

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THAT'S IN THE BIBLE?!

“Baldy, the Boys, and the Bears” 2 Kings 2:23-25

June 25 & 26, 2016

5:00 & 8:15



AS WE GATHER

Many of us were brought up being told, “Don’t be a follower!” There is wise truth to that in regards to choices we make, especially as youth. But the Lord turns that idea upside down for all people of all ages. He tell us to be a follower! Yet not following out of peer pressure or compulsion, but following where we know we are led to life, hope, and promise.

In a time of great need, the Lord would call Elijah to keep on following Him and would give assurance that in his following, the Lord would be present. In freedom from sin, we are able to follow the Lord in all confidence and in the joy of serving others. Jesus also gives the urgent call to follow Him. Even as it can bring change to a lifestyle, it is a following filled with lasting promise and eternal blessings. As we follow, we know that He leads us beside quiet waters and restores our soul; He leads us in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

PRELUDE “Jesus Shall Reign”

Organ

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

CALL TO WORSHIP 5:00 PM “In Christ Alone”

Youth Attending the 2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering



WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

LSB 688

**“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.**

**“I am the light, I light the way A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.**

**“My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, On Him I call.**

**“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.**

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Your Word is a lamp to my feet

People: **And a light to my path.** *[Psalm 119:105]*

Pastor: These things are written that you may believe

People: **That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God** *[John 20:31]*

Pastor: Jesus loves me! This I know,

People: **For the Bible tells me so!** *[LSB 588]*



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

SERMON SERIES HYMN "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

LSB 583, v. 1 & 3

**God has spoken by His Prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil, One firm anchor holds us fast;
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the Last.**

**God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord of all power and might,

People: **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;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT 2 Kings 2:23-25

[23] He went up from there to Bethel, and while he was going up on the way, some small boys came out of the city and jeered at him, saying, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!" [24] And he turned around, and when he saw them, he cursed them in the name of the Lord. And two she-bears came out of the woods and tore forty-two of the boys. [25] From there he went on to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE Galatians 5:1, 13–25 (Freedom in Christ and a response of faith
and love toward others by the Spirit)

[1] For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . .
.[13] For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. [14] For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [15] But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. [16] But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. [17] For 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. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. [19] Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, [20] idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, [21] envy, 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. [22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [24] And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. [25] If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

ANTHEM “Blessed Assurance Medley”

Organ

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 205

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62* (The challenge of Jesus’ call to follow)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[51] When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. [52] And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. [53] But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. [54] And 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?" [55] But he turned and rebuked them. [56] And they went on to another village. [57] As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." [58] And 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." [59] To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." [60] And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." [61] Yet 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 207

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Jesus Loves Me This I Know” *LSB 588*

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain: **Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**God of the prophets, bless the prophets’ sons; Elijah’s mantle o’er Elisha cast.
Each age its solemn task may claim but once; Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.**

**Anoint them prophets, men who are intent To be Your witnesses in word and deed,
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent, Their eyes awake to ev’ry human need.**

**Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they, For pardon and for love and hope and peace.
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may Find Jesus’ mercy and from sin release.**

**Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord. Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son.
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a blood-stained sword; Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.**

**Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross; Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.
Inspired by You, may they count all but loss And stand at last with joy before Your face**



SERMON “Baldy, the Boys, and the Bears” 2 Kings 2:23-25

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us lift up our hearts above earthly concerns and look to our heavenly Father for His help as we hear and heed His call to follow. As we are no longer slaves to sin, in our freedom through Your Spirit, fill us with all the spiritual gifts for service in Your kingdom: love toward You and for one another; the joy and peace of knowing we belong to You; patience, kindness, and goodness in our dealings with our neighbors; and faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our conduct. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to leaders of all nations the desire and will to promote justice and peace in the world. Bless the Word of Your kingdom as it is spread through every land. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Guide and direct doctors, nurses, health-care workers, and first responders in our communities that the sick and injured may receive Your healing, comfort, and peace. Today we remember all those known and unknown to us in time of need, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS “Thanks Be to Thee”

Organ

(Please Stand)

**God’s Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS — Holy, Holy, Holy *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 209

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19

LSB 209

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI — *Lamb of God* John 1:29

LSB 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

LSB 589

**Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.
Death’s dread pow’r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love’s strong fervor That I cling to You forever!**

**Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin’s burden You give words of peace and pardon.**

**Lord, Your words are waters living When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life giving; On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light Through death’s cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing!**

**As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.
May Your spirit e’er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.**

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.**

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

(Please Stand)

THE DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LSB 805*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION *Psalm 103:1*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” *LSB 826, v. 1, 2, & 4*

**Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting– Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?**

**If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior’s waiting arms.**

**Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”**

POSTLUDE “Fugue in G Minor” J. S. Bach

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