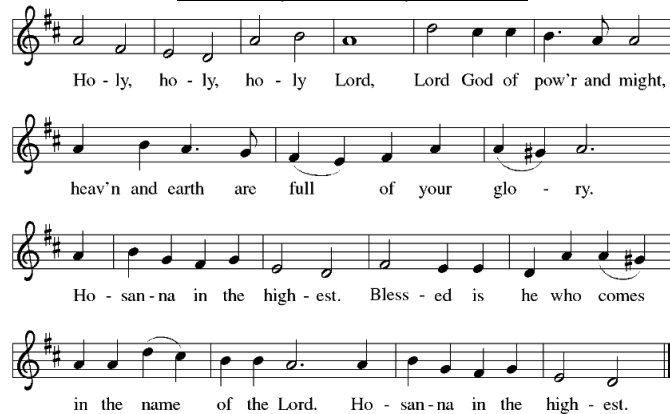
We lift them up to the Lord.

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

QUILT RAFFLE

Beginning Sept 7, the quilters will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt for \$1.00 each! Please stop by the table in the narthex either before or after service all through September to purchase your tickets (cash or check only please). Proceeds will be split between the quilting ministry, and Lutheran World Relief. The drawing will be held on Quilt Sunday (September 28) after church. You don't need to be present to win. Please contact Susi Laflin if you have any questions 405-202-7065

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.

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.

HOT DOG MINISTRY

If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, visit stpaulsokc.com and use the Sign Up! link. If you have questions, contact Misty Veit.

FALL ACTIVITIES- START OF EDUCATION

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 teach Gr. 1-2 on Wednesday nights. Curriculum is ready to go, just need 2 adults to teach. If you are interested in teaching 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.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

8/31- Worship

9/1- Labor Day -Office Closed

9/2- Twilight Tones

9/3- Adult Choir Rehearsal

9/6- 10am Marilyn Hudson Memorial Service

9/7- Worship & Education

Bible Blessings

9/10- Wednesday Night Kickoff!

5:45 Meal -Hamburgers & hotdogs

6:30- Adult Choir & Education

9/14- Worship & Education

5pm Youth Night

9/17- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Meal -Lasagna

6:30- Adult Choir & Education

9/21- Worship & Education

Blackwelder Brass

9/22- 9am Canticle Ringers

9/23- Twilight Tones

9/24- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Meal -Pulled Pork

6:30- Adult Choir & Education

9/28- Worship & Education

Quilt Sunday

9/29- 9am Canticle Ringers

9/30- Twilight Tones

10/1- Wednesday Night Activities

5:45 Meal -Sloppy Joes

6:30- Adult Choir & Education