St. Paul Lutheran Church Yorktown, Texas



Saturday and Sunday Holy Communion Services 11th Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2025

Silent Prayer

O God, who is here - in this place, now - in our midst; Empower us to praise you, not with words and actions which come from outside of us, but from within us; Dwell in us more fully that we may sing to you with all our being; Fill us with a sense of your joy, that we might delight in your worship; Focus us upon your self-giving Love, which is above every love we have ever known, the source of all. O God, who is here - in this place, now - in our midst; Make your love real here and now, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

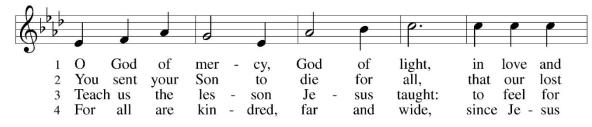
PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+)Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.

*GATHERING HYMN

"O God of Mercy, God of Light" LBW #425

O God of Mercy, God of Light







- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, each other's burdens help us share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above those who have lived to you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt. Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

*GREETING and DIALOGUE

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Holy is the LORD, the Almighty.
- C: He was, He is, and He is to come.
- L: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.
- C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.
- L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;
- C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.
- L: By His blood He purchased for God
- C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.
- L: Christ made of them a kingdom
- C: and priest to serve our God.
- L: And they shall reign on earth forever.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*CONFESSION OF SIN

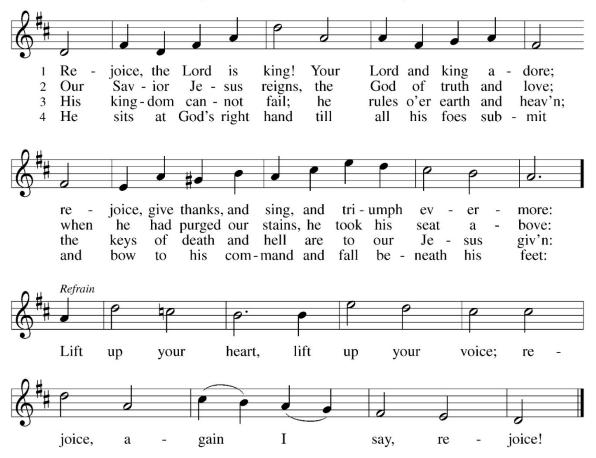
- L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and + remission of all your sins.
- C: Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.
- C: Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-23

Lector: A reading from .

¹⁸"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so

shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-15

¹The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

³Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

⁷"Hear, O my people, and I will speak;

O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

your burnt offerings are continually before me.

⁹I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

¹²"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:4-29	
Lector: A reading from	

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without

discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken — that is, things that have been made — in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²{Jesus} went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" LBW #503

O Jesus, I Have Promised



Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

(Sunday) *CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Sunday) *PRAYERS

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Both services continue)

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Text: Psalm 51:10-12 Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Wise and Gracious God,

C: Receive the labor of our hands—these gifts of money, bread, and wine—along with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be His body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

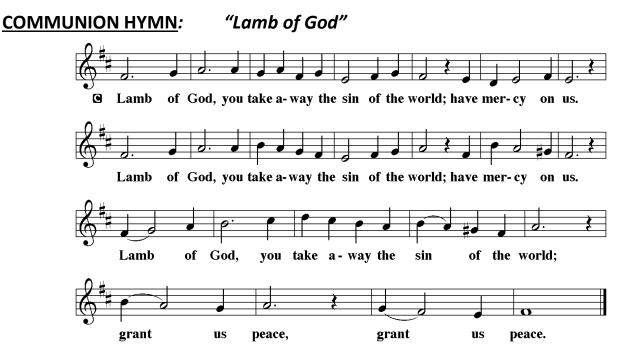
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you

And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" LBW #448

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

*DISMISSAL

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN 11th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 24, 2025

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

AUGUST 24, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

11th Sunday after Pentecost

<u>Presiding Minister:</u> Tim W Muehlbrad **<u>Reader:</u>** Boyd Weise

Acolytes: Charles & Nat Flores Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: Luellen Smiley Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

AUGUST 31, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Karen Dueser

Acolytes: Aileen Warwas & Sadie Schustereit Children's Sermon: Karen Dueser

Musicians: Beverly Bruns Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Zoe Irvin

Helping with Worship during the month of August:

Head Usher: Jay Heil

Ushers: Carl Clyne, Michael Franke, Cody Geffert, Layne Geffert

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Laurey and Aydn Garcia

<u>FLOWERS</u>: The flowers at the Lectern are given to the Glory of God from Christopher and Hilary Gohmert.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Joe Barnes	Kate Janis	Nick Picard and donor
Caroline Blain	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Jeannine Robinson
Wade Bolting	Clinton Kaiser	Bennett Rohan
Warner Borth	Mary Kanuch	Pam Roth
David Brucker	Joyce Lamprecht	Joan Smith
Virginia Buesing	Ray Lange	Lori Nelson Stenger
Julie Dupree	Elaine Malina	Family of Mike Stern
Kathryn Gloor	Linda Metting	Alma Suggs
Tiffany Godby	Lin Migura	Judy Taylor
Daniel Goehring	Lanie Milliff	Chandler Vaclavik
Sherri Hoefling	Gray Mosier	Baby Mae Weischwill
Rosa Horton	Larry & Carole Mueller	Mark Weischwill
Keith Ibrom	Stacey Gohmert Nelson	Levi Wilhelmsen
Joanna Ivy	David Norrell	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (24th) 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Sunday School

Parish Ed Meeting in Basement after Sunday School

Wednesday (27th) 9:15 am TLG Chapel

5:30 pm Guitar Lessons in Chapel

6:00 pm FFF

Thursday (28th) Fellowship Hall Reserved – TLG Friday (29th) Fellowship Hall Reserved – TLG

Saturday (30th) 5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion Sunday (31st) 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion



<u>Connor Ray Saunders</u>, the son of Dennis Saunders Jr. and Shannon Saunders, was baptized on February 24, 2008 at St. Paul Lutheran Church by Pastor Patti Byrne. Connor's sponsors are Garrett & Debbie Rice, Heather Noster and K.C. Clinkscales. Connor's confirmation verse: Romans 8:31

"What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

CHURCH SERVICES:

Our elevator is out of order. Sunday morning service is still in the Sanctuary. Those who rely on the elevator are welcome to come to the Saturday evening service held at the Chapel in the Educational Building at 5pm until further notice.

YOUTH SPORTS COURT:

After the called congregational meeting, the youth sports complex was approved, but will not proceed with building until 65% of the money needed (\$84,955) is collected. We are currently at \$40,025. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

CHURCH FACILITIES NEED REPAIR:

Council has discussed 3 main concerns that need attention. One of the AC units needs to be replaced at the church for approximately \$43,000. We need to have the plumbing repiped in the educational building for approximately \$39,000. The buckled flooring and water-damaged carpet needs to be replaced in the chapel with a bid of \$12,147.20. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering "AC/PLUMBING/FLOOR". Any help is greatly appreciated!

GUITAR LESSONS:

Pastor Tim will be offering a class for those who would like to learn to play guitar. The class is open to adults and children. Students need to be strong enough to press and hold the strings on a guitar and be committed to practicing. We will meet once a week for half an hour starting on Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 pm. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Tim.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

The Women of the Church Bible Study Group will restart on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. We will study "Twelve Extraordinary Women of the Bible" by John Macarthur. You may pick up your book and yearbook at the church office beginning August 20th. Bible Study is the first Tuesday of each month starting with Fellowship at 9:00 am and study at 9:30 am. Please join us and ask a friend.

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

September 21, 2025 – 11:30 am Pot Luck Lunch October 26, 2025 – 11:30 am Pot Luck Lunch

Upcoming Youth Events:

September 7, 2025 - Grandparents Day Reception: Fellowship Hall, during SS Hour

Area Events:

Holy Cross Catholic Church Festival - Sunday, September 14, 2025. Homemade Polish sausage and shoulder clod meal starts at 10:30 a.m. (Plates are \$15 for adults/to go, and \$8 for kids 12 and under); Entertainment begins at 11:00 a.m., Live Auction at 1:00 p.m. in Air-Conditioned Hall. Music, Country Store, Cake Walk, Children's Games, Inflatable Obstacle Course, KC Calf Raffle and more!

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church BBQ & Raffle will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 11220 FM 237 in Meyersville, Texas. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. BBQ meal is \$15.00 a plate, dine-in or to-go, 11am-12:30pm. Live auction starting at 12:30 pm in the air-conditioned Parish Hall. Come and enjoy good food, good fellowship & good fun!

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