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The Angel of the Lord Provides for Elijah (1 Kings 19)

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12th Sunday after Pentecost – August 11, 2024

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Find today's order of worship printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. Large print copies of the order of worship are on the shelf under the tract rack, or speak to an usher who will be happy to share one with you.

Serving Us Today: Organist Carly Mess
Ushers Bob Rankin, Don Claeys

Pre-Service Meditation

Psalm 27: Pew Bible, page 493

Hymn Prayer:

What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed in every need Knows well how He
will shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good: He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His own right way, And never will He leave me.
I take content What He has sent; His hand that sends
me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.

What God ordains is always good: He is my friend and father;
He suffers naught to do me harm Though many storms
may gather. Now I may know Both joy and woe;
Some day I shall see clearly That He has loved me dearly.

Lutheran Service Book, #760 (1, 2, 4)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Prayer

Hymn

790 – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.


C 
A - men.

Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C 
Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives

power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C



A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++


Psalm of the Day

From Psalm 124

P If it had not been the LORD who was on our side:
C **Let Israel now say—**
P If it had not been the LORD who was on our side:
C **When people rose up against us,**
P Then they would have swallowed us up alive,
C **When their anger was kindled against us;**
P Then the flood would have swept us away:
C **The torrent would have gone over us.**
P Then over us would have gone:
C **The raging waters.**
P Blessed be the LORD:
C **Who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**
P We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers:
C **The snare is broken, and we have escaped!**
P Our help is in the name of the LORD:
C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P Glory be to God!

C



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.


Congregation sings:

**All glory be to God on high, And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever.**

**The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will,
to all the earth, Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**

[LSB #947:1, alt.]

P Let us pray:

C 
A - - men.

+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Do Not Grieve the Spirit, but Walk in Love

4:25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!

C 
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Second Lesson – John 6:39-51

Rejected by His Own

C 
Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” 43 Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”



Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn

728 – How Firm a Foundation

Sermon

Text – 1 Kings 19:1-8

1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” 3 Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD,

take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” 5 And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” 6 And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. 7 And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” 8 And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

**A Case Study of the Life of Elijah:
The Good, the Bad, and ... the Absolutely *Lovely!***
(See Yourself in the Picture)

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spi - rit with-in me.
Cast me not a-way from Your pres - ence, and
take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me.
Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up-
hold me with Your free spir -
it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Altar Prayer / Lord’s Prayer

Hymn

750 – *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

923 – *Almighty Father Bless the Word*

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/11)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee/Fellowship Time (downstairs)
Wed	6:15 pm	Elders Meeting (parsonage)
Sat	9:00 am	Church Clean-up Day (rescheduled from July)
Sun (8/18)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee/Fellowship Time (downstairs)

Upcoming on the Calendar

- Young Adults Midweek Bible Study: Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6:00-7:30 pm (Castle Pines)
- Evangelism Seminar: Friday, August 23, 6:30 pm (*see note below*)
- Sunday School Staff Installation: Sunday Sept. 8
- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Resume: Sunday, Sept. 8
- West-Central Pastoral Conference: Sept. 10-12, hosted by Prince of Peace, Loveland

Evangelism Seminar

At the July quarterly voters meeting the voters resolved to extend an invitation to Committee on Domestic Fields (CDF) member, Mark Tiefel, to present an evangelism seminar at St. Paul. The seminar will be held on Friday evening, August 23, beginning at 6:30 pm. A pizza lunch will precede the seminar at 5:30. Additional information:

- Mark's presentation is titled "Acts of Evangelism." It takes a look at evangelism examples from the Book of Acts and applies them to modern circumstances.
- There will also be opportunity to hear how the CDF can support our local mission efforts and projects they have available for use in our CLC churches.

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Synod News & Notes

The August CLC World Missions Prayer List, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. You may also view it online at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com. Please read and remember, with thanks to God: *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).*

Florida Storm Report: "Brothers in Christ, The storm Debbie has come and gone. Much water, wind and uprooted trees. Now the work begins. The church building came through the storm unscathed. Members were and are without power. In contacting all our members they are okay but some have suffered some damage to buildings and what have you. We thank our gracious God and Lord for His protection and mercy. In our Lord and Savior, (Pastor Doug Priestap), Grace Lutheran Church, Live Oak, FL"

Missionary Evensen Health Update: "Thank you again for all your prayers. I returned to Spokane week before last. I have an appointment for follow up care this Friday. At the last appointment in Lincoln the nurse practitioner was concerned with my tachycardia (fast heart rate). I had a heart monitor installed before I left but the metal sensor caused me to bleed under the adhesive and she recommended that I remove it to make sure the bleeding stops because I'm on the blood thinner for three months because of the clots, so I removed it after only wearing the monitor for three days instead of the planned two weeks. The data did not show any signs of afib, just a fast heart rate, but she recommended I see a cardiologist. Hopefully I can get referred to one Friday and see them soon ... My knees are still very stiff and my right foot continues to swell and be painful. Hopefully the appointment on Friday will address that. I will try to do some physical therapy here to help speed my recovery. I still am using a walker to keep me steady. My return to Togo is set on hold as I try to get back on my feet. Peter Evensen"

Rise & Shine Retreat: "An interest has been expressed to revive the 'Rise & Shine Retreat.' This retreat is geared toward young adults of the CLC, particularly those in their 20s and 30s. While we hope to put out an announcement in the near future regarding dates and registrations, what we are currently seeking are individuals who would like to help coordinate and plan such a retreat. One doesn't have to be in any specific age group to qualify for this position. He/she only needs to possess an interest in encouraging and assisting the young adults of our church body in their walk with the Lord by faith. We have need for people with an aptitude for organization and forward thinking who desire to put those gifts to work in God's kingdom in this endeavor. If you would like to assist with this work, please contact either Bethanie Gantt (715-577-8807) or Pastor Frank Gantt (470-214-3401). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request."

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 12-17

Mon Matthew 16:13-20 To recognize that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God” is a gift from the heavenly Father. This is also the solid foundation of the church and the entrance to the kingdom of heaven.

Tues Acts 17:15-21 As Paul waits in Athens, he observes that the greatest human wisdom reaches only as high as idolatry. Some “wise” ones look on Paul as a bird picking up a seed here and a seed there, but still want to hear what he will come up with.

Wed Acts 17:22-34 When Paul stands before the worldly wise, he approaches them about the ignorance they already confess: “an unknown god.” He proclaims the God of the Bible to them, and His Son, whom He raised from the dead.

Thurs 1 Samuel 7:5-12 When the Israelites gather before the Lord to confess their sin, the princes of the Philistines think it a good time to attack. But the Lord thunders and the Philistines are routed. The Lord has helped His people! (V12)

Fri 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 In encouraging the Corinthians’ gift, Paul points to the Macedonians as an example. Of their own free will they first gave themselves to the Lord, who has already given Himself for us all (v9).

Sat Luke 5:1-11 Early in his relationship with Jesus, Peter gets a glimpse of how far above him Jesus is (v8). Jesus puts his fear to rest, and the fishermen become followers.