FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025
Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30 am – livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

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).

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* (arr. John R. Payne)

HYMN OF INVOCATION - LSB 907 - God Himself Is Present



INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+++ WORD +++

INTROIT – *Psalm 85:8-10, 13*; *antiphon: v. 7*

- P Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
- Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, 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, that glory may dwell in our land.
- Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.
- 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. For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

 Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark* 10:47

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- 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 mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Kings 19:9b-21 – The Lord brings Elijah assurance that he is not alone in resisting the temptations of idolatry.

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.

GRADUAL – *Romans* 10:15b, 18b; *Isaiah* 52:7b, *alt*.

- A How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
- Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

EPISTLE — **Galatians 5:1, 13-25** — Rather than the desires of the flesh, the Spirit cultivates in believers the craving and the capacity for bearing good fruit.

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.

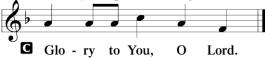
A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 9:51-62 – Jesus faces the lonely task of ministry, setting His face on the saving task ahead of Him in Jerusalem.

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

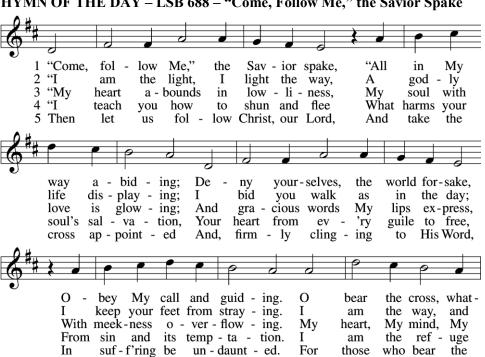


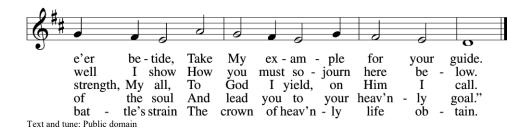
⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when 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." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



HYMN OF THE DAY - LSB 688 - "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake





SERMON – The Cost of Freedom – Galatians 5:1, 13-25

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 🕂 of the world to come. Amen.

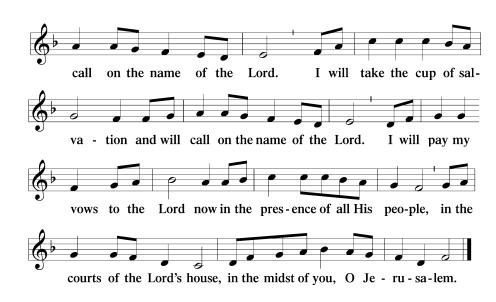
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.

A ... one God, now and forever. C Amen.

OFFERING – *Kinderszenen, Op. 15, No. 1* (Robert Schumann)





₩₩₩ SACRAMENT ₩₩₩ beginning at LSB 160

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them 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, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS - LSB 161



For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.



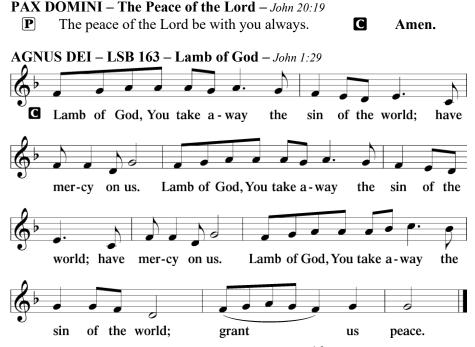
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... one God, now and forever. C 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD



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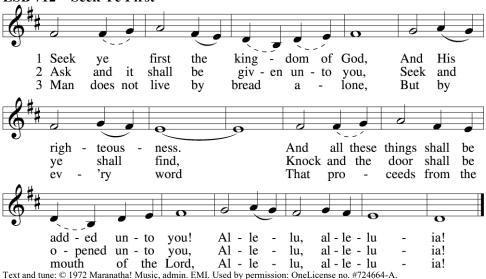
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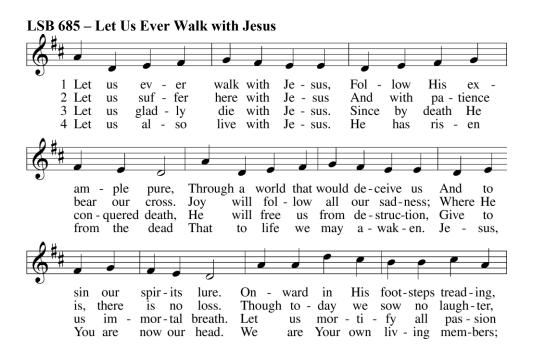
Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a* trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

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Our

Though gen - er - a - tions pass,

trib - ute still we bring, Our



Find per - fect lib - er - ty. bound in heart and will to You, teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord. help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love cru-ci - fied. is in-forms and hope sus-tains Both life and min-is - try. fice of praise, Our hymns a sac - ri lives an of - fer - ing.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - LSB 164 - Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.





He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

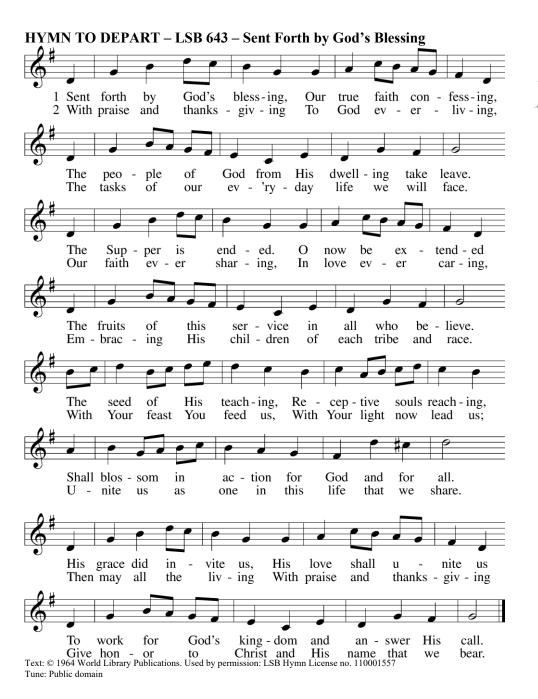
- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.



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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – Intermezzo No. 1 (Manuel Ponce)



THANKS BI

Many thanks to Evan Huang for serving as our guest pianist today.

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Pastor Edwards and family will be on their scheduled vacation over the next two weeks.

If you have pastoral needs

TOMORROW (Monday, June 30) through Friday, July 11

please contact Pastor Winterstein (ULu): 509-885-8275

or **Pastor Mitchell**: 812-339-9275



Tuesday, July 1

6:15pm Men's **Softball** (Twin Lakes, Field 4)

WEDNESDAY, July 2

NO Summer Midweek Bible classes this week or next. They will resume on July 16.

7:00pm **Prayer Meeting** (sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY, July 6

- Morning schedule is as usual.
- 5pm service CANCELED



The **church office** will be **closed**:

- Friday, July 4
- Monday, July 7



Thursday, July 17

11:30am JOY Group to lunch at Phat Daddy's BBQ (4747 W. SR 46)

SUNDAY, July 20

9:15am Missions Presentation by Heidi Wilkinson

SATURDAY, August 16

9:30am-Noon Congregational Summit

5:00pm A Night in New Orleans Thank You Dinner

(RSVP by the FLY board across from the library)

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Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving and celebration of Betty Vance's 100th birthday today!



Please join us in the narthex following the 10:30 service for a reception with cookies, photos, and fellowship.

