

St. Johns Lutheran Church



I'm the Only One Left!

St. Johns Lutheran Church
The Third Sunday after Pentecost

St. Louis, Missouri
June 26th, 2022

God Speed to Alex and Sam (Simon) and Dan and Jolene Reh
Divine Service Setting 1

LSB 151

AS WE GATHER

When you feel all alone, remember this: you are not alone. First, you are not alone in feeling that way. In today's Old Testament Reading, you will see how even Elijah, the mighty prophet of God, felt all alone. "I, even I only, am left!" he exclaimed (1 Kings 19:10). That was his honest feeling; however, it wasn't true. The Lord revealed to Elijah that He had not abandoned His prophet, even reassuring Elijah of this by providing Elisha as his helper in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. God's presence and provision in Elijah's life reassured him of his divine purpose, and the same is true for you! As you will hear in today's message, it is much like King Henry V saying to recharge his discouraged army: "Once more unto the breach!" When you feel discouraged, remember that God's work in you is not finished! In Christ's victory, there is still work to do! His presence and provision, which you will receive yet again today, reassure you of this! Jesus is with you! He loves you! And He sends His Spirit into your life to give you His purpose and direction, reminding you that you belong to Him!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to us. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

HYMN God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons *LSB 682*

**God of the prophets, bless the prophet's sons;
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast.
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.**

**Anoint them prophets, men who are intent
To be Your witnesses in word and deed,
Their hearts aflame, their lips make eloquent,
Their eyes awake to ev'ry human need.**

**Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may
Find Jesus' mercy and from sin release.**

**Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord.
Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son.
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a blood-stained sword;
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.**

**Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.
Inspired by You, may they count all but loss
And stand at last with joy before Your face.**

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Galatians 5:1*

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

A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

Lord God, our gracious Father,

we confess that we have not walked by Your Spirit. Instead of using our freedom to love our neighbors as ourselves, we have served our own selfish interests. We have chosen to live as our sinful flesh desires instead of as Your perfect law requires.

Forgive us, heavenly Father, by the mercy You show us in the death and resurrection of Your Son. Fill us with the fruit of Your Spirit so that we who belong to Christ Jesus may walk in the way of love and worship. In His name we pray. Amen.

The Spirit of God anointed Jesus to walk in perfect obedience to the Father's commands. His death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave prove that His grace alone gives His presence, provision, and purpose to all who belong to Him by faith. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WORD

KYRIE *LSB 152*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

LSB 154

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.

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.

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

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, when we feel alone and as if all hope is lost, remind us of the never-failing presence of Your Spirit, so that we who belong to Christ Jesus may know Your presence, provision, and purpose in our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 19:9b–21*

Behold, the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He 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.”

¹¹And 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. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And 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?” ¹⁴He 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.” ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” ¹⁹So 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. ²⁰And 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?” ²¹And 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

**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 world.**

EPISTLE *Galatians 5:1, 13–25*

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . . ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, 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. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 9:51*

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And 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?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And 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.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Follow Me, ’ the Savior Spake” *LSB 688*

**"Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
"All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take my example for your guide.**

**"I am the Light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.**

**"My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.**

**"I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

SERMON

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the
name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all
people according to their needs.**

**Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have created us in Your
image and called us into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus Christ,
by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to know that You are
always with us—guiding our steps, providing for our lives, hearing
our prayers, and answering us in ways that are for our good and
that bring glory to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,**

hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your presence in our lives.

You reign over all the universe as King of kings and Lord of lords! In You, Lord Jesus, all things are held together. In You, Lord Jesus, we live and move and have our being. You provide well for all those who belong to You. Grant us hearts to receive Your Word, hands to extend Your love to others, and feet to walk by Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your provision in our lives.

Holy Spirit, when we feel lost and alone, remind us of Your never-failing love. Instill in us the readiness to be led by You in the purpose that You give to all who follow Jesus Christ. Send Your Workers (*Dan, Jolene, Sam, and Alex*) out into every corner of the world to proclaim the Good News of life and salvation in our Savior's death and resurrection. Until the day He comes again, grant that they never grow tired of sharing the Gospel with their neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your purpose in our lives.

Merciful Lord, we pray Your blessing upon all who lead and govern us, for all who protect us from harm and danger, and for all who work for the well-being of our communities, our state, and our nation. Grant that Your presence and provision be known in our families and in the lives of our children. Remind those who are homebound, hospitalized, or ailing in any way that they are never alone, for You are always with them. [*Grant Your healing mercies to those we name before You, especially . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into Your faithful hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

Amen.

HYMN Jesus Shall Reign *LSB 832*

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.**

**Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

Preacher	Sam Shick
Liturgist	Dan Reh
Lector	Sam Shick
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Sam Shick
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Sam Shick
Confirmation	NO Confirmation

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY for young adults between the ages of 18-30. The Bible Study will run from 5:30pm-7:30pm, and will include a pizza dinner (provided by St. Johns). Our next date is July 9th. If interested, please send an email to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com to be added to the GroupMe.

VACATIONS Jonah will be on vacation from June 19th-July 2nd & Pastor Tanney will be on vacation from June 19th-June 27th. The office will be closed June 19th-June 27th, if you have an emergency, please contact Earl Welch @ 314-629-9507. You can also send an email to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com as Jonah will continue to check the inbox while he is away.

CFNA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Please join us in sharing Christ's love! Whether helping to sort or deliver donated items, taking someone to the grocery store or appointment, assisting International Institute with meeting families at the airport and helping take them to their hotel, etc., we have many opportunities for volunteers to serve the newly arriving Afghan families and other refugees. And we continue to welcome volunteers in our program ministries, including After School Tutoring, Adult ESL, Driving Lessons, Health and Wellness screenings, Sewing classes, and more. Interested? Questions? Please contact Gary Schaefer at gschaefer@cfna-stl.org or complete/submit a Volunteer Recruitment Form online.

VOTER'S (BUDGET) MEETING will be in two weeks on July 10th, after Bible Study @ 11:30am.

OPEN TEACHER POSITIONS - WORD OF LIFE

Middle School Math Teacher

Word of Life is seeking a middle school math teacher for the 2022-2023 school year to join our amazing team of teachers. The position is full time and includes teaching 6th grade Religion, 5th-8th grade Math and a few enrichment courses. Interested candidates should have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in education. If you would like more information or to submit a resume, please contact Principal Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244 or mbegholt@wordoflifeschool.net.

Preschool Aide

Word of Life is seeking a caring and compassionate aide to work specifically with a preschool student attending WOL at the Timothy campus. The student has special learning needs and the person in this position will be there to support the student in her learning and development. The position is 20 hours per week (full days Tuesday and Thursday, half days Wednesday and Friday). There is also the potential to combine this position with the Extended Care Director position to create a full-time position. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Principal Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244 or mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net.

Extended Care Director

Word of Life is seeking a qualified candidate to lead the extended care program on the main campus for Grades K-8. The position includes registering students, posting charges, purchasing snacks as well as supervising students in the after school part of the program from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm Mondays - Fridays. There is potential for this position to be combined with the Preschool Aide position to make a full-time position. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Principal Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244 or mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net.

SALEM MEN'S CLUB BBQ The fine gentlemen of Salem Lutheran Men's Club will be cooking up some good BBQ on the second Saturday of each month beginning April 9th (and ending in September), from 10:00 a.m. until sold out. We are located on the parking lot off of Lakewood Ave. behind Salem Lutheran Church, 8343 Gravois Road in Affton, MO 63123. Choose from a selection of smoked ribs, pork steak, smoked chicken, hamburger, bratwurst or hot dog and make it a meal with your choice of two sides: cole slaw, fries, baked beans or potato salad. Learn more at <https://slcas.org/church/mens-club-bbq/barbecue>

ATTENTION LHSS CLASS OF 2002! We look forward to celebrating our 20th reunion this fall and we would love for you to attend! Please email your contact information to Chris Walleman at CW4369@yahoo.com or contact the Alumni Association. Visit our Facebook page at: LHSS Class of 2002 for more information."

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For those who have not come back since the pandemic; **Pastor Denke** for recovery from stroke & cancer; **Maureen Rehmer** for healing from a lack of breath & strength; **Dennis Solomon** as he recovers from congested heart failure; **Carmen Hobson** that she would pass the tests needed for shoulder surgery; **Bobbie** for strength as she deals with Parkinson's; **Field-workers and Vicars** as they prepare to move; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings on their worship
Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Maureen Rehmer, Eileen Wehrheim, Don Osiek

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

June 26-July 3

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	Office Open (Jonah Gone) 7pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	Office Open (Jonah Gone)
Thursday	Open (Jonah Gone) 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study
Friday	Office Open (Jonah Gone) 8am Bible Study 3pm-5pm Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	NO Food Pantry 10:30am Martha Wedding 12pm Reception
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship