

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 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. So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. 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. 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?' 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.

SECOND LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 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. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 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. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 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. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. 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?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' 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.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



June 26, 2016

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

June 26, 2016
9:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church
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Giving
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Jesus rebukes the disciples in today's gospel reading for wanting to take care of business at home before continuing their ministry. At first his words seem a little harsh. Jesus was focused on the future. How can we look to the future of our congregation, of our country, and of the world?

Prelude

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

arr. Joel Raney

Joyce Perez, Piano / Keith Melberg, Organ

Announcements

***Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Just and gracious God,

C: we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: The apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to you, ☩ "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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***Apostolic Greeting**

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***Kyrie**

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This Week at Lutheran:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Monday: 5:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday: **8:00 a.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting (Kitchen)**
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. Library Committee Meeting (library)

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA

High School Senior FLY Lock-In

Thurs.: 8:45 am Morning Watch – Pastor Saul – KBRF AM 1250
No Sr. Bible Study & Coffee in June
No Thursday Evening Worship this week

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next Sunday, July 3:

10:30 a.m. Joint ELCA Worship @ Adam's (Grotto) Park
[No Worship at First Lutheran Church today**]**

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Lector:	Anthony Perez
Cantor:	Diane Boen
Acolyte:	Sydney Batzlaff
Greeters:	LeRoy & Carol Thompson
Sacristan:	Mark & Susan Hermes
PA Operator:	Margaret Ness-Ludwig

Fellowship and Refreshments this morning are in the Narthex, serving today is the family of Jason & Randi Resler.

Altar Flowers this Sunday are given by Kelsee, Joe & Kinsee Ellig in loving memory of Kelsee's mother, Loree Macintosh.

Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Steve Pitts & Missy Schwartz in celebration of their wedding yesterday.

Rose on the Altar is in celebration of the baptism of Paige Annabelle Helander, daughter of Matt & Jodi Helander. Sponsors are Justin & Laura Rovang.

Visitors! If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

Large Print Edition of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

This Thursday, June 30th there will be NO WORSHIP at First Lutheran Church. Please mark your calendars.

Youth Lock-In: Wednesday June 29-Thursday June 30, for next year's grades 8-12. Sign up at the info counter and look there for more details of what to bring. Friends welcome! Adult help very much welcomed (See Pastor Jennifer for more details!)

Would you like to buy a T-shirt with the First Lutheran Youth (F.L.Y.) logo on it? You can! Shirts are being sold at <https://www.booster.com/fly-shirts> for a limited time. Shirts are \$20 and are available in sizes Youth XS through Adult 4X. (Sales will go until June 26 and delivery will be mid-July.) If you have any questions, please contact pastor Jennifer.



ATTENTION OWLS: Check kiosk for information on "The Winnipeg Folklorama." It is an unusual experience—you would need a Passport. Sign up sheet on Info Counter and Margaret Kratzke will take care of the details. Indicate your interest before June 27.

The Library Committee will be meeting this Tuesday, June 28th, at 9:30 a.m. in the library. If anyone has any suggestions for book orders, please contact the church office at 218-739-3348.

PioneerCare is seeking help with setting up and serving at its Annual Family Picnic for residents and their guests on Friday, July 1. To help at PioneerCare Center, please call Liane at 998-1506. To volunteer at Pioneer Pointe and PioneerCare Suites, please call Steph at 739-7772.

The OTC Stuff the Bus Project helps children in Otter Tail County grades K-12 obtain necessary new school supplies prior to starting the first day of school. There will be a BIG DAY drive on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016 at 6 locations around Otter Tail County.

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God

***Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

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

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Second Lesson

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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.

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Acclamation



(Congregational response sung after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

***Gospel**

Luke 9:51-62

(Congregational response sung after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Sermon

Future Focused

Pastor Jennifer

Hymn of the Day

Thy Holy Wings

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Children's Event

Pastor Jennifer

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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***The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering

America, the Beautiful
Joyce Perez, Piano / Keith Melberg, Organ

arr. Joel Raney

*Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

*The Prayers

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

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,
C Lord, have mercy.

*The Lord's Prayer

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

*Blessing

*Threefold Amen

*Sending

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

*Closing Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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Postlude

*denotes when to stand

JOINT ELCA OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE *with potluck to follow*



SUNDAY, July 3rd, 2016 10:30 a.m.

Adam's (Grotto) Park, Fergus Falls

Bring a dish to share. Folding chairs provided, but bring a lawn chair if you prefer.

**THERE WILL BE NO 9:30A.M. WORSHIP THAT SUNDAY
AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*In case of bad weather worship will be held
at Augustana Lutheran Church,
308 E. Douglas Avenue*