St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, Texas



Saturday and Sunday Holy Communion Services 13th Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025

Silent Prayer

"Get out of bed, sleepy head," we heard a voice say: an alarm clock, a mother or father, a husband or wife, an excited child. "Eat breakfast," "get dressed," "hurry up - let's go", the voices prodded us, Lord. And so, we are here. But are we really? Wake us up, God. Really! WAKE US UP! Amen.

<u>PRELUDE</u>

RINGING OF THE BELL

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. Verses in this text let us see the biblical roots of different portions of the Liturgy, helping us find both texts and inspiration for the different parts of our worship.

*BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS 1John 1:8-9

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

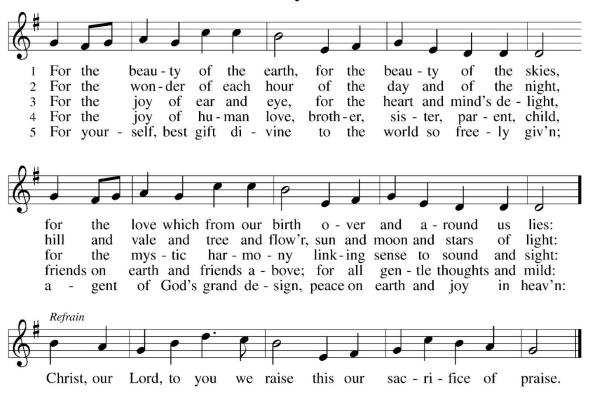
- C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, Psalm 96:1

"For the Beauty of the Earth" LBW #561

For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

(Saturday) HOLY BAPTISM

LBW page 121

(Sunday) *GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

P: 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.

*KYRIE Luke 17:13, Matthew 20:30-31



*HYMN OF PRAISE 1 Chronicles 16:25



(Both Services) *SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY Ruth 2:4, Luke 1:28



P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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.

THE READINGS 1 Timothy 4:1

| FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | |
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| Lector: A reading from | |

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

Lector: A reading from

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. 8Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus - ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

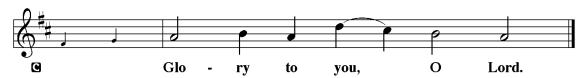
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 4:14; Acts 4:8



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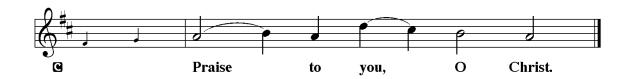
*GOSPEL Luke 14:25-35

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



²⁵Great crowds accompanied {Jesus}, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

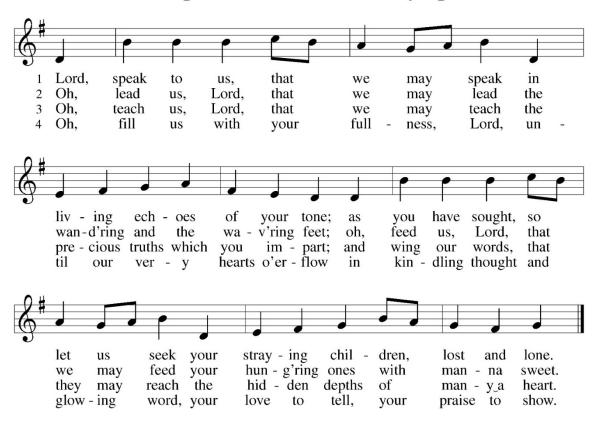


SERMON 2 Timothy 4:1-5

HYMN of the DAY

"Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak" LBW #403

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

(Sunday) *APOSTLES' CREED 1 Timothy 3:16, Genesis 1, 1 Corinthians 15

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.

(Both Services) *PRAYERS Psalm 143:1, 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

*OFFERTORY 1 Corinthians 10:16

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Text: Psalm 51:10-12

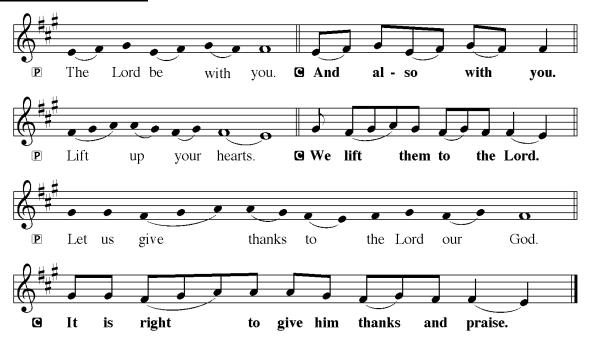
Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

*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.

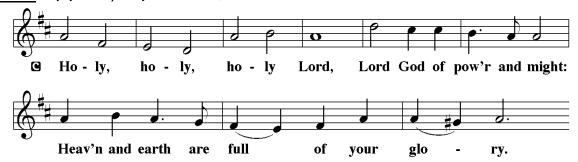
*GREAT THANKSGIVING Lamentations 3:41

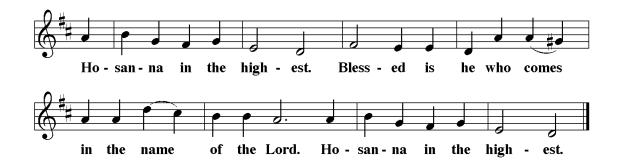


*PREFACE Psalm 69:30, Ephesians 5:20

P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9





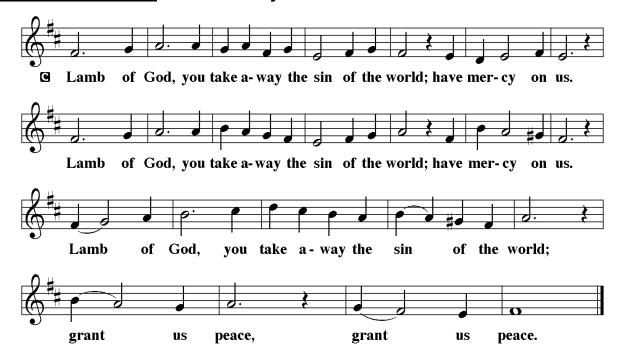
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS *Luke 22:19–20*

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: "Lamb of God" John 1:29



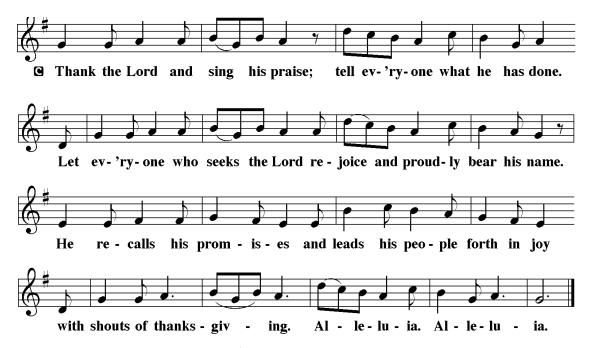
ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" LBW #109
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LBW #482
"In The Quiet Consecration" LBW #223

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING John 6:47-51

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

C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE John 21:15



*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Psalms 107:1, 118:1

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 Numbers 6:23-26

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.



*CLOSING HYMN

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" LBW #158

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

*DISMISSAL Luke 7:50

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: As we go in peace we share that peace with each other. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

The sharing of the peace—Matthew 5:23-24, and Romans 16:16—ordinarily occurs before Holy Communion. In our setting we have moved it to the end of the service to help facilitate our Radio Broadcasts.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN 13th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 7, 2025

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Sandra Heil

Acolytes: Patrick Peyton & Madilynn Rippamonti

Musicians: Beverly Bruns Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Johanna Warwas

Acolytes: Kellen & Annie Hahn Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: Luellen Smiley Sunday – Luellen Smiley

Saturday Altar Guild: Barbara Cramer

Helping with Worship during the month of September:

Head Usher: Ricky Hilbrich

Ushers: Fred Hahn, Spence Innocenti, Mark Lincke, Travis Peyton

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Karen Dueser & Penny Sievers

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

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Carlton Bolting

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

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

| 9:00 am | Worship with Holy Communion |
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| 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| 10:15 am | Fellowship Hall Reserved – Grandparents Day Reception |
| 11:30 am | Confirmation Class |
| 1:30 pm | Cradle Workshop |
| 5:30 pm | Worship Committee Meeting |
| 6:00 pm | Council Meeting |
| 9:15 am | TLG Chapel |
| 5:30 pm | Guitar Lessons in Meeting Room |
| 6:00 pm | FFF |
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GOD'S BLESSINGS ON JAXON ALLEN BRUNS as the Holy Spirit was poured into his life at his baptism Saturday. Jaxon is the son of Cory and Samantha Bruns. Jaxon's sponsors are Travis and Lauren Broll. May God continue to bless him throughout his life as he is nurtured in the faith by his parents, sponsors, and the church.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Our elevator is working again, but Saturday service will remain in the Chapel. Sunday morning service is still in the Sanctuary.

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 \$40,195. 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!

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

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

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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