



19th Sunday after Pentecost September 29, 2024

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:

Lay Reader: Bill Bandi
Children's Message: Tom Todd
Altar Guild: Kathy Knox
Communion Assistants: Carolyn Behrens, Janet Miller, Silver Woodbury, Marci Waguespack, Susi Laflin, Abby & Maelee Moeller
Sound & Video: Mike Lewis
Ushers: Ron Jantz, Allen Baker, Will Koski, Mark Mitchell & Bob Pirog
Acolyte & Crucifer: Jane Green and Nicholas Bainbridge

PRELUDE: Niki Higgins

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: #522 ***As We Gather At Your Table***

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4, 11, 14-16, 24b-29

⁴The camp followers with them had a strong craving, and the Israelites also wept again and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ...¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?... ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” ¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting and have them take their place there with you.

²⁴Moses...gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3

3 This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him. ¹³I pray, therefore, that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 9:38-50**

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us."³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us.

⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck, and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than

to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:

Tom Todd

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Amazing Grace, Eternal Life

SPAC w/Niki Higgins

MESSAGE:

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

HYMN:

The Love of God

J=105

1. The love of God is great - er far Than tongue or pen can ev - er
 2. When years of time shall pass a - way, And earth - ly thrones and king - doms
 3. Could we with ink the o - cean fill, And were the skies of parch - ment

tell; It goes be - yond the high - est star, And reach - es to the low - est hell; The guilt - y
 fall, When men, who here re - fuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mount - ains call, God's love so
 made, Were ev - ery stalk on earth a quill, And eve - ry man a scribe by trade, To write the

pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His err - ing child He re - con -
 sure, shall still en - dure, All mea - sure - less and strong; Re - deem - ing grace to A - dam's
 love of God a - bove, Would drain the o - cean dry. Nor could the scroll con - tain the

Refrain
 - ciled, And par - doned from his sin. O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure -
 race The saints' and an - gels' song. whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

- less and strong! It shall for - ev - er - more en - dure The saints' and an - gels' song.

THE 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following people have expressed a desire to join in our fellowship at St Paul's Lutheran Church.

- ❖ Ryan & Paige Fauser; Jenna & Jolie
- ❖ Nancy Karberg
- ❖ Ben & Christy Reed
- ❖ Judy Torluemke
- ❖ David & Ginger Burris

Leader to the Congregation: Will you who are members of this faith community who are witnessing these promises, share the joys and sorrows, and do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ:

Congregation: We will.

Leader: Will you welcome them into this family of St. Paul's, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of the body and help it grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journeys, and assist them in their ministries?

Congregation: Yes! We will!

Leader: Let us express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ:

Congregation: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Everyone: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other. That by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all our sisters and brothers, in Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

...And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(Please note, there are gluten free wafers available if you need them. The cups in the center of the trays are juice, and the outer rings are wine.)

BENEDICTION:

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE :

Niki Higgins

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 following QR code:



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm as we read *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Bryan Smith. We will read a chapter a week and discuss it together. For more information, talk to Pastor Stefanie!

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP – TODAY

The Outreach Board is happy to host our FIFTH SUNDAY SOCIAL Potluck Luncheon today after worship. We will also welcome our new members!

OCTOBER OUTREACH MISSION

We will be collecting items to assist the OKC Crisis Nursery. This organization assists children and families in times of crisis. Our focus will be collecting their most requested items: diapers, pull-ups, wipes (any brand), small water bottles & individually wrapped snacks. For more information you can visit their website: www.crisisnurseryokc.com or contact a member of the Outreach Board.

TRUNK OR TREAT- OCTOBER 27TH, 5-7 PM

There are several ways to help: **donate candy** (*nut free*) candy donations can be left in the narthex or in the activity center for the class competition. **Host a TRUNK**, get creative! We also need volunteers to make cupcakes, serve hot dogs and help with games. There is a Sign-up Genius on the website and sign-up sheets on the information table.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS

We still have slots open for November & December. Please sign up at the visitor's center in the narthex. If you can help once or multiple times, we will gladly use your help!

HOT DOG MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider signing up using the link on our website, www.stpaulsokc.com. We need volunteers to prep and hand out each Wednesday from 2-4pm. Please reach out to Misty Veit with any questions.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

9/29- Worship – *No Education - New Member Reception & 5th Sunday Fellowship*

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

10/2- Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Children's Handbells
5:45 Meal – BBQ Sandwiches
6:30 Education & Choir Practice

10/6- Worship & Education

10/8- Executive Board Meeting

10/9- Wednesday Night Activities

No Children's Handbells
5:45 Meal – Tacos
6:30 Education (*No Choir practice*)

10/13-8:30 Prayer Partner Blessing/Donuts

Worship & Education

11:45 "Back 40" meeting
5:00pm Youth Country & Western Night

10/16- Fall Break-No Wednesday activities

6:30 Choir Practice

10/17- XYZ

10/20- Worship- (No education)

10/27-Worship – Reformation Sunday

(Blackwelder Brass)

All Church Confirmation Reception
5-7 pm Fall Carnival/Trunk or Treat

10/30-Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Children's Handbells
5:45 Meal – Fall Fun Meal
6:30 Education & Choir Practice