



# **What Makes Christians *Different***

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Christians Seek Spiritual Wealth*

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

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*June 26, 2026*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

**TODAY’S THEME**

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 his eternal blessings for us in Christ.

**Pastor**.....Jeff Schone  
**Accompanist**.....Noah Helke

## 505 For the Beauty of the Earth

CW 505

*Stand*

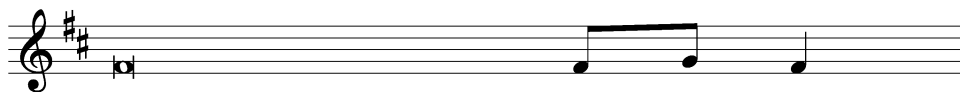
O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Hasten to save me, O God;  
**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

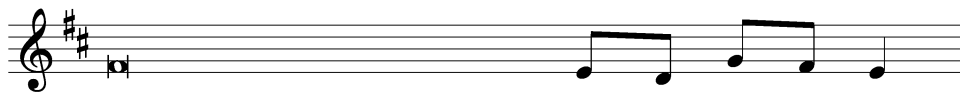
Jesus Christ is Lord of all:  
**praise and thanks to God!**

## O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

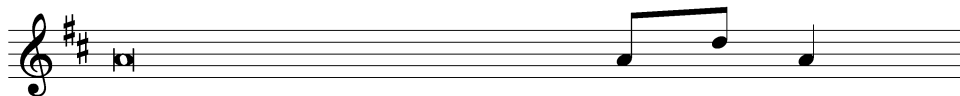
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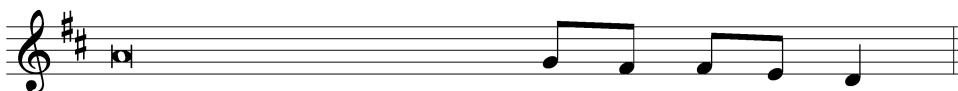
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|---|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | O come, let us sing    | to    | the   | Lord, |
| 2 | For the Lord is a      | great | _____ | God   |
| 3 | The sea is his, for he | made  | _____ | it,   |



- |   |                                           |        |            |             |
|---|-------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | let us make a joyful noise to the rock of | our    | sal - va - | tion.       |
| 2 | and a great                               | king   | a - bove   | all gods.   |
| 3 | and his hand                              | formed | the dry    | _____ land. |



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|---|-------------------------------------------|---|-----|-------|-------|
| 1 | Let us come into his presence with thanks | - | giv | -     | ing,  |
| 2 | The deep places of the earth are          |   | in  | his   | hand; |
| 3 | O come, let us worship and                |   | bow | _____ | down, |
| 4 | For he                                    |   | is  | our   | God,  |



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his — hand.

*Be seated*

## 63C Lord, You Are My Hope and Stay

*Psalm 63C*

*Refrain*



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

*Tone*



You, God, / are my God,  
earnestly I / seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being / longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no / water.  
I have seen you in the sanctu- / ary  
and beheld your power and your / glory. *Refrain*

Because your love is bet- / ter than life,  
my lips will glori- / fy you.  
I will praise you as long / as I live,  
and in your name I will lift / up my hands.

Because you / are my help,  
I sing in the shadow / of your wings.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## Prayer

God our Savior, we lift up our hearts to you when we cannot sleep and ask you to grant us rest. Forgive our sins, defeat our enemies, and lead us to delight in you because you have provided Jesus Christ our Lord, and that is all we need.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading

1 Kings 3:5–12

*When the Lord offered Solomon anything he wanted, Solomon chose spiritual wealth.*

The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” Solomon 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. O 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. And 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. Now 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?” In 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, therefore 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:17–21

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

Instruct 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. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. In 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. O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge.” By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

*A series of parables about the value of spiritual wealth.*

“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. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When 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. That 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. And they will throw the wicked into the

fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?” They answered him, “Yes.” He 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

**859 Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure** CW 859

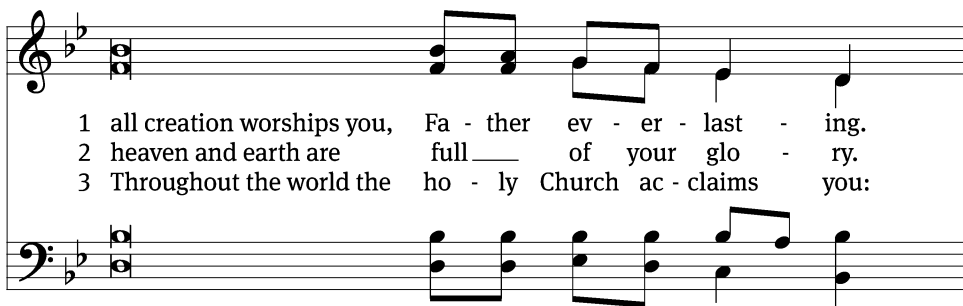
**Sermon**

*Stand*

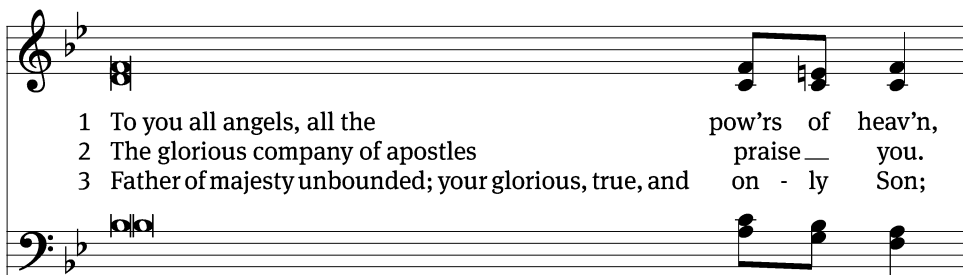
**We Praise You, O God** CW 210

The image shows the first system of a musical score for 'We Praise You, O God'. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff, both in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The first measure contains a whole note chord (F4, A-flat4, C5). The second measure contains a half note chord (F4, A-flat4) followed by a half note chord (C5, F5). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of two flats. The first measure contains a whole note chord (F2, A-flat2, C3). The second measure contains a half note chord (F2, A-flat2) followed by a half note chord (C3, F3). The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

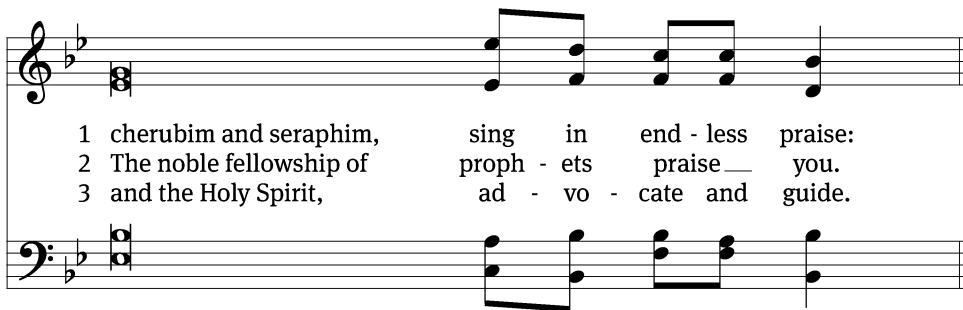
1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim      you      as      Lord;  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of      heav'n - ly      hosts,  
3 The white-robed army of martyrs      praise —      you.



1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,  
 2 The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:  
 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise you.  
 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When you became man to set us free,  
 6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 You overcame the sting of death  
 6 We believe that you will come

5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 6 to be our judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,

7 bought with the price of your own blood,

7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

*Be seated*

## The Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

*Stand*

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 213

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

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.

**Amen.**

## **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.

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Amen.**

## **699 Take the World, but Give Me Jesus**

CW 699

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Morning Prayer from Christian Worship

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# BIKING *Adventure*



— RIDING THE SCENIC —

## LAKE MINNETONKA REGIONAL TRAIL

AUGUST

16

2:00 PM

📍 ROUTE:  
VICTORIA TO EXCELSIOR

12 *Mile*  
ROUND TRIP



*Scenic Views. Fresh Air. Good Times.*



BREWERY



ICE CREAM SHOP



SHOPPING



PIER AT EXCELSIOR

== *Let's Ride!*  ==

# *News & Notes*

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## **Radio Broadcast**

The radio broadcast is sponsored by the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you!

## **Church Biking Outing**

Participants can park near Omni Brewing in Victoria. There is a large parking lot there all around the building and we will begin the ride from there at 2 pm. Once we arrive in Victoria we will spend about an hour and a half or so in Excelsior for people to walk around get some ice cream or other beverages or shop before we ride back to Victoria.

## **Heimatfest 2026**

We are nearing that time of year again! Heimatfest is the weekend of September 11-12. We will need volunteers to walk with our float in the parade, as well as staffing our booth at the festival. More information to come!

## **Committee Meeting Night**

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 pm. The committees of Adult Discipleship, Youth Discipleship, Evangelism, and Properties meet!

## **Senior Fellowship**

All seniors from our congregation are invited to meet in the Fireside Room for some fellowship, coffee, and treats. The next gathering is Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

## **Outdoor Service and Picnic**

Worship at Lagoon Park on August 30th! Please note that worship begins at 10 am that morning. Bring lawn chairs and a dish to pass for the potluck picnic following worship. More details to come.



# AUGUST 2026

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| Sun                                                                                    | Mon                | Tue                                                                 | Wed             | Thu                              | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----|
|                                                                                        |                    |                                                                     |                 |                                  |     | 1   |
| 2<br>Worship 9 am<br>Communion<br>Bible Study<br>10:15 am                              | 3<br>7 pm Worship  | 4                                                                   | 5<br>6 pm Woven | 6<br>10 am Senior<br>Fellowship  | 7   | 8   |
| 9<br>Worship 9 am<br>Fellowship<br>Sunday<br>Bible Study<br>10:15 am                   | 10<br>7 pm Worship | 11<br>6:30 Council<br>Meeting<br>7 pm<br>Reflections<br>Bible Study | 12              | 13                               | 14  | 15  |
| 16<br>Worship 9 am<br>Communion<br>Bible Study<br>10:15 am<br>2 pm Biking<br>Adventure | 17<br>7 pm Worship | 18<br>Oak Terrace<br>9:45 am                                        | 19              | 20<br>Theology on<br>Tap 6:30 pm | 21  | 22  |
| 23<br>Worship 9 am<br>Bible Study<br>10:15 am                                          | 24<br>7 pm Worship | 25                                                                  | 26              | 27                               | 28  | 29  |
| 30<br>10 am Outdoor<br>Worship and<br>Picnic                                           | 31                 |                                                                     |                 |                                  |     |     |

## SERVING THE LORD

| Acolytes |      |                  | Ushers | Media Booth      | Organist    |
|----------|------|------------------|--------|------------------|-------------|
| 7/26     | 9 am | (Need Volunteer) | 2      | (Need Volunteer) | Noah Helke  |
| 8/2      | 9 am | Leah Bertrang    | 3      | (Need Volunteer) | Lois Zander |
| 8/9      | 9 am | Greta Newton     | 4      | (Need Volunteer) | Noah Helke  |

| August Altar Guild                       | August Cleaners          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Donna Breeggemann/Janet Robling          | -                        |
| August Counters                          | Service Group 2 Leader   |
| Norma Bendzick/Connie Jabs               | Craig and Melanie Sparby |
| September Altar Guild                    |                          |
| Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firlle/Mary Zeman |                          |

| Attendance   |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Sunday       | 81        |
| Monday       | 13        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>94</b> |

| Gifts To Our Lord |               |               |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                   | Received      | Needed        |
| Current           | \$1371        | \$3834        |
| Online Giving     | \$919         |               |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$2290</b> | <b>\$3834</b> |



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