



The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, A+D 2025



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

Christ's Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, “the word of the LORD came to him” (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him “on the mount before the LORD” (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, or in an earthquake, or in the fire, but in “the sound of a low whisper” (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends “messengers ahead of him ... to make preparations for him” (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they “go and proclaim the kingdom of God,” and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its “yoke of slavery,” but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which “Christ has set us free” (Gal. 5:1).

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

907 God Himself Is Present

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation*LSB 151*

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace*LSB 151*

- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit*Psalms 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7*

- P** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
- C** **and grant us your salvation.**
- P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
- C** **for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**
- P** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
- C** **that glory may dwell in our land.**
- P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

C righteousness and peace kiss each other.

P Righteousness will go before him

C and make his footsteps a way.

C 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.

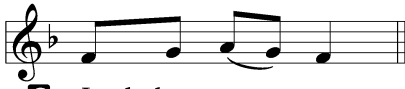
P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

C and grant us your salvation.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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 mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis*LSB 154***A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day**P** The Lord be with you.**C** And al - so with you.**P** Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things,
graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all
goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:9b–21

- A** The Old Testament Reading for The Third Sunday after Pentecost is from the nineteenth chapter of the First Book of Kings.

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put

to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him.

²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

A The Second Reading is from the fifth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:51–62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

Sermon

Stand

Athanasian Creed

C Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
 Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
 And the catholic faith is this,
 that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
 For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
 But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
 Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
 the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
 the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
 the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
 And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
 In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
 and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.
 So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

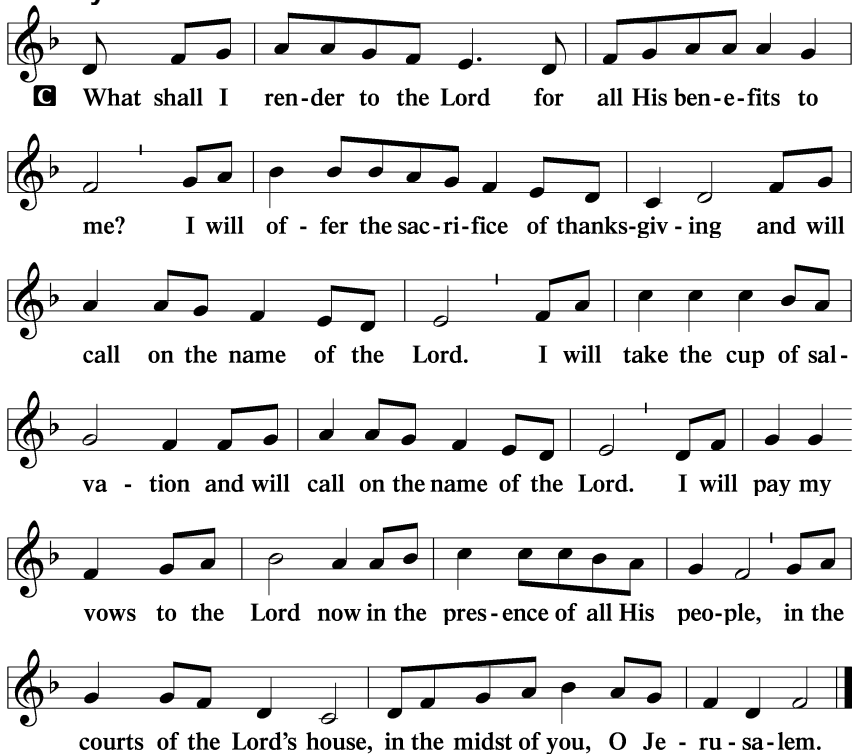
Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Stand

Offertory

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What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

Prayer of the Church

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P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,**C** hear our prayer.**Lord's Prayer**

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:**C** **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****Concluding Collect****P** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**C** **Amen.****Benediction**

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** A - men.**923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word***Silent Prayer**Announcements***Acknowledgments**

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The Glad Spirit

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June 29, 2025

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

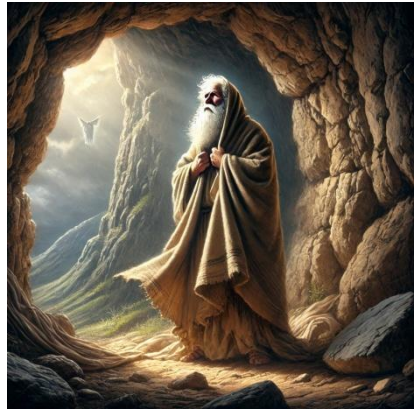
Nora Wulf-Burklow
 Kyle Burklow
 Daniel & Sharon Zander
 Danielle Zander
 Sean Zander
 Ray & Madelaine Zander

BIRTHDAYS

Diana Carr, 6/30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nicholas & Dana Carr, 7/4



SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Janice Abel, Dave Bloom, Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Pastor and Pam Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Doris Leifert, Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray and Madelaine Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Jessica Calderon-Phillips, Dakoda Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

Rehab Care this past week – Sandy Bodza

Receiving Hospice this past week – Jay Carey

Hospitalized this past week –

Released from the hospital this past week –

NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet on July 16th at 10:00 am, to review *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Christ For You the week of June 29th on KFuo.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) we're studying the book of 2 Kings, continuing our series, "A Kingdom Divided." On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we are wrapping up our study of Genesis, picking up with chapter 48. Don't forget to tune in on Saturday (7/5 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters as we continue our study of the 1st Commandment in the Large Catechism! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFuo Radio app!

The Week of June 29th Defending The Faith, Teaching The Truth...

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We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at www.splcms.org/worship.

"As your life goes on, you will continue to see the effects of sin in the world. Your own bodies will fail with time. The world will seem to be a darker place. Loved ones will pass away. But do not be ignorant about those who have fallen asleep, the Apostle Paul encourages you. Instead, know with certainty that 'the end for you is only the end of the hardship. Life awaits you in Christ!'" Daily Devotion, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

The Cost of Following Jesus

Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:57-62 (NIV).

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FOXES
PLOW
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WHEREVER
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HOLES
BIRDS
BACK
NESTS

FATHER
HAND
PLACE
BURY

FAMILY
KINGDON
WALKING
MAN

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

June 22nd Attendance 10, 23 Online

Envelopes	\$512.00	Weekly Missions	\$10.00
Basket	50.00	Luth. Church Charity	25.00
General Fund	250.00	Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	25.00
Budgeted Total	812.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$70.00
Offering Needed	1,423.00		
Short	\$-611.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Jun 29, 9:30 AM

Sun, Jul 6, 9:30 AM

Pastor

Pastor Rock

Lay Reader

Norma Allen

Micci Orth



Food Pantry



General Fund



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