

June 2, 2024

Time After Pentecost



"Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you."

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Worship the King

Arr. Keveren

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: Amen

HYMN Red hymnal #524

What is this Place?

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

C: 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

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 81:1-10

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

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

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

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

R: ⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

C: ⁶"I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.

R: 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.

C: ⁸Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

R: ⁹There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

C: ¹⁰I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

R: 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.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 2:23-3:6**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Sally Padgett

HYMN Red hymnal #614

There is a Balm in Gilead

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 again 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 THE CHURCH *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer....

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #691 *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

C: 1. Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table. We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.
2. The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in Your good pleasure. What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SANCTUS Red hymnal page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

AGNUS DEI Red hymnal page 146

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #665

Rise, Shine, You People!

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving Others."**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by
the Byrds in memory of loved ones.*

Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.

In Helpful Service

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| Pastor | Sally Padgett |
| Acolyte | Marissa Kessler |
| Reader | Lilian Nichols |
| Communion Assist | Doug Jacobs |
| Ushers | Jeff & Jaque Mitchell |
| Greeters | Jill & John Greer |

Total Attendance: 5/25 & 26: 80

Unified Giving: \$1,465.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio*

We will be collecting your spare change or checks (made payable to Women of Zion) for LOMO (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio) to help pay for camper-ships for children and families to attend a summer camp. Camp Luther at HopeWood Shores, LMC at HopeWood Pines and HopeWood Connect provide families and youth with opportunities for worship, Bible study, games, crafts, swimming, and other recreational opportunities while in a safe and caring environment. Look for the collection jar at the back of the sanctuary. Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Starts TOMORROW June 3rd. 5:30 Dinner, 6:00 - 8:15 pm VBS at St. John's in Vandalia and goes through the **7th**. This year's theme is "The Amazing gRace". Thanks to all who have donated food and volunteered to help.

RELAY FOR LIFE The Relay for Life team will have their final meeting before the Relay on **June 9, 3 pm** in the adult Sunday school room. All team members need to attend. The deadline to order a luminaria is **June 9**. Cost is \$10 each. See Debbie Rudisill for an order form. Donate online at <http://www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty>. Select Holy Walkamolies for the Cure when asked who you are supporting, or give a check payable to American Cancer Society to any team member by **June 9**. We thank you for your support.

FREE HEARING AIDS: Jaque Mitchell has a pair of hearing aids of her mom's that can be adjusted for you at a much lower cost than buying new. Contact her if you are interested.