

Our Saviour Lutheran Church & St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
30 June 2013

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control

Divine Service III

LSB 184

Hymns: 802, 595, 629, 923

Psalm 16

Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbour; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

Christ's Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, “*the Word of the Lord came to him*” (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him “*on the mount before the Lord*” (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet—not in the impressive power of gale force winds, nor in an earthquake, and nor in the fire, but in “*the sound of a low whisper*” (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself among us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends “*messengers ahead of Him . . . to make preparations for Him*” (Luke 9:51–52). Putting their hand to that plough of preaching, they “*go and proclaim the kingdom of God,*” and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its “*yoke of slavery*” (Gal. 5:1), but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which “*Christ has set us free*” (Gal. 5:1).

Old Testament Reading—1 Kings 19:9b–21

⁹ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ 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. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ 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?" ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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."

¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was ploughing 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. ²⁰ 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?" ²¹ 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.

Gradual (*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isa 52:7b*)

**☐ How beautiful are the feet of those who
preach the | good news,*
who publish peace and bring good
news of sal- | vation.
Their voice has gone out to | all the
earth,*
and their words to the ends | of the
earth.**

Epistle Reading—Galatians 5:1, 13-25

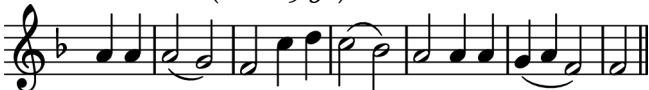
For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ...

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 neighbour as yourself.” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

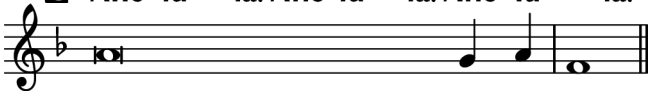
¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led 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.

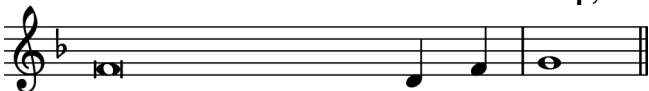
Alleluia Verse (Luke 9:51)



Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.



When the days drew near
for him to be ta - ken up,



he set his face to go
to Je - ru - sa - lem.



Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia. Alle-lu - ia.

Gospel Reading—Luke 9:51-62

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 plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION
ARTICLE XXIV: THE MASS

This heresy is that the Mass justifies by the outward act, that when applied it merits the pardon of guilt and punishment even for the unjust if they do not present an obstacle. We object to these deadly errors, which divert people from the glory of Christ’s passion and overthrow the doctrine about the righteousness of faith. In the [Old Testament], the godless believed they merited the forgiveness of sins, not through faith, but through sacrifices. They increased these services and sacrifices, set up the worship of Baal in Israel, and even sacrificed in the groves in Judah. Therefore, the prophets condemn this belief and war against not only the worshippers of Baal, but also other priests who made sacrifices ordained by God with this godless belief. Carnal people cannot tolerate that the honour of an atoning sacrifice belongs solely to Christ’s sacrifice because they do not understand the righteousness of faith. The godless priests in Judah held a false belief about such sacrifices; Baal worship even continued in Israel. Nevertheless, a Church of God was there that objected to these godless services. Baal worship remains in the realm of the pope: the abuse of the Mass. They think they can merit the pardon of guilt and punishment for the unrighteous. All who believe the Gospel should condemn these wicked services. Paragraph 96–98

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Daily Readings:

Sun: Joshua 5:1–6:5 Acts 10:1–17 *Augsburg Confession XXIV:1–20*

Mon: Josh 6:6–27 Acts 10:18–33 *AC XXIV: 21–41*

Tue: Josh 7:1–26 Acts 10:34–48 *AC XXV*

Wed: Josh 8:1–28 Acts 11:1–18 *AC XXVI: 1–20*

Thu: Josh 10:1–25 Acts 11:19–30 *AC XXVI: 21–45*

Fri: Josh 23:1–16 Acts 12:1–25 *AC XXVII: 1–23*

Sat: Josh 24:1–31 Acts 13:1–12 *AC XXVII: 24–43*

Sun: Judges 2:6–23 Acts 13:13–41 *AC XXVII: 44–62*