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Third Sunday after Pentecost



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Prelude     *Prelude and Fugue in D minor*

Bach

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness

A wind from God blew over the face of the waters,  
**And the voice of God spoke from a burning bush.**

Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,

**And the Spirit of God, like little flames, rested on all who gathered.**

So God's Spirit moves among us this day.

**Let us worship God.**

Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**Huddled in fear of what others will think, of what others will do, of what God will do.**

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**Making fun of what we do not understand, tearing down what is sacred to another,  
waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Always God is with us:

**Nudging us like a gentle breeze, stirring us with flames of hope, speaking to us with  
words engraved in our hearts.**

In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.

*(silence)*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

**We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Hymn 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

\*Apostolic Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

8:30 a.m. Bob Hamilton

10 a.m. Angie Paul

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

8:30 a.m. Bob Hamilton

10 a.m. Angie Paul

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***10:00 only: Sunday School children are dismissed***

\*Alleluia

Sung response "Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?"

\*Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

<sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>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." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon      Pastor Scott Nellis

\*Hymn    786    O Holy Spirit, Enter In

\*The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying (*especially*). Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.  
**Amen.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Offering            God Gave Me the Song – Gaither, M. Zimmerman, solo

***During the Offering the Assisting Minister will prepare for communion.***

We continue to give thanks for your faithful giving. If you are worshiping in person, the offering plate is in the Narthex. You may continue to give online or by mailing or bringing your offering to the church office. ***[8:30 only: If you are worshiping at home, you may continue to give electronically, or mail or bring your offering to the church.]***

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Sung Response “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

\*Prayer

Let us pray. God of all creation,  
**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **THE MEAL**

\*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so with all the choir of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sung Response "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

\*The Lord's Prayer

We remember as we pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Communion

Sung response "Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns 697, 810

\*Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## Post Communion Canticle

Sung response “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

### \*Prayer

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Ignite Faith Together

**VISITORS** – If you are visiting with us today, we warmly welcome you! And, we ask that you complete the visitor information form found inside your bulletin. You can drop it in the offering plate at the doors as you leave today.

**WELCOME TABLE** – Welcome Table is this coming Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Please join us for food and fellowship.

### \*Blessing and Dismissal

As you enter a new week, may you experience God’s presence. May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips, over your hearts and your feelings and emotions and your compassion for all others, and over your hands and your feet as you put into action all that God commands you. During this week, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

Go in peace, empowered by the Holy Spirit to do good works.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Hymn ACS 1043 Spirit, Open My Heart

Postlude *Recessional in F*

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The altar flowers are given by Pete Tschofen in loving memory of Kathy Tschofen on the 5th anniversary of her passing to eternal life with our Lord.

Sympathies are expressed to Patti Lanckenau on the death of her mother, Rita Miskimen, on June 21.

## Prayers:

Kathy Jones, Diane Dammeyer, Carole Miller, Bob and Brigitte McKay, David Quist family, Kinzley Schmehl, Donna Crossman, Jeff Snyder, Lucille Buller, Russ Wheeler, Gloria Mortinger, John Moneysmith, Ralph Podas, Bob Duff, Ron and Peg Margello, Charlene Friedley, Marcia Bollinger, Donna Peltomaa, Rick Meister, Neal Scharrer, Richard Crawford, Lorraine Jurgensen, Marilyn Swisher, Duane Pride (Doug Pride's brother), Eileen Hurless (Marcie Edgell's sister), Myra Hurless (Marcie Edgell's niece), David Easterbrooks (Carol Bowman's friend), Dean Wheeler (Russ Wheeler's nephew), Carol Hauzie (Craig Hauzie's mother), Amanda Glassburn (Betty Schuette's granddaughter), Sam Walters (Sue Wolford's brother), Bruce and Mary Maurer (Nancy Hellickson's friends), Debbie Vanover (Sherry Buckley's sister), Gary Jones (Kay Labosky's brother), Chris Isaac (son of Paul and Susan Isaac, former members), Rose Myers (Robin Sohnly's cousin), Pasha Majdi (Steve and Jayne Rosandich's nephew-in-law), Tim Schwaderer (Andrea Ochall's brother), Rusty Thomas (Jim and Joanna Huffer's son-in-law), Alex Burrell (Marj Ellis' and Marchelle O'Grady's nephew), Mike Williams (Marchelle O'Grady's friend), Jack Husch (Meghan Stanco's father), Patti Bramson (Rick Kolloff's sister), Winifred Stutz (George Schmidt's friend), Cynamon Iden (Lauren Grangaard's cousin), Carol Keplinger (Charlene Friedley's daughter)

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