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FOLLOW ME
LUKE 9:51-62

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 26, 2022 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand

CALL TO WORSHIP (SING TWICE)



Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to - geth - er,
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

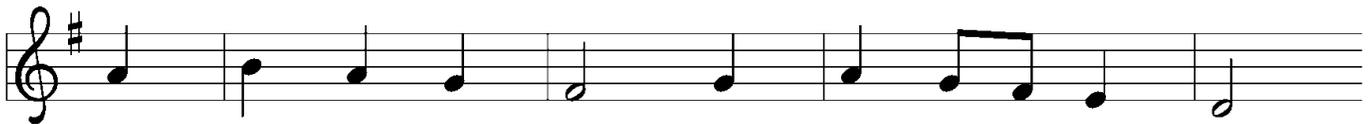
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

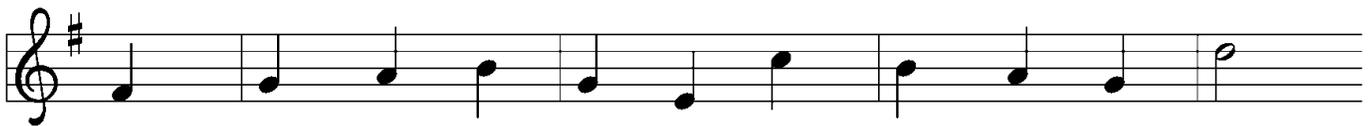
Oh, Worship the King



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

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

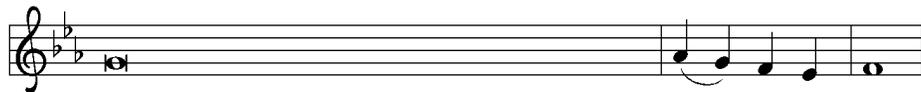
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



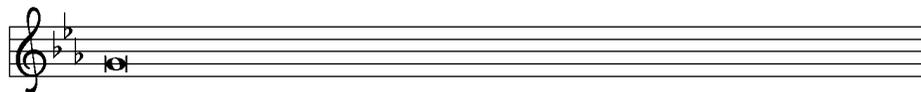
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



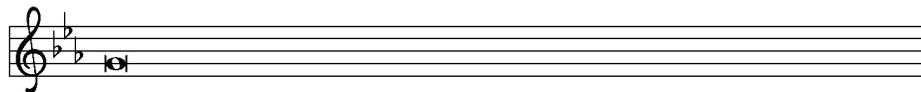
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and

Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: 1 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.

The word of the Lord. **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.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

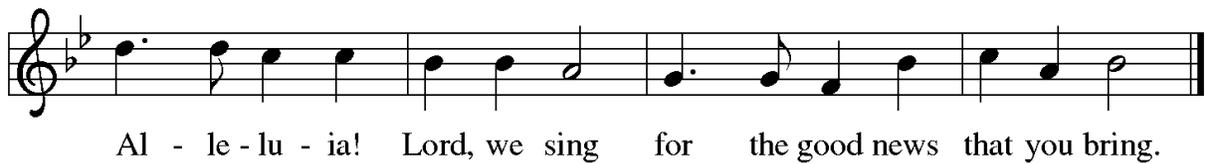
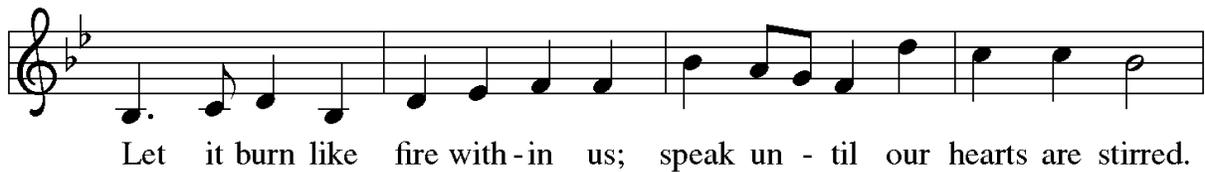
¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are 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 love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, 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.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 9:51 – 62

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but 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.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the

kingdom of God.”⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Borgwardt

SILENT REFLECTION

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - ’ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - ’reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS (10:45 AM)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy

Congregational response: Hear our prayer

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING ANTHEM

Please stand

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

As the gifts are presented, the congregation sings.

We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 7/8 time signature. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines of music.

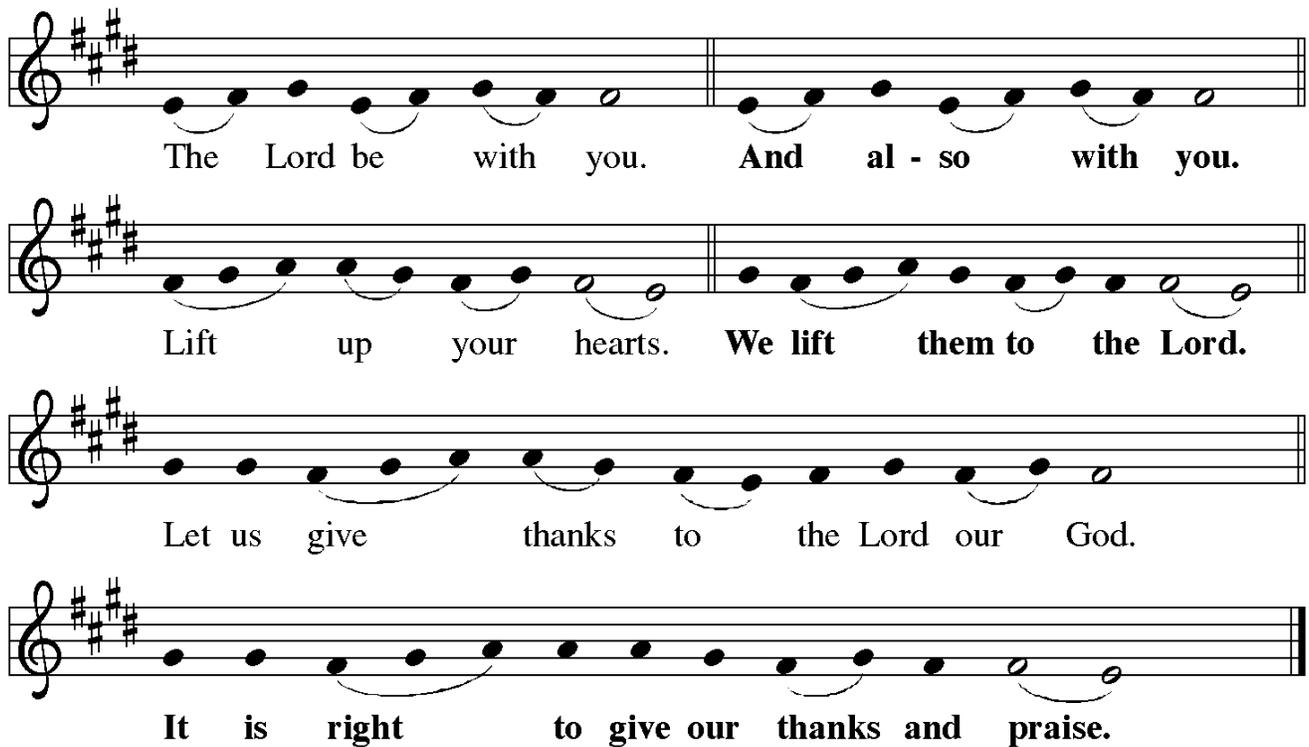
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we share in your goodness,
strengthen us to serve each day,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. . . .

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. We teach that Holy Communion is a celebration of the real presence of Christ under forms of bread and wine. For those who prefer, cups in the center ring of the tray are filled with white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing, signal this by crossing your arms against your chest.

COMMUNION SONG

Tod Sechrist

Woman *Men* *All*

Je - su, Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, have

Woman *Men* *All*

mer - cy on - - - us. Je - su, Bread of Life, You take a - way the

Woman *Men* *All*

sins of the world, have mer - cy on - - - us. Je - sus, Prince of Peace, You

take a - way the sins of the world, Grant us You - - r peace.

Please join in singing the distribution hymn.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Please stand

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have healed our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,
that all may come to know your love,
in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Blessing and Honor



1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the



bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to



throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar

*In honor of Colton Vandiver & Cayden Lane's
birthdays by Eva Touchstone.*

*In honor of Shirley & Johnny Davis'
50th Anniversary by their family.*

The 12th Annual Ladies Retreat

Saturday, July 9, 2022

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Be sure to sign up in
the narthex!**

Day Camp

July 18 - 22, 2022

**Volunteers are needed
for registration, group
monitoring and in the
kitchen**



CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

JULY 3RD @ 10:45 AM

One service only

LUNCH WILL FOLLOW



**Sign up in the narthex to RSVP for lunch.
The church will provide the meal.
Please bring a dessert to share.**

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK:

Monday, June 27	Tuesday, June 28	Wednesday, June 29
<p>Newsletter deadline</p> <p>10:15 am Meals with Love</p>	<p>11:00 am Meals with Love</p> <p>11:15 am Stew Pot</p> <p>5:30 pm Fitness Class</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Based Recovery group</p>	<p>10:00 am Quilters</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>
Thursday, June 30	Friday, July 1	Saturday, July 2
5:30 pm Fitness Class	12:00 pm Rotary	
Sunday, July 3	Volunteer Schedule this week: June 26	Volunteer Schedule next week: July 3
<p>10:45 am Freedom Celebration</p> <p>12:00 pm Lunch in the fellowship hall</p> <p>6:00 pm Bible Study</p> <p>P.S. The Church office will be closed on July 4th in observance of the holiday.</p>	<p>Lector:</p> <p>8:15 am: Bill Anderson</p> <p>10:45 am: Nancy Lineberry</p> <p>Communion:</p> <p>Set up: Ed & Doris Bero</p> <p>Clean Up: Eva Touchstone</p> <p>Offering Counters:</p> <p>Vivian McElligott</p> <p>Gayle Poland</p>	<p>Communion:</p> <p>Set up: Carolyn Ramirez</p> <p>Clean Up: Lucy Maxwell</p>

Prayer Needs

Please send all prayer requests and updates to the church office at: prayerchain@firstlutheran.us

FLC Members

Eddie Landinger is recovering from surgery and is in a lot of pain.

Kelly Flint is recovering from back surgery.

LaKeita Walker, needs strength and wisdom.

Bob and Pat Mueller need prayers for strength.

Debbie Graham suffers with Multiple System Atrophy-Cerebellar type.

Pray for wisdom for our church leadership.

Family and Friends of FLC Members

Mary Louise, sister of Patty Lowe & Betty Brown, is in need of strength and healing

Doris, friend of Patty Lowe, is in rehab and is in need of strength.

Wendy Shen, mom of Hong & Dawn Shen, has bile duct and kidney cancer

Pastor Michael Pancoast who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for aggressive non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Rachel Paschall, daughter in law of Cole and Deb Paschall, who has MS.

Bob & Diana Padgett and their family for her chronic schizophrenia.

Healing for those suffering with COVID, and protection for those at risk.

Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Those who are imprisoned.

Pray for church growth, numerically and spiritually.

Pray for wisdom and direction for our church leadership.

The homeless

Members Serving in the Military

Eric Jenkins – Air Force, Seoul, South Korea

Terrina Anderson – U.S. Army Norfolk, VA

Timothy Martin – Navy

June 26, 2022

A Grave Misunderstanding

When was the last time you were misunderstood? Was it a social media post taken in a way you didn't intend? A conversation with a relative that turned unintentionally tense? Maybe it was when you were giving directions to your children and they ended up lost or doing the wrong thing.

It's frustrating to be misunderstood, especially by those you love. In today's gospel reading Jesus is misunderstood by just about everyone. We find him today setting his "face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51), an ominous phrase intended to give the hearers of this text a sense of the foreboding future: confrontation, crucifixion, and the grave.

The Samaritans (outcasts in the eyes of the Judeans) didn't understand his singular mindset. Neither do the disciples, who think he may want vengeance when truly he is seeking purposeful peace. His followers want to clear up tasks and other duties before walking the road he is walking. What none of them understand is that where Jesus is going and what he is about to do will require his full attention, his full body, his full heart. He cannot be stopped, he has no heart for retribution, and he has no time for other tasks; salvation is at hand.

It's a grave misunderstanding.

On this final Sunday in June we find Jesus making clear that God's gracious work will take undivided attention and deserves ours, because the love of God seen through Christ will redeem our whole selves: the parts of our being that feel like outcasts, the parts of our hearts that desire vengeance over forgiveness, and the distracted parts of our heads that just don't seem to understand God's mission.

God's work in Jesus is comprehensive. We often have a hard time understanding this because our world is fragmented, distracted, and distracting in so many ways. But if there's any misunderstanding today, the singular focus of Jesus provides clarity.

Assisting In Worship Today

Celebrant: Rev. Jeff Borgwardt

Musicians: Donna Ashby, Pat Mueller
and The Chancel Choir

Lectors:

8:15 am: Bill Anderson

10:45 am: Nancy Lineberry

Flowers: Jeanette Nolen

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(*Relationship with One Another*)

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overflowing!