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LBW – green hymnal WOV – blue hymnal

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

**P** We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

**C** Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for sending us the Holy Spirit, to be with us always and to remind us of your son;

**P** AND OF THE SON:

**C** Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you comforted your followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, who makes us holy;

**P** AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, you came upon the church at Pentecost. Fill the church with your presence and power, now and always!

**All: AMEN!**

**OPENING SONG:** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

**WOV 684**

## **WE CONFESS**

**P** Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

**C** Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace. (Romans 8:5-6,26)

## **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION**

**P** The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit, who dwells in you. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you! (Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

**C** And also with you.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far

exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9b-21

<sup>9b</sup>Behold, the word of the LORD came to {Elijah}, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He 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." <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And 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?" <sup>14</sup>He 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." <sup>15</sup>And 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. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>And 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. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." <sup>19</sup>So 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. <sup>20</sup>And 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?" <sup>21</sup>And 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.

**P** The Word of our Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 16** (read responsively by half verse)

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**SECOND READING**

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

<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. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <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 keep in step with the Spirit.

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**GOSPEL**

Luke 9:51-62

<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, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>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?"<sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And 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, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet 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 his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P The Gospel of our Lord    C        Thanks be to God.

## SERMON:

### "THE WORTH OF FOLLOWING JESUS"

**SONG:** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

**WOV 752**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** – Apostles' Creed

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#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Heavenly Father, open our hearts to a new way of serving all whom we meet. Teach us to bear one another's burdens, and direct our wills by the power of your Spirit that through us all may come to know Christ's word of peace.

*Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

God of all people, establish your peace in the world. Give the leaders of the nations a desire for reconciliation and a yearning for justice. Protect men and women who serve in armed forces around the globe and grant patience and comfort to those who await their safe return. *Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Lord of all creation, mountains and plains, rivers and oceans, forestlands and deserts all bear witness to the majesty of your creative grace. Grant that nations and individuals may learn to be faithful stewards of all the earth's resources so that the blessings of your abundant creation may be shared by all.

*Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Embracing God, draw into your divine embrace all those who may find themselves on the fringes of society – the hungry and homeless, the unemployed, children who are missing or living in situations of neglect or abuse, those who are ill, those who are disabled, and those who grieve. [We pray particularly for ...]. Move us to be your incarnate presence with these and all our neighbors. *Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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## **OFFERING**

## **CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING**

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

**P** In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

**C** And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

**P** And your young men shall see visions!

**C** And your old men shall dream dreams!

**P** Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

**C** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**CLOSING SONG:** "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

**LBW 492**

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers are given by Tom & Louise Hoffman in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Please stay and enjoy a piece of anniversary cake after church with Tom & Louise.

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Taylor Haag 6/27/2002

Katalina Hall 6/28/17

Donna Koehnke (grandma) 6/30

Joanne Seegers 7/5

Phil Gronbach 7/7 (77yrs young)

Dennis Peterson 7/7

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

Tom & Louise Hoffman 6/29/57 (65<sup>th</sup>)

Larry & Connie Worden 6/29/1974

Chris & Ashley Boyer 7/2/11

## **“TRUE FREEDOM IN CHRIST”**

### **Will be our theme for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July FLC float**

Yahoo! The church will have a float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Please pull out your patriotic clothing or even the tall red, white and blue hat that may be in the back of the closet.



Could you help with any of the following?

- Donate candy? Look for the “Parade candy box” to drop candy off.
- Ride/walk with the float of the 4<sup>th</sup>
- Float decorators

There was a float meeting on **Saturday, June 25 at 4pm**. If you couldn't make it, please talk with Dan or Janelle Pahnke about any other details.



## **Vacation Bible School**

July 11-14, 2022

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Register by July 6 online or fill out the registration form which can be found on the VBS bulletin board

**There will be a VBS meeting on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> after service.**

There is a SNACK list sign-up on the VBS bulletin board. You may select as many items as you like. Please have them to the church by **July 10<sup>th</sup>**. Helpers are needed as well. Please speak to Jo Boehmer.

Today 6/26: Join us after the service in the fellowship hall to for a cake reception, celebrating the marriage (65yrs) of Tom & Louise Hoffman.

Monday 6/27: Clothes Closet Open, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 6/28: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; distribution, 12-2pm.

Saturday 7/2: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 7/3: Communion Service, 9am.

Monday 7/4: Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Jill Vodden had hip surgery on June 20<sup>th</sup>. She is well and staying with her sister for at least 2 weeks.
- Ben, Amy & Josiah Blobaum as they have moved and Ben begins his vicarage at Calvary Lutheran in Brookfield, Wi.
- Shelly Uhing, Chuck Huey's niece, who was hit by a car.
- Wanda Smith, Elda Bruning's sister, is having health problems.
- Jason Gorski, nephew of Dan & Janelle Pahnke and
- Chris, Gary Steinhorst's cousin are fighting cancer.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Jamie Wittwer, Laura Block Rachel Ash and Traci Yeaton.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its upcoming activities.
- All acts of violence that are happening around the world.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.