



# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost September 21, 2025

**WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!**  
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## **SERVING TODAY:**

Reader: Joyce Martin  
Ushers: Luke Green, Keith Kilpatrick, Patti Spain, Ted Teske & Mike Thompson  
Children's Message: Tom Todd  
Altar Guild: Janet Miller  
Communion Assistant: Janet Miller, Carolyn & Romi Behrens, Jessica & Drew Purdum, Paula Schopflin & Tracy Caine  
Video assistant: Rick Ayling  
Acolyte & Crucifer: Jolie Fauser & Evelyn Moeller

## **PRELUDE:**

**Canzonz Prima #5** – Gabrielli

Blackwelder Brass

## **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:** #705 **God of Grace and God of Glory** vs 1, 2 & 4

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

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. God among us, we gather in the name of our Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Amos 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?” - skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. <sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

Word of God, Word of Life.

***Thanks be to God!***

### **PSALM 113**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;

***praise the name of the LORD.***

<sup>2</sup>Let the name of the LORD be blessed,

***from this time forth forevermore.***

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down

***let the name of the LORD be praised.***

<sup>4</sup>The LORD is high above all nations;

***God's glory above the heavens.***

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

***but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?***

<sup>6</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust

***and lifts up the poor from the ashes,***

<sup>7</sup>enthroning them with the rulers,

***with the rulers of the people.***

<sup>8</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a childless house

***to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!***

**SECOND READING**

**1 Tim 2:1-7**

<sup>2</sup> I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—  
<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.  
<sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

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 16:1-13**

<sup>16</sup> Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’  
<sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’  
<sup>5</sup> “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’  
<sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.  
“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’  
<sup>7</sup> “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’  
“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.  
“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’  
<sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.  
<sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?  
<sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Tom Todd**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

***With a Voice of Joy***

SPLC Adult Choir w/Blackwelder Brass

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

**HYMN**

#825

***You Servants of God***

vs 1, 3 & 4

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow’r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

## **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, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." (Brief silence.) For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, and all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this congregation for those who are present here or online and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***To you, O Lord our God.***

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. ***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**

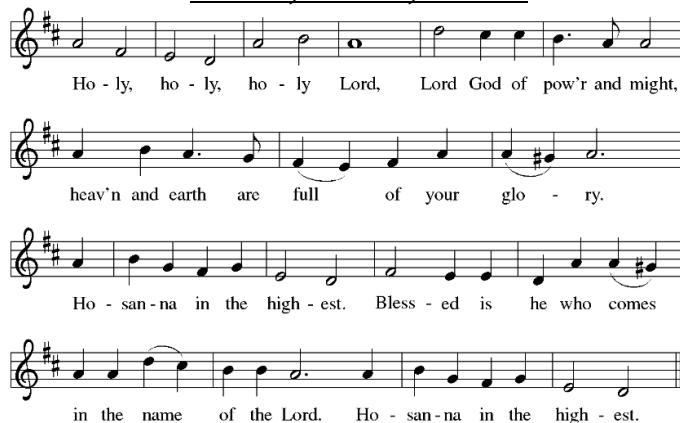
The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***

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***

### **SPECIAL COMMUNION MUSIC** **DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS**

***Paduana*** - Schein, arr by Robert King      Blackwelder Brass

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**

***Die Bankelsangerlieder*** – Anonymous

Blackwelder Brass

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY

Join us on Wednesdays in the Narthex as we read and discuss “The Love That is God” by Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt. We meet from 6:30-7:30pm. It is a great way to get to know people and have great faith discussions! Let Pastor Stefanie know if you have any questions!

### QUILT RAFFLE

Through the month of September, 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

### 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 405-550-4494 if you have any questions.

### IMPORTANT YOUTH & FAMILY DATES

**OCTOBER 4 & 5** – Confirmation retreat. If you have a middle school child or a confirmand, please contact Risa with any questions.

**OCTOBER 12** – Youth country & western night at the Bench’s house.

**OCTOBER 26**- Trunk or treat. More details to come!

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

If you have any announcements or events scheduled in October and would like to have them included in our next newsletter, please email Ashley ([articles@stpaulsokc.com](mailto:articles@stpaulsokc.com)) by Monday **9/22**.

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### **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