

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THAT'S IN THE BIBLE?!

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

June 26, 2016 11:00



### 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.

**PRE-SERVICE** “For the Lord is Good”

*BOB 62*

**For the Lord is good, and His love endures forever; He’s a faithful God to all generations.  
For the Lord is good, and His mercies will not fail us; they are new each day,  
O lift your voice and say, “The Lord is good!” REPEAT**

**Men:** Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord,  
**Women:** *Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord.*  
**Men:** Your loving  
**All:** kindness fills our hearts to overflowing.  
**Men:** Songs of rejoicing and sweet praise,  
**Women:** *songs of praise*  
**Men:** they fill our hearts,  
**Women:** *they fill our hearts*  
**All:** They fill our days.

**For the Lord is good, and His love endures forever; He’s a faithful God to all generations.  
For the Lord is good, and His mercies will not fail us; they are new each day,  
O lift your voice and say, “The Lord is good!”**

**The Lord is good! The Lord is good! The Lord is Good!**

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**WELCOME**

**✘ PREPARATION ✘**

**OPENING SONG** “Even So Come”

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**All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon**

**Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon**

**CHORUS 1: Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come**

**There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon. CHORUS 1**

**So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon  
So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon**

**CHORUS 2: Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing . . .  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come**

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*(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 ✠

### 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)*



**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** "He is Risen"

**He is risen! He is risen!  
He is risen from the tomb like He said! Amen!  
I'm forgiven 'cause He took away my sins. He loves me.**

**He is risen! He is risen!  
He is risen from the tomb like He said! Amen!  
He is living, and I've got to tell the world, "I Love Jesus!"**

**I'm gonna clap my hands.  
I'm gonna stomp my feet.  
I'm gonna jump in the air  
'Cause Jesus is alive!**

**He is risen! He is risen!  
He is risen from the tomb like He said! Amen!**  
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**SONG OF THE DAY** "Ancient of Days" Sadler/Harvill *BOB* 10

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days;  
from ev'ry nation, all of creation bow before the Ancient of Days.**

**CHORUS: Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,  
ev'ry knee shall bow at your throne in worship;  
You will be exalted O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days. REPEAT SONG**

**Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth, sing unto the Ancient Days;  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth, sing unto the Ancient of Days. CHORUS**  
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**SERMON** "Baldy, the Boys, and the Bears" *2 Kings 2:23-25*

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**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**

**OFFERTORY** “Cry of My Heart”

*BOB 42*

**CHORUS: It is the cry of my heart to follow You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.**

**Teach me Your holy ways, oh, Lord. So I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, oh, Lord. And make me wholly devoted to You. CHORUS**

**Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to You. CHORUS**

**All of the days of my life, all of the days of my life.**

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## **✠ 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 "I See the Lord" Falson *BOB 112*

**I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted , and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;  
And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of lords.**  
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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.

*(Please Be Seated)*

DISTRIBUTION SONGS "Good, Good Father" Brown/Barrett

**I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone**

**CHORUS: You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are, It's who You are' It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am**

**I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word. CHORUS X2**

**CHORUS: You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are, It's who You are' It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us X2**

*(Instrumental Interlude)*

**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love. CHORUS X2**

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“Ancient Words”

DeShazo

**Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart O let the ancient words impart**

**Words of life words of hope Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home**

**CHORUS: Ancient words ever true Changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts O let the ancient words impart**

**Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice O heed the faithful words of Christ CHORUS X2**

**Martyr's blood stains each page They have died for this faith  
Hear them cry through the years Heed these words and hold them dear CHORUS X2**

**We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart  
O let the ancient words impart**

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**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 SONG** “Everlasting God”

Brown/ Riley

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
Wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
Wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.**

**CHORUS: Our God You reign forever, Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer  
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles. REPEAT SONG**

*4-Bar Interlude,* **REPEAT CHORUS**

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You do not faint, You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.**

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**POSTLUDE** *Instrumental Music*

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