



# God Speaks to Elijah

**FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP**

**3rd Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 26, 2022**

**WE PRAY:** Holy Spirit, Builder and Keeper of the Kingdom of Grace, grant us, whom You have called into discipleship of Christ, a commitment strong enough to carry us to the death for Him if the necessity arises; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)*

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**PRELUDE - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - J. Zundel**

**PASTORAL GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN**

**TLH 39**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation~  
Join the full throng;  
Wake, harp and psalter and song;  
South forth in glad adoration!
  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires all have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?
  
3. Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee;  
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.  
What need or grief  
Ever hath failed of relief?--  
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.
  
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.  
Ponder anew  
What the almighty can do,  
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore  
Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before  
Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVOCATION

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy  
Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the  
Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C:** And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**A:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner,  
confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever  
offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal  
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent  
of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake  
of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved  
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful  
being.

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called  
and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God  
unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord

Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: Amen.**

### THE INTROIT

**P:** Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

### GLORIA PATRI

**C:** Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THE KYRIE

**A:** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**C:** Glory be to God on high:

**C:** And on earth, peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord God, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### SALUTATION

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And with thy spirit.

### COLLECT

**P:** Lord of all power and might, 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## LESSONS

### OLD TESTAMENT

#### *1 Kings 19: 9b-21*

And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" So he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces 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; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" And he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." Then the Lord said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." So he departed from

there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please 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?" So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

## **EPISTLE**

### ***Gal. 5: 1, 13-25***

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**L:** Here ends the Epistle.

**C:** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the 51<sup>ST</sup> verse.

**C:** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

#### ***Lk. 9: 51-62***

Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village. Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, 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." Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

### **THE NICENE CREED (*In Unison*)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SERMON**

**“Getting “Back at it”**

**I Kings 19: 9b-21**

**OFFERTORY**

**A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS**

**OFFERING PRAYER** (*Pastor*)

**THE PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

### THE AGNUS DEI

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

### THE DISTRIBUTION

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 400

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

1. Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour

At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### FIRST ANTIPHON AND COLLECT

**P** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C** And His mercy endureth forever.

**P** We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

TLH 648

*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

1. I am Jesus' little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.
2. Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go

Where the quiet waters flow.

3. Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest.

**BENEDICTION  
Amen.”**

**ALL: “Amen, Amen,**

**PRESENTATION OF THE LUMEN CHRISTI AWARD**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**RECESSIONAL**

**POSTLUDE -**

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**GOOD MORNING** and welcome to worship today! Elijah certainly faced many obstacles in his service to our LORD, and one can't blame him when he grows tired and wanted to give up. We know that feeling all too well in our life and service to Jesus. But God continued to whisper His life and faith - strengthening Word to Elijah, and so he was able to continue and persevere. Elijah was a type of Jesus, our Ultimate Prophet, Who unlike Elijah PERFECTLY and TIRELESSLY strove to proclaim God's Kingdom and procure our salvation! While we too grow tired, we rejoice that Jesus perfectly labored for our salvation, and we know that in His victory, there's still work for us to do! Today in Word and Sacrament, we recognize through God's Word that in our spiritual challenges, we are not alone, but we are refreshed and renewed by Jesus to continue to do the tasks He gives us! By Jesus' power, grace and encouragement, we like Elijah are given the strength to "Get back at it!"

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Robert Wicks-** who will be undergoing medical treatment this week.

**For those recovering from surgery:** John McLaren, Jim Geffert and Pam Zimmer

**For those treated for cancer:** Tom Harms, Roy Koeppel, Eric Hingst, Frank Erbecker, Lisa Zimmermann, Keith Josefiak, Shiela Rice, Patty Bennett and Cathy Surhigh.

**Those who need the Lord's daily strength and healing:** Julia Hingst, Ginny Liebaert, Laura Ropes Smith, Roger Parke, Kelley Hauschulz, Clifford Popp and James Gusmano.

**Judy Piche-** who is residing at The Rivers for care.

**Lynn Pinske and Jevin Pinske-** who are undergoing medical treatment at this time.

**For the People of the Ukraine.**

**Congratulations and God's blessings to Jan Ropes,** recipient of the 2020 English District Lumen Christi Lay Award for her years of dedicated service in our congregation. We welcome Jan and Jim and their entire extended family. We miss you, and are so grateful to God that you can join us at Christ the King today for worship and a special celebration. A reception for Jan will be held in our Church Library after our late Divine Service.

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Now thru Labor Day, the church office will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

God's grace is poured out on us daily and abundantly. Daily we rejoice in our baptisms through which God's grace makes us His children. Sunday after Sunday we celebrate the Easter message of God's grace made available to us through the suffering and victory of His Son. His grace is given to our physical as well as our spiritual beings as He provides "our daily bread," including "everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body" (Martin Luther). How is it possible that we could receive this grace in vain? When we ignore the Giver of this grace, when we use His gifts for our own good rather than in service to others, and when we attribute our gifts, our abilities, our successes to ourselves, then we receive God's grace in vain.



**T**he Prelude this morning is dedicated to the glory of God and to the honor of my dear friend Jan Ropes. Jan was a devoted choir member and bell choir member from the day I started here at Christ the King, 28 years ago. I thank you Jan for your support and your love all those years. Jan always came to rehearsals with a smile, a great enthusiasm, and willingness to work. I wish you and your family great happiness in your new chapter of life. You are greatly missed.

All my love,  
Bruce Sininger

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Have been given by Kurt Halsey in honor of his parents and their wedding anniversary.

## LIFE QUOTES

“God loves you as His adopted son or daughter—a truth that no virus or civil strife can ever take away. Welcome to the family!” *Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC

for next Sunday: "**Play the Sunset**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We can't negotiate our value with God; however, God regards us as infinitely valuable. (Ecclesiastes 2:25) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30 A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

## ALTAR GUILD

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Sue Mack, Jean Azar, and Lori Dane

## EXERCISE CLASS

all are welcome. We will be starting with warm up, arms, core, legs, and cool down run by a certified instructor. \$5.00 walk in fee. Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Lower-level big room. Suggest a mat

and bring dumbbells if you like. Work at your own pace. Chairs available if you prefer to sit.

## ONE WEEK AGO TODAY:

8:00 Service: 37

Communion: 35

10:45 Service: 41

## 80 for 80

On Sunday June 5, a presentation was made to our congregation about a special endeavor by which we will celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a congregation, which was actually in 2021, but postponed because of the pandemic. Basically, we are asking each member to give a one-time gift of \$ 80.00 (or more) above and beyond our regular offerings by the end of the year to help us reduce the mortgage debt. Our bank note currently has a balance of \$ 355,000.00. It is our endeavor as a congregation to reduce our debt by at least 8% which would be by approximately \$ 29,000.00. One of our members has given a challenge gift to kick start this endeavor at the occasion of our anniversary. Our entire purpose for this offering is to reduce our debt, and to work toward the elimination of that debt before the interest rate on our loan will rise in 2024. We also hope to reduce this debt to as little as possible so that the congregation and our next pastor will have more resources to work with for outreach ministry. Let's make this endeavor a success, in thanksgiving to God for 80 years of grace and blessing at Christ the King. When you think that God has helped us reduce our debt from the \$ 1.3 million dollar bank note that we had to incur 19 years ago to \$355,000.00 at this time, God's provision and blessing have been incredible! Rarely has the leadership at Christ the King asked for gifts above/beyond or normal weekly giving. This time we are doing so, to create a blessed future as we look ahead to the changes that will be transpiring in the next two years. Please join us in making this goal a reality! We will celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special outdoor worship service and barbeque after Labor Day on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Gifts given for "80 for 80" will be collected to the end of 2022. ALL monies given will be applied to mortgage debt reduction.