

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Organist Kathy Lueck

Hymn 764 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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Old Testament Lesson 1 Kings 19:9-18 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

So he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the 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; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

And he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

Then the Lord said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Gospel Lesson John 6:41–51 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws

him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

Hymn 409 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Sermon 1 Kings 19:1-8 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

Elijah's Journey from Fight to Flight to Faith

The Offering

Hymn 528:1-5 *If God Himself be For Me*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 54 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS Be sure to look at the kitchen floor, the school classrooms, and auditorium today. Thanks to a variety of volunteers, the floor was stripped, the old glue that had seeped through the tiles was scraped away and a new finish was applied. We also appreciate the work of those who washed the tables and chairs, and returned them to where they were. Thanks as well to those who painted the two classrooms upstairs and the auditorium in the basement. We appreciate all that you've done!

LADIES AID The August meeting will be held on Tuesday. Come by 6 to clean and the meeting to follow.

PASTOR CALL As we await a decision from Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh, please ask the Lord to bless his deliberations and to guide him according to God's will.

I DO BBQ All are invited to the I Do BBQ at the home of Todd and Melinda Rosen on September 21 from 6 pm-midnight. Please rsvp with a guest count (call or text 507-227-0545) by August 24. The invitation is on the bulletin board in the basement.

LADIES NIGHT OUT The next outing is scheduled for August 20 at Dudley's in Lakefield. The signup sheet is in the entryway.

CLC NEWS Pastor Michael Gurath, Phoenix, has the call to Sleepy Eye. Missionary Peter Evensen is now living in Spokane until he is healthy enough to return to Togo. The Mission Prayer List is on the entryway table.

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USHERS 08/11 Kendall B., Larry B.
08/18 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
08/25 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

CLEANING (Wk. 3) D. Ling, C. Rovere, S. Sumeay
The Albrechts