



“Return
to your **home**,
and **declare** how
much **God** has
done **for you.**”

Luke 8:39

The 2nd Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, June 21, 2025 5:30pm

*This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin.
The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic
reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again.
It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."*

Prelude

Welcome/Invocation

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

Gathering Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* ELW 661

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Merciful God,

**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow
our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins
are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

We pray together, **O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a
sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind
us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Hymn *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* ELW 512

Scripture Readings

1 Kings 19:1-15

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking 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; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰**Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!**

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

²²**I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴**For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172

Gospel Luke 8:26-39

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord,

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Rick Hoyme

Hymn of the Day *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ELW 332

Apostles' Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of the Church (God of grace, **hear our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

Offertory Prayer

We pray together, Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music *One Bread, One Body* ELW 496

What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742

Lord, Be Glorified ELW 744

Prayer after Communion

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me* ELW 798

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

We will! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Readings and Psalm for Next Week

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Elijah says to Elisha, Follow me and do not continue plowing

Psalm 16

I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Love is the whole law, gift of the Spirit

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus says, Follow me and do not look back

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF: Marianne Burnside, Grandmother of Bridget (Troy) Pederson. Families of Minnesota State Legislators. Lyle Johnson, brother of Pastor Dean (Debbie) Johnson.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Dennis Eastman

Serving Saturday Night 5:30pm

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| Preaching: | Pastor Rick Hoyme |
| Greeters: | Wayne and Lynette Emberland |
| Musician: | Naomi Baker |
| Lector: | Susan Roepke |

Weekly Attendance - 167
YouTube - 120
General Offerings - \$9,186.31

***If you or a family member has a health update, is hospitalized, or is in need of a visit, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE and we will visit you. We appreciate the opportunity to share all aspects of your life with you- both the celebrations and the sadness. You are not alone... and you are loved.**

Sunday, June 22

9:00am Outdoor Worship (Youth Led/Noisy Offering) – P. Rick preach,
P. Amy preside
10:00am Brunch Potluck following Worship
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Tuesday, June 24

10:00am Family Bike Ride to Spicer (Meet at Civic Center)
5:30pm Board of Worship – Conference Room
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Thursday, June 26

9:30am Text Bible Study – Friendship Room
1:00pm Quilting

Saturday, June 28

5:30pm Chapel Service – P. Amy

Sunday, June 29

9:00am Worship- P. Amy preach, P. Rick preside
10:00am Coffee with the Council
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181



**Conversation regarding positive action taken on
the following “Coffee with Council” topics:**

- 1. VISITATION**
- 2. YOUTH ACTIVITIES**
- 3. STEWARDSHIP**
- 4. WORSHIP**