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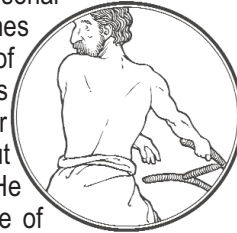
The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

27 June 2010

8 & 10:30 a.m.

*"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."*

Being a "follower" of Jesus is not about personal comfort levels and/or personal gain. Sometimes we try to "sell" faith in Christ on the level of "now your life will be all right," "your finances will now be straightened out," or some other similar promise. Yet we must be careful about making promises in the Lord's Name which He has not made -- Jesus indicates that the life of



being a follower of Christ might be difficult at times. May the Lord bless you this morning as Pastor preaches on LUKE 9:58 on the theme: "FOLLOWING WHOSE LEAD?" ✝

✝ **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

✝ **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

✝ **PASTORAL WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✝ **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME, GUESTS!**

We are delighted to have you join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

**P** "Follow the leader" is a game which little children sometimes play. But even though they say that they will "follow the leader," they often do things their own way.

**C** In much the same way we Christians sometimes say that we will follow Jesus, but then we try to do things our ways; we do not follow as we ought.

**P** The Lord Jesus was different. He came to follow the will of our heavenly Father. That will meant that He would have to go to the Cross to pay for the whole world's sins.

**C** Because Jesus perfectly followed the will of our heavenly Father, He could — and did! — purchase salvation for us and all the world. Thanks be to God!

We are:

*"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"*

**OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Sunday School & Bible Classes: **Sundays, 9:10 a.m.**

**DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.**

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Worship Services **BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 8:00 a.m. on Radio KSIM AM 1400**

† THE HYMN — “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake” — LSB 688

† THE DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR — LSB 203 †

† THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION, & PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS — LSB 203

† THE INTROIT (Ps. 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 85:7)

**P** Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, **C** and grant us Your salvation.

**P** Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

**C** for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

**P** Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, **C** that glory may dwell in our land.

**P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; **C** righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**P** Righteousness will go before Him **C** and make His footsteps a way.

**ALL** GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO † THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

**P** Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, **C** and grant us Your salvation.

† THE KYRIE AND GLORIA IN EXCELSIS — LSB 204

† THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY — LSB 205

**ALL** (spoken) Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (spoken) Amen. (Here all may be seated.)

† THE OLD TESTAMENT READING — 1 KINGS 19:9b–21 — *The frightened, hurting prophet receives the quiet reassurance of the almighty God.*

<sup>9b</sup> Behold, the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], and He said to him, “**What are you doing here, Elijah?**” <sup>10</sup> He 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.*” <sup>11</sup> And 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. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup> And 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?**” <sup>14</sup> He 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.*” <sup>15</sup> And 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. <sup>16</sup> And 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. <sup>17</sup> And 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. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

<sup>19</sup> So 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. <sup>20</sup> And 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?” <sup>21</sup> And 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  **C** Thanks be to God!

✠ **THE GRADUAL**

**P** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

**C** who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

**P** Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

**C** and their words to the ends of the world. (Rom. 10:15b, 18b)

✠ **THE EPISTLE READING — GALATIANS 5:1, 13–25 —** *We are set free from the awful demands of God's law so that we may live humbly under God's grace.*

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .


<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

<sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For 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. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the

Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, 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. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  **C** Thanks be to God!

✠ **THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE — LSB 205** (At Pastor's invitation, please stand.)

**P** Alleluia. When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia. (Luke 9:51)

**(ALL SING the Alleluia's, Verse, and Alleluia's as printed on p. 205)**

✝ **THE HOLY GOSPEL READING — Luke 9:51–62 —** *Jesus teaches about forgiveness.*

**P** *The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter:*

**C** (spoken) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<p><sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And 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?” <sup>55</sup> But He turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.</p> <p><sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow you wherever You</p>	<p>go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “<b>Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.</b>” <sup>59</sup> To another He said, “<b>Follow Me.</b>” But he said, “<i>Lord, let me first go and bury my father.</i>” <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, “<b>Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.</b>” <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, “<i>I will follow You, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.</i>” <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “<b>No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.</b>”</p>
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**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



**C** (spoken) **Praise to You, O Christ!**

✝ **THE CREED — The Apostles’ Creed —** LSB 207

✝ **A CHILDREN’S MESSAGE —**

✝ **THE HYMN OF THE DAY —** “*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*” — LSB 685

✝ **THE SERMON — Text:** **LUKE 9:58**

**Theme:** “**FOLLOWING WHOSE LEAD?**”

✝ **THE PRAYERS —** after each petition: **P** *Let us pray to the Lord . . .*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

✝ **The Offering —** DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshiping with you and greet them in the Lord! Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Kindly check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

✝ **THE OFFERING HYMN** (stand to sing) — “*O God, Forsake Me Not*” — LSB 731:1

1. **O GOD, FORSAKE ME NOT! YOUR GRACIOUS PRESENCE LEND ME;  
LORD, LEAD YOUR HELPLESS CHILD; YOUR HOLY SPIRIT SEND ME  
THAT I MY COURSE MAY RUN. OH, BE MY LIGHT, MY LOT,  
MY STAFF, MY ROCK, MY SHIELD — O GOD, FORSAKE ME NOT!** (Please remain standing.)

✠ **THE COLLECT FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD** — responsively, below

**P** *Lord Jesus Christ, Giver and Perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification.*

**C** **Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace.**

**P** *Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C** (spoken) **Amen.** (Please remain standing.)

✠ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** — in unison

✠ **THE BENEDICTION** — LSB 212

✠ **THE SENDING HYMN** — "O God, Forsake Me Not" — LSB 731:2, 3, 4

✠ **THE SILENT PRAYER** — Here worshipers are encouraged to take a private moment for personal reflection and a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His Word of salvation which we have here received. Then, when Pastor leaves, worshipers may remain to visit with those near them or exit on their own.

✠ **THE POSTLUDE/RECESSIONAL**



**Soli Deo Gloria!**



To God Alone the Glory!

**A Sermon Outline**

**Luke 9:58 — "Following WHOSE Lead?"**

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I. **ME at the center.** What that means . . .

A. v. 54 \_\_\_\_\_

B. v. 58 \_\_\_\_\_

C. v. 59 \_\_\_\_\_

D. v. 61 \_\_\_\_\_

E. Paul to the Galatians \_\_\_\_\_

F. Elijah in his fear and hurt \_\_\_\_\_

II. **JESUS at the center.** What that means . . .

A. In our promises to Him? . . . \_\_\_\_\_

B. v. 51 IS significant because . . . \_\_\_\_\_

C. Where else Jesus is (and will be!) at the center! (This is NOT a threat to us nor is it intended to frighten us!)

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