



*“Follow me...”*

*Luke 9:59*

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
Third Sunday after Pentecost– June 26, 2022



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**Welcome Guests...**

We are honored to have you with us here at St. Paul in Clintonville!

· **Guest Book:** Please sign our guest book near the doors to the worship area.

· **Restrooms:** If you need them, there are bathrooms just to the sides of the main doors.

· **Children:** We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can take them to the parent's room or to the back gathering area. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.

· **Changing Table:** If needed these are in the parent's room and downstairs restrooms.

· **Communion:** guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion.



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**Our Focus Today:  
Through The Word, Christ Creates  
Committed Followers**

*There's the type of fan who follows his team if they make the playoffs. Then there's the type of fan who, regardless of his team's record, watches every game and knows the stats for every player. There are different types of followers: the half-hearted versus the committed. Jesus is uninterested in half-hearted followers who shoehorn him into their lives only when their other pursuits provide time for the Christ. Jesus wants followers who are all-in... who love him above all things... who would be willing to leave everything else behind if that were what it would take to be with him. We simply do not have it in us to produce that level of commitment. But Jesus' words have Jesus' power. In his gospel Jesus explains how he went all in for our salvation. He tells us he left the comforts of heaven behind to come rescue us. And through those words Christ creates within us the very commitment that he seeks.*

**Vision**

Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

**Mission**

We will share the life giving and inerrant Word of God as written in the Bible.

**Core Values**

We will proclaim the law and the gospel so that all may have eternal life.



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# The Service – Setting Two (p. 172)

Hymn 711 (*st. 1-5*)

**Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult**

*Stand*

**Invocation**

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**Confession** (*beginning with “Blessed are they...”*) & **Declaration of Grace**

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**Lord, Have Mercy** (*sung*)

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**Glory to God in the Highest** (*refrain – all; stanzas – pastor*)

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***Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. ***Refrain***

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

***Refrain***

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. ***Refrain***

# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

**1 Kings 19:19–21**

*Elisha commits himself completely to the work to which the LORD had called him, leaving family and wealth behind.*

<sup>19</sup>So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup>Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.”

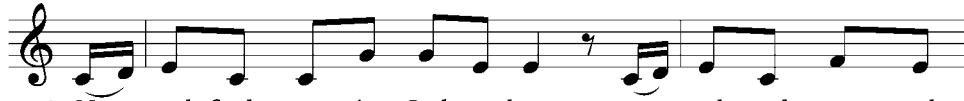
“Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

<sup>21</sup>So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 62C** (First stanza & refrain – pastor; 2-3 stanzas & refrains – all)

**My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone** (found in Psalter)



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -  
2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -  
3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -



va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and  
ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll  
plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and



I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and  
cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and  
he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a



hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll  
rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the  
fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right-eous-ness, I'll look to him who hears me.  
fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.  
King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



O praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

## Second Reading

**2 Corinthians 11:21b–30**

*Christ had shown grace to Paul. That grace moved Paul to be committed to Christ.*

Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. <sup>22</sup>Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I. <sup>23</sup>Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. <sup>24</sup>Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. <sup>25</sup>Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, <sup>26</sup>I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. <sup>27</sup>I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. <sup>28</sup>Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup>Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

<sup>30</sup>If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel Acclamation** (*sung by pastor*)

**Mark 8:34**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

**Luke 9:51–62**

*Jesus teaches that following him means leaving this world behind.*

<sup>51</sup>As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” <sup>55</sup>But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then he and his disciples went to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>58</sup>Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

<sup>59</sup>He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

<sup>60</sup>Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

<sup>61</sup>Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

<sup>62</sup>Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Hymn 695** (st. 1-6)

**Take My Life and Let It Be**

**Sermon Text**

**Luke 9:51–62**

**It's All Or Nothing**

Stand

## **Apostles' Creed**

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Be seated

## **Prayer of the Church**

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## **Offering**

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*Our offering is our reaction to God's Word. Do not feel obligated to give here, we are just thankful you are here. Offerings are collected in the golden plates next to the worship area doors. Your offerings here support the ministry here at this church, along with the mission work of our larger synod.*

## **Hymn 736 (st. 1-5)**

## **Lord, You Call Us as Your People**

Stand

## **Prayer (beginning with "Blessed Lord...") & Lord's Prayer (traditional)**

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## **Blessing**

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## **Hymn 737 (st. 1-5)**

## **Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way**

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *For Our Guests & Members*

### **We Are Glad You Are Here!**

Stick around after the service and join us for snacks and fellowship. There will be a quick 19-minute bible study today.

**Reminder to the congregation:** Please turn in your receipts from Tadych's Marketplace Foods. The month of July is when the receipts are turned in for money for the Sisters in Christ.

### **Sisters In Christ Baby Bottles**

There are baby bottles in the narthex to take home to collect coins for New Beginnings in Milwaukee. We ask that you return these by Labor Day, Sept. 5. New Beginnings provides a loving and supportive place for single mothers to start a new life. This Christian-based home for mothers allows a resident to become a responsible parent by raising her new baby in a caring environment.

**HOLY LAND TOUR:** You are invited to join retired Pastor Eugene Kock on his 28<sup>th</sup> tour of the Holy Land. The dates of the 10-day tour are March 27 – April 5, 2023. Walk where Jesus walked! Sites that will be visited include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee (boat ride), garden of Gethsemane, House of Caiaphas, Garden Tomb and much, much more. After the tour, you will read the Bible like never before! For more information contact [pastorkock@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorkock@yahoo.com).

## *Important Dates to Note*

### **Ordination/Installation of WLS graduate David Ticks at Friedens, Bonduel**

**Date:** Sunday, July 10

**Time:** 3:30 p.m.

The Ladies of Friedens plan to have a meal after the service, to which all are invited. If you are planning to stay for the meal, please let Pastor Rothfuss know by July 3 so numbers can be passed on to the ladies to plan accordingly.

## **Quarterly Council Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 13

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

## **WELS Women's Conference - July 21 – 23, 2022**

**Theme:** "Won to be One"

**Location:** Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI.

For more info and to register, please visit: [wels.net/wmconference](http://wels.net/wmconference). Registration ends on June 30.


## **WELS/ELS Single Retreat**

**Dates:** Friday, November 11 – Sunday, November 13

**Time:** Arrival on Friday 4 – 7 p.m.

**Where:** Camp Phillip, W9944 Buttercup Ave, Wautoma, Wisconsin

Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day? This will be a weekend of fun and fellowship. For more information about the event and to register, check out our webpage: [wels-els-singles.com](http://wels-els-singles.com)

<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Last Week</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6/19 Attendance - 87</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Offerings to the Lord</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Needed Weekly - \$3,500</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Offered - \$3,958</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Ushers Today</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Todd T. Aaron W. Greg M. Dustin L.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Parament Colors</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 26 – Green July 3 – Green July 10 – Green July 17 – Green July 24 - Green</p>
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