



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 26, 2026
Ninth 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!

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Our Easter 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 seek spiritual wealth**

What do you consider your life's top priorities? Many people start with family and friends. Financial security and health follow closely. Reputation and recreation make the cut. How about faith? Is it the top priority? What if other priorities must be sacrificed to keep faith the top priority?

The Bible helps Christians keep worldly wealth in perspective. It can buy the things of this world—things that rust and decay—but there is something more valuable. True wealth is spiritual wealth. It can be found only in God and the eternal blessings for us in Christ.

Our prayer before worship | **to seek spiritual wealth over worldly wealth**

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.

God Himself Is Present

CW 917

We pray that our worship be reverent and resounding for the God who gives wisdom and spiritual wealth.



1 God him - self is pres - ent: let us now a - dore him
2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his
see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, songs of saints and
an - gels, wor - ship - ing be - fore you, may I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone on his throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
ly a - dore you. All my days shall my praise



is our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!
hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
rise to you in heav - en for the grace you've giv - en!

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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.**

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 on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



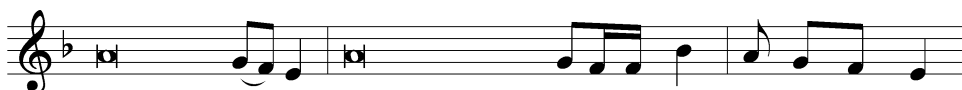
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



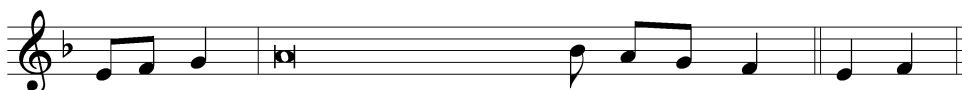
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P | Let us pray: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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 3:5–12

The LORD offered Solomon anything he wanted, and Solomon wisely chose spiritual wealth.

⁵The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night.

God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶Solomon said, “You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. ⁷O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?”

¹⁰In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon's request was good. “So God said to him, “Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹²therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day | O Lord, My God, Now Hear My Plea

Psalm 63B

Refrain



Lord, you are my hope and stay; I will ev - er sing your praise.

Verses



1 O Lord, my God, now hear my plea; I seek your
2 O Lord, your ten - der lov - ing care is more than
3 Be - neath your ev - er shel - t'ring wings I sing my



ho - ly face, with - in your house a - gain to see the
life to me; so I will praise you all my days and
joy and praise; you hold me in your pow'r - ful arms through



glo - ries of your grace. A - part from you I
pray con - tin - ual - ly. In you my soul has
trou - bled nights and days. All those who seek my



long and thirst, and naught can sat - is - fy; I wan - der
all it needs, my dark - ness turns to light, and joy - ful
life will fall; my life is in your hand. God's king and



Refrain

in a des - ert land where all the streams are dry.
med - i - ta - tions fill the watch - es of the night.
peo - ple will re - joice, in vic - t'ry they will stand.

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:17–21

Paul warns against arrogance and false hope, sins that commonly go with worldly wealth.

¹⁷Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

²⁰O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge.” ²¹By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:1,2

P | Alleluia! Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

Jesus gives a series of parables about the value of spiritual wealth over that of this world.

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. ⁵⁰And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?”

They answered him, “Yes.”

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.”

P | The Gospel of the Lord.

C | Praise be to you, O Christ!

What Is the World to Me

CW 717

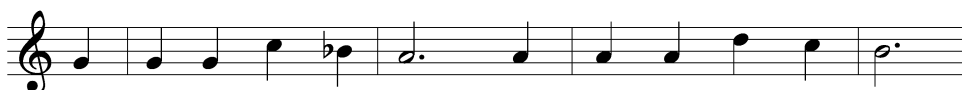
Even the whole world and its wealth is no comparison to Christ and the heaven he won for us.



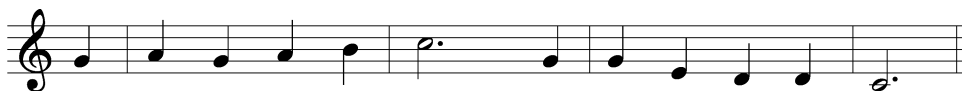
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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That's a good answer!

After listening to the sermon, take its words home this week and:

- *Write (or type) out your answer.*
- *Madlib a new answer every day this week.*
- *Pray your prayer every day 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

The Sacrament

Preface

CW 165

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

P | Lift up your hearts.

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

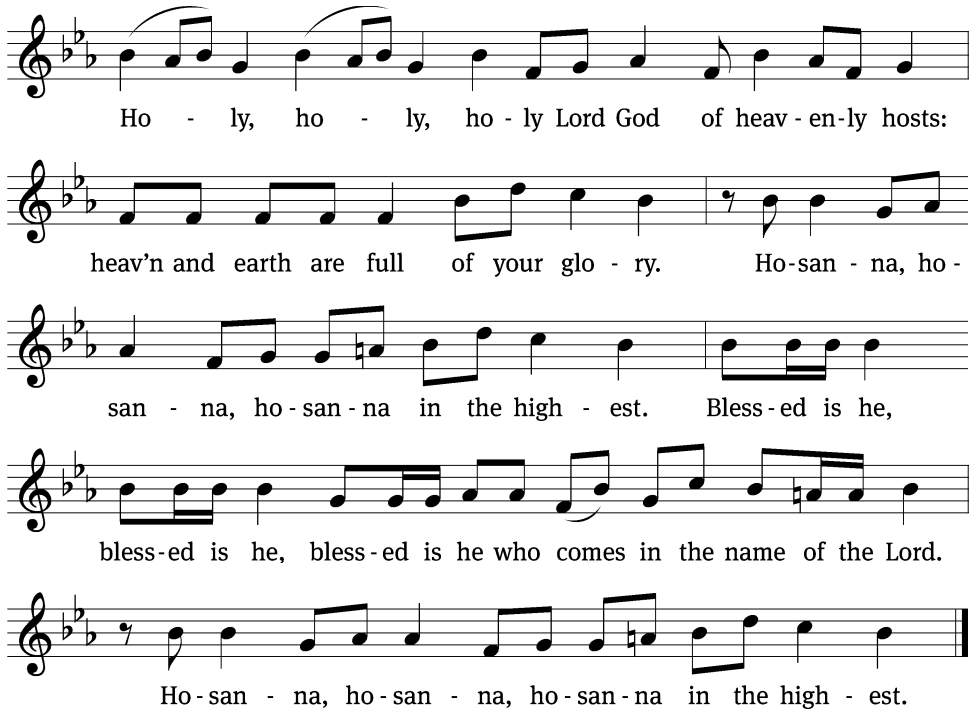
P | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

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.

O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand

CW 909

More than all his many gifts to us, we thank God for all he gives that draws us closer to him.

1 O Lord, our God, your gra - cious hand has
2 For ev - 'ry earth - ly grace and gift we
3 We thank you, Lord, and sing your praise for
4 Your Word a - lone, great God of pow'r, can

crowned our lives with bless - ing; your good - ness has en -
thank you, dear - est Fa - ther; now teach us, Lord, our
bless - ings you have giv - en; be with us still in
feed our soul and spir - it. Christ's love gives strength for

riched our land with gifts for our pos - sess - ing.
thoughts up - lift that heav'n - ly fruit we gath - er.
fu - ture days to guide our youth to heav - en.
ev - 'ry hour with - out our deeds or mer - it.

Our homes, our food, and ev - 'ry good for earth - ly
Our fa - thers knew and kept in view true wis - dom's
Lord, grant that we may clear - ly see the worth of
Grant schools that teach and men who preach true Chris - tian

work and liv - ing, a - bun - dant wealth and
worth and plea - sure; they prized as jewels their
Chris - tian train - ing that youth may grow your
ed - u - ca - tion; let youth grow strong by

life and health your faith - ful love is giv - ing.
Chris - tian schools and left a last - ing trea - sure.
love to know, e - ter - nal rich - es gain - ing.
Word and song in ev - 'ry land and na - tion.

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Draw Near

CW 662

What a gift beyond worldly wealth that Christ offers as we draw near to receive his very body and blood.



Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord.



Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured!



- 1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
- 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
- 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
- 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
He gave his life for great - est and for least,
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fend,
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
in this great feast of love be with us now.

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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.**

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

CW 827

How could we respond with anything but joy at the spiritual wisdom God gives us in abundance in Christ!



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheer - ful
2 Did not his love and truth and pow'r guard ev - 'ry
3 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain nor fal - ters



trust main - tain; for God, the source of ev - 'ry - thing, your
child - hood day? And did he not in threat - ning hour turn
nor mis - takes; all that his coun - sels may or - dain a



trea - sure shall re - main. Why spend the day in blank de -
dread - ed ills a - way? He al - ways will with pa - tience
bless - ed end - ing makes. Up - on your lips, then, lay your



spair, in rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
chide, his rod falls gent - ly down; and all your sins he
hand, and trust his guid - ing love; then like a rock your



cast your care; he makes your bur - dens light.
casts a - side in o - cean depths to drown.
peace shall stand here and in heav'n a - bove.

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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 have our final 19-Minute Bible Study of the summer that will follow the service. Sunday School for the children will resume on August 9.

Next Sunday Bible Study

Next week (August 2) we will have a special presentation from the youth and chaperones who attended the WELS International Youth Rally. The following week (August 9) we will begin our new Bible Study series on Judges led by Pastor Tim. For the rest of August, we will highlight the accounts of Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, and Samson as well as seeing what we can learn from this turbulent time in Israel's history. All are welcome to join us Sundays after the service.

Summer Volunteer Cleaning Opportunities

Miss Dorothy emailed out a list of cleaning opportunities including (organizing art supplies, cleaning windows, walls, and whiteboards, moving furniture, touching up paint, and helping to replace various ceiling tiles and lightbulbs). The work has already begun, but if you'd like to participate, please check with Miss Dorothy to see what is needed next!

Fellowship Treat Signup

If you didn't know, the snacks and treats available after the service are provided by volunteers. If you would like to assist for an upcoming week, please check that sheet.

Bible Information Class (BIC)

Our next BIC will begin in about a month 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 are interested or know someone who might like to learn more, please let one of our pastors know.

Wednesday (Kingsway) Bible Study

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

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 | **James Saatkamp**

ushers | Dan Cerney

accompanist | **Justin Siegler**

worship streaming tech | **Bill Hoeltke**

flowers | **Gary Warren** (birthday)

last Sunday's in-person worship attendance | 89

last Sunday's General Fund freewill offering | \$2,523

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

birthdays | **Kathleen Hamilton** (7-27); **Aspen Welfel** (7-27); **Dorothy Draeger** (7-28); **Jada Eynon** (7-28); **Paula Vitolo** (7-28); **Katrina Naber** (7-29); **Elliana Williamson** (7-31 | 2 years old!); **Tracey MacDonald** (8-1)

anniversaries | **Peter & Kay-Lynn Johnston** (7-31 | 44 years!)

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

health | **Sharon Cummons** (recovering in assisted living); **Kay-Lynn Johnston** (recovering from surgery); **Rick Robinson** (recovering); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery)

Serving in worship next week

Streaming | Tony Moore

Ushers | Newton and Rochelle Trimmer

This Week | August 26th – August 1st

SAT | Women's Growth Group | 10:00 AM

Upcoming Events

August 3-4 | Faculty inservice

August 5 & 6 | K-8 parent orientation | 6 PM

August 7 | Preschool parent orientation | 9 AM, 2 PM, 6 PM

August 11 | First day of school!

August 14 | Morning chapel (w/coffee and donuts after) | 8:30 AM

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 Sunday School and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.





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