



15th Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 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.

**Today's altar flowers are in honor of Keith & Liddy Kilpatrick's wedding anniversary.
Happy anniversary!**

SERVING TODAY:

Liturgist:	Marci Waguespack
Reader:	Debi Musick
Prayer Leader:	Paula Schopflin
Ushers:	Tony Nutter, Steve Botkin, Micah Moeller, Bill Schopflin & Rex Bross
Children's Message:	Carolyn Behrens
Altar Guild:	Joyce Martin
Video assistant:	Tracy Caine
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Jane Green & Henson Davis

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 our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #533 ***Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*** vs 1, 2 & 5

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light and grace!

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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

Kyrie 3 & 4

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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 18:15-20

¹⁵"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SPECIAL MUSIC
MESSAGE

Carolyn Behrens
Still Waters
Pastor Arodi Sanchez

Kristen Grubb

HYMN

#609

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Vs 1, 3 & 5

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.

Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,
peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

O my Savior, help afford by your Spirit and your word!
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;
grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

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.***

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

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.stpaulsokc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—SEPT 13!

Mark your calendars! Education begins Sunday, September 13. Our younger Sunday school classes need a loving adult to aid the Teacher during class. The Teacher will prepare the lesson, you would aid them as they teach and encourage our children in their lesson. Would you be interested in serving once or twice a month? Let Pastor Stefanie or Sarah Baker know!

FOOD PANTRY HELP

We need a few people to help stock the food pantry 9/24 – 10/18. If you can help, contact Alana Adair at 405-312-9476

UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

9/6 – 9:30 – Worship

9/7 – Labor Day – Office Closed

9/8 – Board Chair meeting

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

9/19 – 1-3 pm Marvin Baker Memorial

9/20 – 9:30 – Worship & Education

4 pm – Adult Choir Pool Party @ Todd's

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