



What Makes Christians *Different*

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Christians Answer Doubt with Faith

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

August 9, 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

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.

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Accompanist.....Noah Helke

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Stand

Opening Sentences

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God.

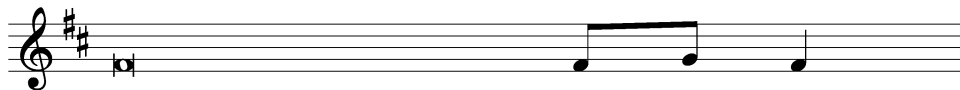
O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

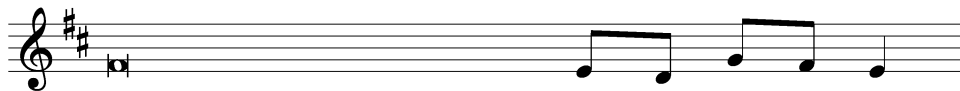
Come, O come, let us worship.

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

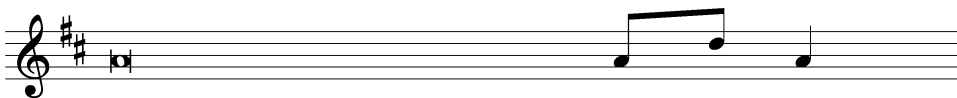
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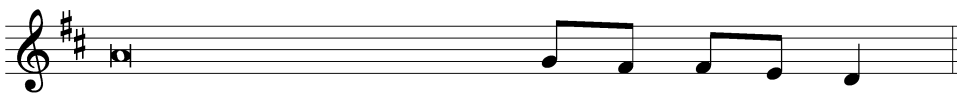
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|---|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | O come, let us sing | to | the | Lord, |
| 2 | For the Lord is a | great | _____ | God |
| 3 | The sea is his, for he | made | _____ | it, |



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|---|---|--------|------------|-------------|
| 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. |



- 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

Psalm 73A

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9–18

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

He 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?" He 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." Then 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. After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice. When 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?" He 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.” Then 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. You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28–39

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

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, because 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. And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified. What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, 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? Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! Who 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! What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Just as it is written: For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

In the account of Peter walking on water, we see how quickly doubts arise, and how graciously Jesus answers them.

Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, “It’s a ghost!” But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, “Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid.” Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus said, “Come!” Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

847 Be Still, My Soul

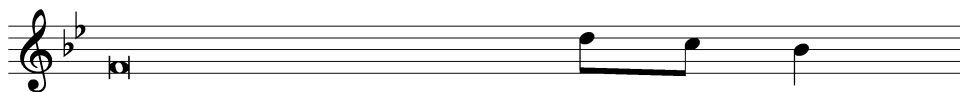
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Sermon

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We Praise You, O God

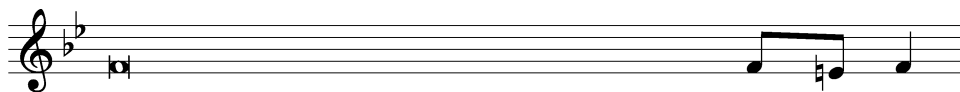
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- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 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:



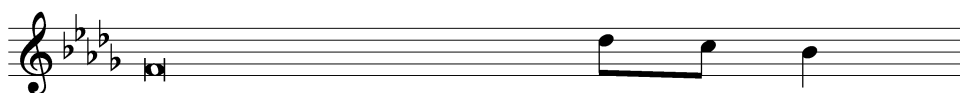
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



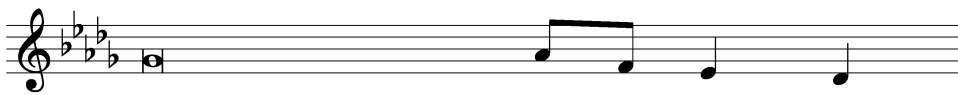
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



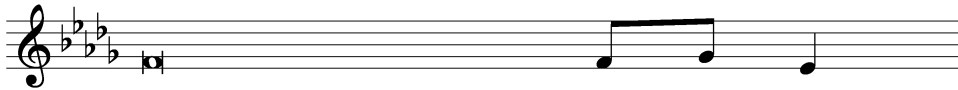
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



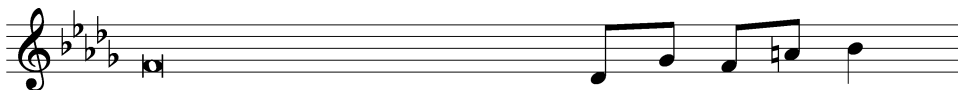
- 5 When you became man to set us free,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God



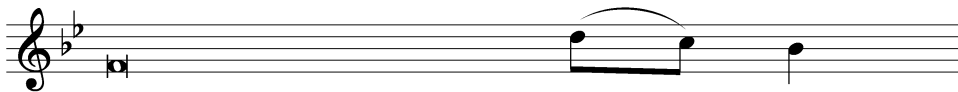
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



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

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

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

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.

Prayer of the Day

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.
Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

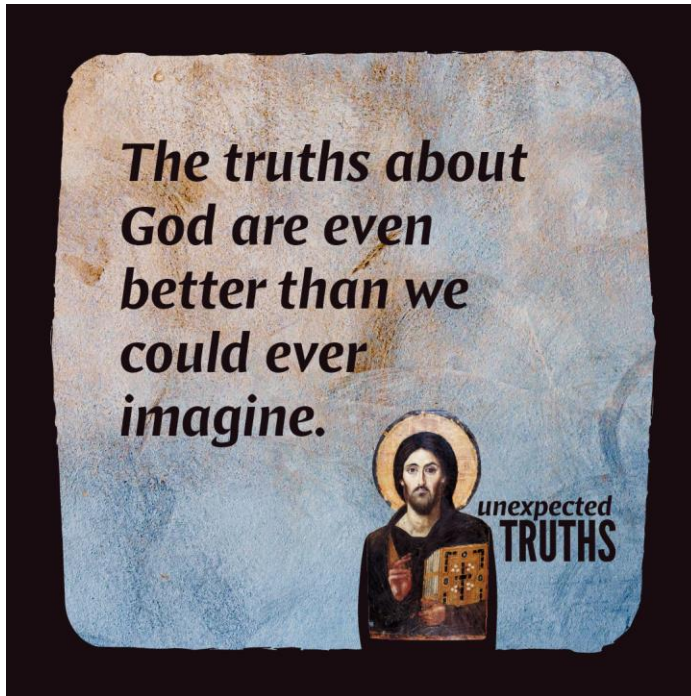
The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Amen.

Be Seated

701 Order My Life, Lord, as You Will

CW 701



New Sermon Series – Begins August 16th

Unexpected Truths

The Declaration of Independence claims certain truths are “self-evident,” knowable by reason—such as human equality and basic rights. The founders believed these principles were obvious to anyone reflecting on human nature and justice. Lutherans note, however, that the Bible’s most important truths are not self-evident. Scripture teaches that humanity is deeply sinful, that salvation comes only by God’s grace, and that forgiveness and life are won through Christ’s suffering and death—truths that often run contrary to human expectation. Reason may grasp some truths, but biblical truth is revealed by God and frequently surprises us.

News & Notes

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 a couple of hours in Excelsior for people to walk around get some ice cream or other beverages or shop before we ride back to Victoria.

MN Valley Circuit Rally

The MN Valley Circuit Rally of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society is hosted by Woven on October 3rd. If there are any ladies of the congregation who want to be included in the planning or helping on the day of the rally, please speak to members of Woven's planning committee: Amy Radick, Jodi Bertrang, Karen Firle, Donna Breeggemann or Jill Jahn. You can also reach them by email at slpjordan.la@gmail.com. Woven meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at church.

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.



Reflections Women's Bible Study

Reflections will have a new time beginning in September. Meet in the Fellowship at 6:30 pm. The bible study on August 11th is still at 7 pm.

Fellowship Sunday

This Sunday is Fellowship Sunday! Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for treats, coffee and good conversation.

Sunday School and Foundations Class

Sunday School begins on September 13th and Foundations Class for 3-8 graders begins on September 9th at 6 pm.

JOIN US FOR AN

Outdoor CHURCH service

AUGUST 30, 2026

— 10:00AM —
— at —
LAGOON PARK

POTLUCK
= following!

HOT DOGS WILL BE PROVIDED



BRING YOUR
OWN BEVERAGE



BRING A
DISH TO PASS



BRING YOUR
LAWN CHAIRS

— All are welcome! —

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!* —



AUGUST 2026

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

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
8/9	9 am	Greta Newton	4	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
8/16	9 am	Lilly Lee	1	Greta Newton	-
8/23	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander

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 Firle/Mary Zeman	

Attendance	
Sunday	85
Monday	13
Total	98

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$6335	\$3834
Online Giving	\$928	
Total	\$7263	\$3834



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