



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost



What Makes Christians *Different*

Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul's family alike!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children's busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children's bulletins, and children's worship note sheets on the cart of **children's worship materials** near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!

Today's worship service begins on page 5.

Our Pentecost worship series | **What makes Christians different**

The Bible says Christians are different. Christians are people who believe in Jesus as their Savior. But they often look the same as those who do not believe in Jesus. How are Christians different? The answer is often something internal, attitudes or perspectives that come only from the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and sacrament. Ultimately, Christians are people who run to Christ for forgiveness because they have failed to live perfect lives. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to do all the things that Jesus says Christians do, things that make Christians different.

Today's worship theme | **Christians answer doubt with faith**

Wherever faith clings to the promises of God, doubt is always lingering. Doubt asks the serpent's garden question, "Did God really say?" People doubt God's care, God's promises, or God's providence.

The answer to doubt is not found in loud, dramatic demonstrations. The true answer to doubt is found in the still small voice of our Savior God whispering to us in his Word. Through Word and sacrament, Christ reaches out to us with nail-scarred hands, proof of his great love. Jesus gently says, "Why did you doubt?" Our faith is restored. Christians answer doubt with faith.

Our prayer before worship | **to secure our faith and silence our doubts**

Lord God, all things we have come from you and belong to you. Guide us, therefore, to use all we have to the glory of your name and for the good of your kingdom. Give us the rest that comes alone from you; take our hearts and fill them with your love; take our lips and move them to speak Jesus' name; take our lives and use them to serve in your Church. Move us, by the Spirit of Jesus, to do what is needed to spread the gospel of Jesus worldwide for his name's sake. Amen.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: ***"Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."***

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

How Firm a Foundation

CW 800

Even when we face doubts or fears or fires, the firm foundation of our faith is Jesus.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

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Tune: Genuine Church Music, Winchester, 1832, ed. Joseph Funk
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P(residing minister) | In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation) | **Amen.**

Confession

P | If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C | If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P | Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C | Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P | Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C | Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P | In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C | Amen.

Glory Be to God in Heaven (*Gloria in Excelsis*)

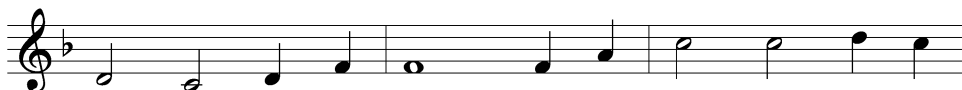
CW 1003, BEACH SPRING



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he loves so
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -



well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and



glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the



joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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P | The Lord be with you.

C | And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P | Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9–18

The Lord answers Elijah's doubt with the gentle whisper of a gracious promise.

⁹He came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

¹⁰He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

¹¹Then the LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

¹²After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice.

¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

¹⁴He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. ¹⁸But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day | Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Psalm 73B

The **Refrains** will be sung in unison; the verses of the Psalm will be spoken responsively as indicated.

Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid, for the LORD is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

P | I am always with you;

C | **you hold me by my right hand.**

P | You guide me with your counsel,

C | **and afterward you will take me into glory.**

P | Whom have I in heav'n but you?

C | **And earth has nothing I desire besides you.**

P | My flesh and my heart may fail,

C | **but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

All | **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,**

as it was in the beginning,

is now,

and will be forever.

Amen. Refrain

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Second Reading

Romans 8:28–39

In all times—good and bad—God carries out his perfect plan for his glory and for our salvation.

²⁸We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 11:1

P | Alleluia! Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

We see how quickly doubts arise and how graciously Jesus answers them.

²²Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. ²⁴By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, “It’s a ghost!” ²⁷But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, “Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹Jesus said, “Come!”

Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God!”

P | The Gospel of the Lord.

C | **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Still, My Soul

CW 847

Doubts can shake our souls, but Christ is by our side to still our souls no matter what we face.



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take to guide the
 3 Be still, my soul; when dear-est friends de - part and all is
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on when we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to or - der
 fu - ture as he has the past; your hope, your con - fi - dence, let
 dark-ened in the vale of tears, then you will bet - ter know his
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he faith-ful will re -
 noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your
 fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
 from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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How do you know?

Continuing to meditate on God's Word *after* hearing today's sermon:

- Sketch a timeline of your life, including everything in verses 28 – 32.
- Make a list of your own fears that mirrors Paul's list in verses 38 – 39.
- Who in your life needs to know what you know? Tell them *this week*.

Nicene Creed

C | We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

To our honored guests: *We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.*

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR code** to give an offering online.*



Prayer of the Church

Preface

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

P | Lift up your hearts.

C | **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C | **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P | It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” (*Sanctus*)

CW 1011, WEBB

1 Sing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,
your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky.”
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!
Our voic - es cry, “Ho - san - na!” Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God’s name!
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
“Ho - san - na in the high - est!” our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P | We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C | Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C | Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

P | Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C | **Amen.**

O Lamb of God, Once Lifted High (*Agnus Dei*)

CW 1013, HAMBURG

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will
took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Distribution of Holy Communion

To our honored guests: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture’s teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul’s, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and can express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819

When our faith is built on Jesus and he is with us, then no foe or fear or doubt can ever stand against us.



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, of this I make my boast,
3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
4 He can - cels my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
that God is my dear Fa - ther, the friend who loves me most,
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.
he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sav - ior is at hand
With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;
In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
thro' storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.
the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.
in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.

5 Now no one can condemn me or set my hope aside; now hell no more can claim me,
its fury I deride. No sentence now reproves me, no guilt destroys my peace,
for Christ, my Savior, loves me and shields me with his grace.

6 No danger, thirst, or hunger, no pain or poverty, no earthly tyrant's anger shall ever
vanquish me. Though earth should break asunder, you are my Savior true;
no fire or sword or thunder shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing and can no more be sad; my soul is filled with singing, sees only
sunshine glad. The sun that cheers my spirit is Jesus Christ, my King;
the heav'n I shall inherit makes me rejoice and sing.

In You Is Gladness

CW 513

In Christ we have gladness even if we are distressed or face doubts for he is always with us.

1 In you is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 If he is ours, — we fear no pow - ers, not of
sun - shine of my heart. By you are giv - en the gifts of
earth or sin or death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis -
heav - en, you the true Re - deem - er are. Our souls are
tress - es; he can change them with a breath. Where-fore the
wak - ing, our bonds are break - ing; who trusts you
sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with hearts and
sure - ly has built se - cure - ly and stands for - ev - er.
voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es in him for - ev - er.
Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are pin - ing to see your
Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for glad - ness, win o - ver
shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing to you are
sad - ness, love him and praise him and still shall
cling - ing now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
raise him glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622

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P | Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C | **his mercy endures forever.**

P | Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C | **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P | We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 on you with favor and + give you peace.

C | **Amen.**

_____ | **The closing hymn is on the next page** | _____

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Immovable Our Hope Remains

CW 832

Our faith cannot be shaken or moved because it is built on Christ, our firm foundation.



1 Im - mov - a - ble our hope re - mains, though shift - ing sands be -
2 This is e - ter - nal life: to know the liv - ing God and
3 The Lord ac - quits, who can con - demn? Though Sa - tan's ac - cu -
4 Built in - to Christ, se - cure we stand, for with his Spir - it



fore us lie; the One who washed a - way our stains shall
Christ, the Son. The Sav - ior will not let us go un -
sa - tions fly, his pow'r can nev - er reach our names, to
we've been sealed; by grace we'll see the prom - ised land where



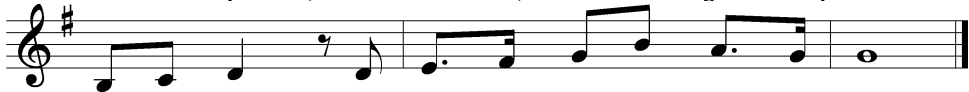
bear us safe - ly to the skies. The floods may rise, the
til his sav - ing work is done. Our debt was great, as
blot them from the Book of Life. The Son has sure - ly
ev - 'ry sor - row shall be healed. To God who gave his



winds may beat, tor - ren - tial rains de - scend, yet
was our need, but now the price is paid. Who
made us free, his Word for - ev - er stands, and
on - ly Son, to Je - sus Christ, our Lord to



God his own will not for - get; he'll love and keep us
can be - hold Im - man - uel bleed and doubt his will - ing -
all our joy is know - ing we are grav - en on his
God the Spir - it, Three in One, be songs of praise for -



till the end. You'll love and keep us till the end.
ness to save? We trust your will - ing - ness to save.
wound - ed hands. We're grav - en on your wound - ed hands.
ev - er - more. We'll sing your praise for - ev - er - more.

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+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today we will begin a new Bible study *Stranger Than Fiction*, focusing on several of Israel's Judges; today we will focus on Ehud. Sunday School for the children will take place at the same time.

Stranger Than Fiction

During the time of the Judges, "Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." This time had many memorable (and tragic) events that took place that are stranger than fiction, but all of them are here for our learning. We will spend some time with Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, and Samson and see how God's Word and presence continue through the chaos. These studies will take place following the services during the month of August. Please join us!

Wednesday (Kingsway) Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible studies will resume this **Wednesday, August 12** at 10 AM and will be studying the book of James together, led by Pastor James. All are welcome!

Bible Information Class (BIC)

Our next BIC will begin on **Monday, August 24** at **6 PM**. All are welcome to learn/review the basic teachings of Scripture together. Whether you're just curious about what the Bible teaches, have questions, would like to become a member, or have been one for decades, all are encouraged to attend this class that gathers us around God's Word. If you or someone you know would like to learn more, please let one of our pastors know.

Travel with WELS Groups

Father's World Tours is partnering with WELS Home Missions to offer two trips. *Cool Canyons* (11-7 - 19) takes us to see some of the Southwest U.S.'s most stunning scenery, including the Mighty Five national parks in Utah, the Grand Canyon, and more. We'll worship with and tour our Apache missions in Peridot and East Fork, and a home mission in St George, UT. *Flora and Fauna of Florida* (1-23 - 2-7) offers a two-week midwinter warmup to the Sunshine State as well as an Eastern Caribbean Cruise aboard the Sky Princess. We will again connect with our missions and missionaries in the area while enjoying encounters with wildlife, gorgeous gardens, and fabulous fellowship. Learn more at www.fathersworldtours.com or call Steve Balza at 507-217-1731.

Game on!

Game Night, our next fellowship event, is Friday, August 28. All ages. No cost. No rsvp needed. See the poster on the bulletin board by our building entrance for more info.

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

preacher | **James Saatkamp**

presiding minister | **Tim Rosenow**

accompanist | **Justin Siegler**

ushers | **Rick Freihofer** and **Newton Trimmer**

worship streaming tech | **Bill Hoeltke**

flowers | **Barbara Sadler** (memory of Shannon)

last Sunday's worship attendance | 100

freewill offering | \$1,764

Let's pray! This week, we offer special prayers for...

birthdays | **Rocky Holzhueter** (8-13) | **Rich Sargent** (8-13) | **AJ Shue** (8-13 | 5 years old!)

anniversaries | (none this week)

homebound members | **Dave Brandt**, **Sharon Cummons**, **Leon** and **Barbara Johnson**, **Susan Rammel**, **Kathy Saracione**, **Josephine Throo**, and **Paula Vitolo**

health | **Jim Kohrs** (heart surgery pending soon); **Sharon Cummons** (recovering in assisted living); **Kay-Lynn Johnston** (strength and resilience); **Rick Robinson** (recovering); **Stacey Rolen** (daughter of Rick and Angie Freihofer, recovering from surgery); **Barbara Sadler**, **Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery)

Serving in worship next week

Worship streaming tech | Mark Meyer

Usher | Bruce Salzmann

This Week | August 9th – 15th

MON | Kingsway birthday celebration

TUE | First day of school! Opening chapel 9 AM | CoM meeting 5:15 PM

WED | Kingsway Bible study 10 AM

FRI | Morning chapel (w/coffee and donuts after) 8:30 AM

Upcoming Events

August 28 | Morning chapel 8:30 AM | Afternoon VPK chapel 12:15 PM | FEAT game night 6 PM

September 4 | Morning chapel (w/coffee and donuts) 8:30 AM | Afternoon VPK chapel 12:15 PM

September 7 | NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)

Our congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Our Synod

St. Paul's belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God's saving Word. To learn more, visit wels.net or ask a pastor.

Our worship

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children's and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.





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