

### 1 Kings 19:9b-21 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, 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.

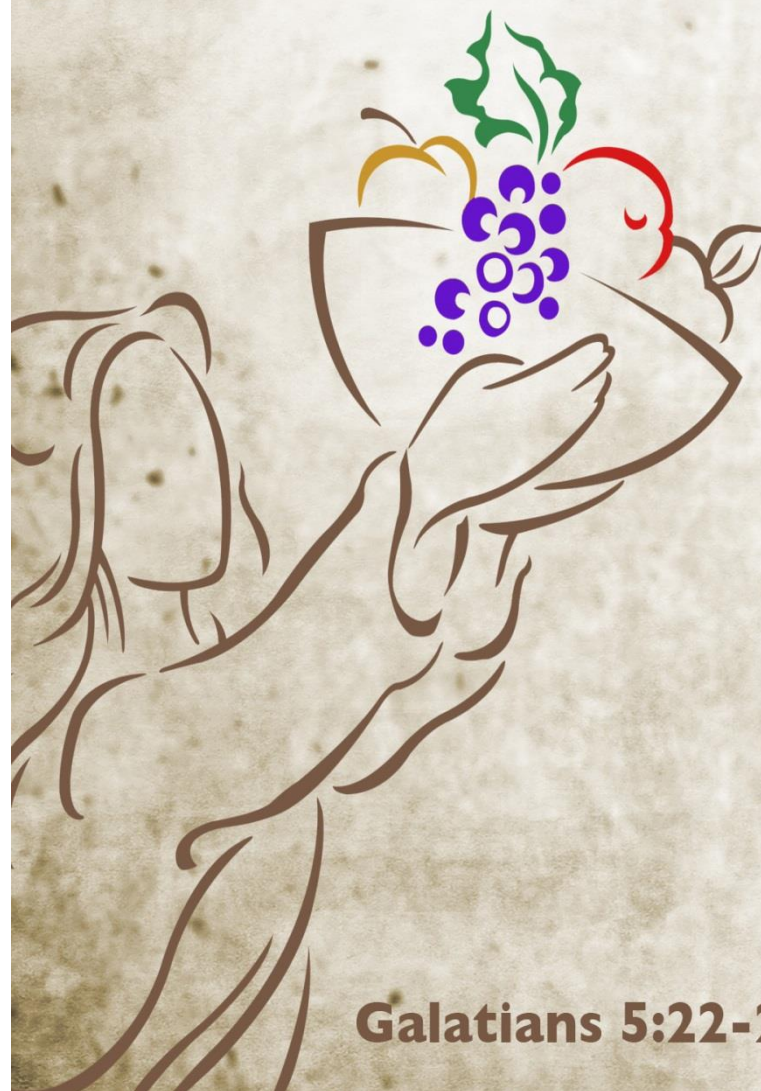
### Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (ESV)

<sup>5</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 keep in step with the Spirit.

### Luke 9:51-62 (ESV)

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him 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. <sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And 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." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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**Galatians 5:22-23, ESV**

June 30, 2019

### 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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#### ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Theme of the Day** ~ *Christ's Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom.* When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, *"the word of the LORD came to him"* (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him *"on the mount before the LORD"* (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, nor in an earthquake, and nor in the fire, but in *"the sound of a low whisper"* (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends *"messengers ahead of him ... to make preparations for him"* (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they *"go and proclaim the kingdom of God,"* and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its *"yoke of slavery,"* but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which *"Christ has set us free"* (Gal. 5:1).

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SERMON HYMN <i>"For the Fruits of His Creation"</i>	LSB 894
SERMON <i>"What Is Weighing on You?"</i>	1 Kings 19; Galatians 5; Luke 9
CLOSING HYMN <i>"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"</i>	LSB 649

<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Hauser
<b>Elder/Reader</b>	Frank Yell
<b>A/V</b>	Paul Bohn
<b>Ushers</b>	Dick Bluemer & Bruce Tessin
<b>Greeters</b>	Bud & Millie Parker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Connie Richardson & Carolyn McKellar

#### Our Measure of Love and Gifts

**Attendance last week** – 64 *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$9,008~  
*Received for the Lord's Work* 6/16 & 6/23 \$6,969 = Loose Plate \$155,  
Envelopes \$6,009, Mission \$160, Maintenance \$595; Cap. Prj. \$5; God's  
Helping Hands \$1.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** Jul 5- Jo Ann Merz;  
Jul 6-Kevin Ross, Liam Zastrow, Luke Zastrow; Jul 7- Becky Kumar, Kim White;  
Jul 8- Ian Byron, Pam Leppert; Jul 9-Larry Beyersdorf, Joshua Bohn; Jul 10-  
Valori Kade; Jul 11- June Barst (her 82<sup>nd</sup>).

**Today's Memory Verse** ~ "You, dear children are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

**Resources for Rachel** ~ Door offering **will be taken next Sunday** following the worship service for our sponsored Missionary Rachel Meyer in Uganda.

**Job Opportunity** ~ Valley Lutheran High School is accepting applications for the position of part-time Communications Assistant. This individual will work closely with the Executive Director, Development Director, and Director of Student Recruitment in communicating the School's mission to its constituencies. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter who is strong in written communication skills, familiar with InDesign and Office software applications, social media, and supportive of the mission of Valley Lutheran High School. The position is for 15 hours per week with a flexible work schedule. Interested applicants may send a resume' with cover letter by July 31 to Dr. John Brandt, Executive Director, Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty, Saginaw MI 48603 or by email to ([jbrandt@vlhs.com](mailto:jbrandt@vlhs.com)). For more information contact John Brandt (989-790-1676, [jbrandt@vlhs.com](mailto:jbrandt@vlhs.com)).

**What Rain Reveals** ~ Unless you're a pluviophile (someone who loves rain), a stretch of sunshine-free days can seem drab and dreary. To make South Korea's long monsoon season more colorful, art students created murals on some Seoul sidewalks with hydrochromic paint. It's invisible on dry surfaces, but as soon as water hits, vibrant images appear. Rain transforms gray pavement into bright scenes of fish, whales and turtles.



Life's storms, whether literal or figurative, can dampen our enthusiasm and even challenge our faith. Yet adversity often reveals God's true colors — and ours. No matter what clouds pass overhead, God remains perfect, loving and steadfast. And by praising God "rain or shine," we, as his artwork, reveal that our Creator and his every brushstroke are trustworthy.