



Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

9:30 am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- *The type in bold is for the congregation to say.*
- *The * Indicates "Stand if you are able".*
- *Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.*
- *Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.*

Introduction

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

Welcome

Prelude

Here I Am to Worship

Vocal Group

Meditation

Psalm 81:1-10

Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)

¹Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

²Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.

³Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

⁴for this is a statute for Israel,
a law of the God of Jacob.

⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over

- ⁶“I eased your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were set free from the gravedigger’s basket.
⁷You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and
tested you at the waters of Meribah.
⁸Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
⁹There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not worship a foreign god.
¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land
of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there
is enough to share. We question your ways when they
differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than
trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings
and your ways. Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed
and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen

***Greeting**

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

***Hymn of Praise** *Gather Us In* **ELW 532 vs 1,3,4**

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, **throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

First Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus,

so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

*Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel: The gospel according to **Mark 2:23—36**

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for human-kind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ²⁵And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” ²⁷Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Good News of the Lord



Children's Song *This Is the Day*

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

Children's Message Diane

Sermon Pastor Karen

Hymn of the Day *O Day of Rest and Gladness* **ELW 521**

Apostles Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A Brief Silence

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

Amen

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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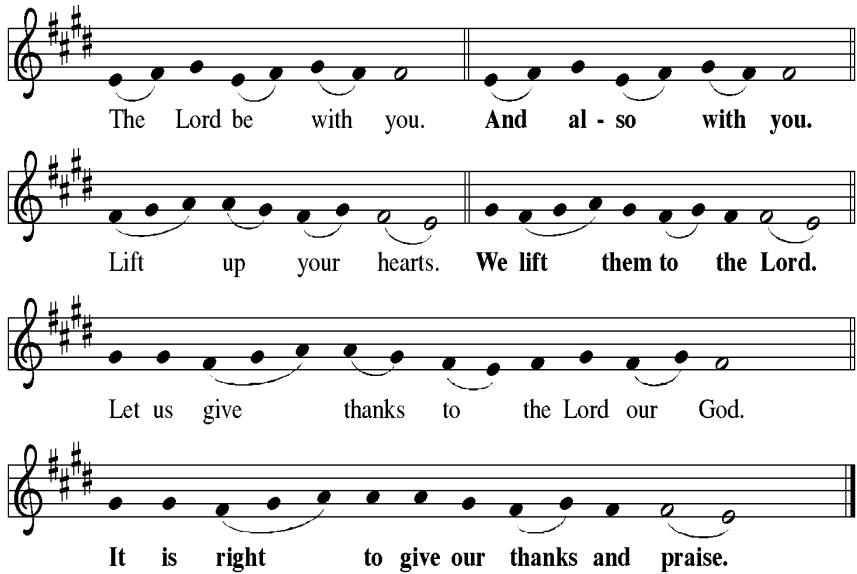
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***Offering Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life,
 you have set this table with your very self,
 and called us to the feast of plenty.
 Gather what has been sown among us,
 and strengthen us in this meal.
 Make us to be what we receive here,
 your body for the life of the world.

Amen

*The Great Thanksgiving



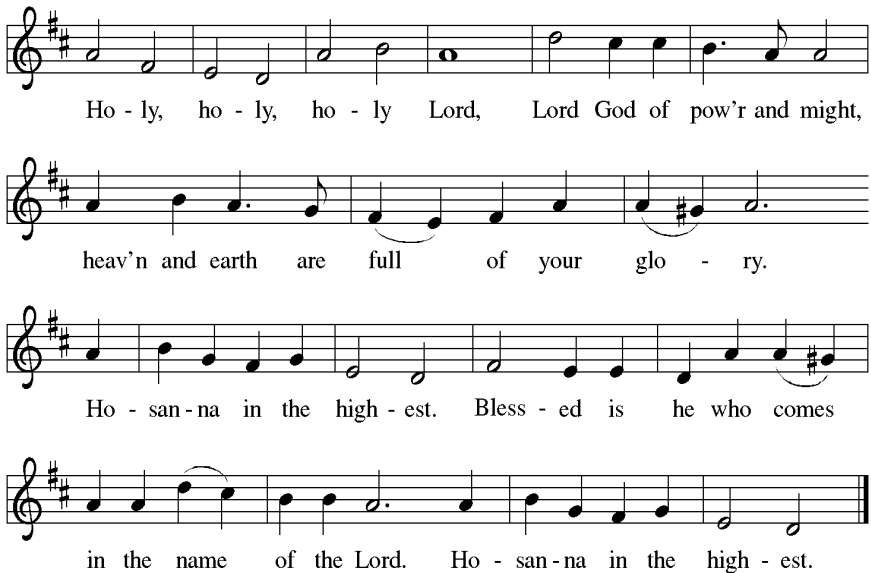
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

***Preface:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....
And so.....we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Communion Hymns *Dearest Jesus, At Your Word* **ELW 520**

Now the Silence **ELW 460**

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life,
**we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.**
**As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.**
In your name we pray.

Amen

Announcements

***Blessing**

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
† be upon you now and forever.

Amen

***Sending Hymn** *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

ELW 389 vs 1,4

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



OUR PRAYER LIST



Marci V. (cousin to Bryan L) for strength and healing as she deals with medical issues.

C. (client of Pastor Karen) for strength, healing and reassurance in the healing process.

Ron D. (brother to Donna) for strength and healing as he undergoes a medical procedure.

W. Standiford for strength and healing as he deals with medical issues.

The family and friends of John C. (Dad to Dawn N.) for comfort and peace as they mourn his passing.

The family and friends of Robert B. (cousin to Michelle and Steve F.) for comfort and peace as they mourn his passing.

The family and friends of Anne P. (mother of Randy P.) for strength and peace as they mourn her passing.

ONGOING PRAYERS: *Grace Lutheran Church* our prayer partners

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME:

June 2 Forum luncheon

June 9 Open

You will find the Sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, June 3, 9am-11 am—Food donation drop-off WSC

Monday, June 3, 6:30 pm—Book Club at Barb Firestine's

Wednesday, June 5, 12:30 pm—Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 pm —Bible Study on Ezekial

Saturday, June 8, 9-11 am — Card Making

Sunday, June 9, 9:45 am — Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worry and Anxiety 201 forum will be presented by Pastor Karen this morning after Sunday service. How do we manage anxiety when breathing exercises are not enough? **All are welcome** to our forum to learn the next level of anxiety management. Lunch will be provided..

<https://zoom.us/j/91682841775>

Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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