

Sunday, June 29, 2025 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Altar flowers have been given by Michael & Sandi Stevermer in memory of Michael's parents.





Prelude – Ben Corwyn Will You Come and Follow Me

(arr. Matthew Corl)



Opening Hymn



Will You Come and Follow Me red hymnal, ELW #798

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the 中 Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

P: Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but C: 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.

C: In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love too vast and astounding to tell, forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all. Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son, sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore. Magnificent marvelous, matchless love. Magnificent marvelous, matchless love.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

C: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



First Reading I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

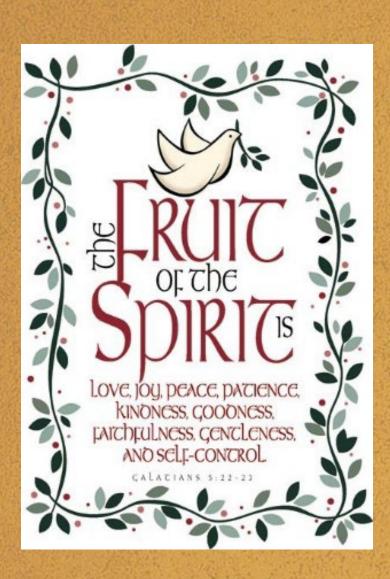
¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you."

Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.



L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading 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 and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 lf, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is peace, patience, kindness, love, joy, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 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 be guided by the Spirit.



L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you.



P: The Holy Gospel

according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53 but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

54When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then 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, first let me go and bury my father." 60 But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹Another 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 a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you,

O Christ.



Children's Conversation



Sermon – Pastor Gail Mundt

Hymn of the Day



You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Verse 1, Refrain

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

Verse 2, Refrain

You know full well what I have, Lord: neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my fish nets and will for working.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

Verse 3, Refrain

You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary--a love that's willing to go on loving.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

Verse 4, Refrain

You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning: O loving Friend, you have come to call me.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

A: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

A: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

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Anthem

Liebeslied

(by Oskar Boehme)

Don Williams, trumpet Ben Corwyn, piano

Offertory

All that I am, all that I have,
I lay them down before you, O Lord;
All my regrets, all my acclaim,
the joy and the pain,
I'm making them yours.

Lord, I offer my life to you, ev'rything I've been through, use it for your glory; Lord, I offer my days to you, lifting my praise to you as a pleasing sacrifice, Lord, I offer you my life.

Offering Prayer

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.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Words of Institution

The 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.

Communion

You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

All are welcome, for it is the Lord's Table.

Lamb of God

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jew'l,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless your name;
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up;
When I am dry, you fill my cup;
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

Communion Hymn



Be Thou My Vision ELW #793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Communion Hymn



Morning Has Broken ELW #556

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Communion Hymn



Day By Day ELW #790

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

Communion Hymn



O Master, Let Me Walk With You ELW #818

O Master, Let Me Walk, ELW #818, Verse 1

O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

O Master, Let Me Walk, ELW #818, Verse 2

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.



Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: 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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn



Here I Am, Lord ELW #574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Here I Am, Lord, ELW #574, Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"

Here I Am, Lord, ELW #574, Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Dismissal

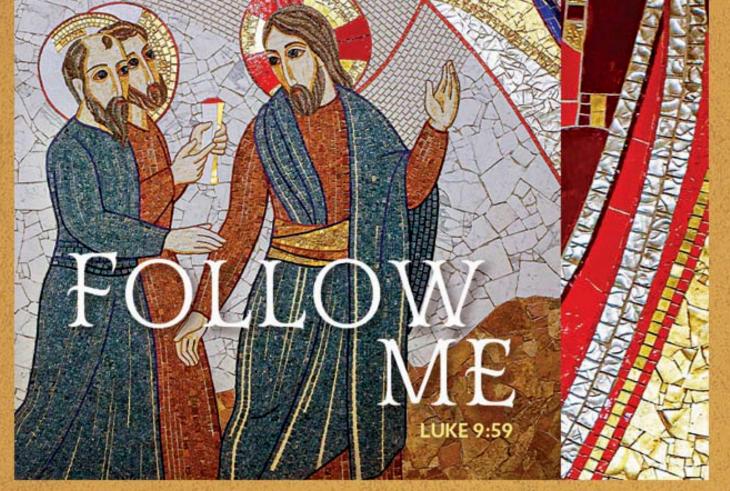


P: Go in peace.

Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.





Postlude – Ben Corwyn I Will Bless Thee O Lord with Great is the Lord

(arr. Carol Tornquist)

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