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*When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,
He set His face to go to Jerusalem.*

Luke 9:51

Divine Service Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation # 688

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Introit

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.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

Kyrie p. 204

Gloria In Excelsis p. 204

Salutation & Collect p. 205

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.

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:9b - 21 (ESV)

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 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." 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. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. 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?" 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." 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. 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. 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. 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."

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. 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?" 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

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (ESV)

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. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 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. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 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. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 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 walk by the Spirit.

Alleluia and Verse p. 205

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 (ESV)

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, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him. But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set toward Jerusalem. 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?" But He turned and rebuked them. And 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, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "*Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.*"

Yet 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 his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.*"

Nicene Creed p. 206
Hymn of the Day # 708
Sermon Whisper

Prayer of the Church

L: In the still, small voice of Your mercy we hear You

C. let our cry come to You, O Lord.

Offering

Service of the Sacrament p. 208ff.
Distribution Hymns # 712, 819, 632
Nunc Dimittis p. 211
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Closing Hymn # 832

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

Welcome to worship in the season of Pentecost. The green paraments remind us that this is the season of growth. The theme of Pentecost is living a Christian life. As Christ strengthens us through His Word, the spoken Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments, we grow more like Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Special Meeting: There will be a special meeting after worship to discuss the installation of new carpet in the social hall. Please join us, as your input is welcome!

Bulletin Announcements: Because of the 4th of July holiday, please have all items for next Sunday's bulletin to the Church office by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School: A VBS team from Shepherd's Hill will be at St. Matthew in Hazen July 22-24. We will be taking any children that would like to attend VBS to St. Matthew for VBS. Rides will be provided and there will be no charge. Please let Pastor Heller know if your child/children will be attending VBS or talk to him if you would like more information.

Greeters are needed for the month of July. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Flower Bed: A sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall to volunteer to water the plants in the flower bed, pull weeds as needed, etc. The date is for a week and signing up for that week means that you are willing to water the flower bed throughout that week. Thank you to all who have worked in the flower bed this summer!



For more information on the ND District LC-MS Lutheran Youth Fellowship Gathering, July 18-20 at Jamestown College, Jamestown, please visit with Vicky Yeager. A brochure and nomination form for DYC officers is available.

The July calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, May Council minutes, Pray for Us Calendar & children's devotional booklets are in the black stacking trays in the social hall.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Nona & Katlyn Blaisdell & Kylie Scherer, as they attend the national youth gathering in San Antonio, TX.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 63 Offerings: \$1,050.00

Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” Nothing is more important than the Kingdom of God. Over and over again, Jesus preaches to His disciples (and His would-be disciples) that following Him will be a cross and cost them everything. The reward, of course, is also very great: the Kingdom of God itself! And the Lord promises His presence, love, forgiveness, and strength for the journey. The voice of Jesus still call us today, with all its promise and with all its urgency: Follow Me.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am 10:30 am	Divine Service <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Sunday	8:30 am 10:30 am	Divine Service <i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or
Communion attendance this morning.*

Upholding Marriage: God's Plan and Gift

A statement by the Rev. Bart Day, executive director,
LCMS Office of National Mission

Today the Supreme Court issued its ruling, striking down Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), allowing for federal benefits for legally married gay couples and potentially allowing for gay marriage in all of California with regard to Proposition 8. Though the ruling is not a surprise, we are saddened for our nation, even as we call our fellow Christians to faithfulness and prayer.

As Christians, we believe and confess that God Himself instituted marriage as the life-long union of one man and one woman. Same-sex unions are contrary to God's will, and gay marriage is, in the eyes of God, no marriage at all. As Christians, we proclaim this truth, no matter what the courts or legislatures may say. We are called not to popularity but to truth. Therefore, we call on our fellow Christians to be faithful first to God's Word, knowing that another court is ultimately supreme.

Marriage is a fundamental building block of society, binding parents to their offspring. Every child benefits from the nurture of a mother and the leadership of a father. While having one mother is a blessing, having two mothers or two fathers is confusing for the child and detrimental to her well-being. The divorce culture has done great harm to the institution of marriage as well, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has and will continue to respond to that heartache with Christ's comfort while simultaneously working to restore a culture where marriage is upheld. While this occasion reminds us that Scripture calls homosexuality sinful (see Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:24–27), the Bible also says plainly that those who "hunger and thirst for righteousness," that is to say, those who repent and show genuine sorrow over their sin, are forgiven and loved by Christ.

And so as Christ's Church, we forgive and love too, following His lead with compassion and humility. We forgive and love because we are all sinners in need of His grace and mercy; because no matter the sin, we have all rebelled against our Creator and fallen prey to unbelief; because He has justified us by grace through faith, freely given and joyfully received (Rom. 3:23–24); because Christ has reconciled us to the Father; because He has declared us righteous and we are.

Please consider sharing this email with your congregation, family and friends, reminding them that the LCMS will continue to teach marriage according to God's plan and gift. We will continue to proclaim marriage as a picture of Christ's love for His bride, the church. And we will continue to be a place of forgiveness, mercy and healing for all people, even as we will continue to proclaim God's truth in love. As we move forward, we offer up our prayers for the nation and particularly for marriage, family and children.