
Worship & Holy Communion
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 2, 2024 9:30 a.m.



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.

In God's Service

Worship Leader:	Pastor Jane Harris
Ministers:	All Baptized People of God
Music:	Joe Chodur
Reader:	Lori Angell
Ushers	Lori Angell & Harold Gaiser

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have special prayer requests, you would like included in the Prayers of the Church, please write them on a purple slip from the table by the offering plate in the Narthex. The prayers will be brought forward during the Offertory.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 473



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

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 assembly is seated.

BELL CHOIR

Morning Meditation

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The commandment regarding the sabbath

Psalms 81:1-10

Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Treasure in clay jars

Mark 2:23—3:6

Doing the work of God on the sabbath

A reading from Deuteronomy:

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.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: (Please read responsively)

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.

God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt,

where I heard a voice I did not know:

⁶“I eased your shoulder from the burden;

your hands were set free from the grave digger’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.

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614


Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

CREED

**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 (*PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY*)

P: 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.

C: 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.

P: Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer.

C: Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards.

P: Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision.

C: Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers.

P: Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them.

C: Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration.

P: Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity.

C: Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables.

P: We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ.

C: Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you.

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

Amen.

OFFERING

The assembly stands

OFFERTORY

Jesus Calls Us, oe'r the Tumult

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Jesus calls us! By your mercy Savior,
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your
obedience, serve and love you best of all.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Each side will be ushered forward down the center aisle. Those on the pulpit side will kneel at the communion rail at the front and fill into the back. Those on the lector side will kneel at the communion rail at the back and fill in to the front. Pastor will distribute the elements from the pulpit front and around the back. Communion is continual. Return your cups to the trays by the pews.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!
(The assembly is seated)**

COMMUNION MUSIC

Accompanist Choice

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *The assembly stands.*

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Calendar

This Week:

Sunday, June 2	9:30 am Worship/Communion @ SP 10:30 am Fellowship
Monday, June 3	9:00 am Quilters OS 9:30 am Quilters SP
Monday– Friday	Meals on Wheels SP
Tuesday, June 4	Noon Worship Planning SP
Wednesday, June 5	9:30 am M & M's/WELCA SP 5:00 pm Bell Choir Practice SP 6:30 pm Bible Study SP

Next Week:

Sunday, June 9	9:30 am Worship/Communion @ OS 10:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Joint Council Meeting OS 2:00 pm 2/4 Stitchers SP
Monday, June 10	9:00 am Quilters OS 9:30 am Quilters SP
Tuesday 11, Wed. June 12	Directory Pictures take at OS
Wednesday, June 11	9:30 am M&M's 5:00 pm Bell Choir Practice SP
Saturday, June 15	8:30 am Northeast Iowa Women's Gathering at Redeemer Lutheran in Waverly, Iowa

Announcements

A **huge thank you** to all those who the helped and provided donations for the Band Festival. Over \$550 dollars was raised for the School Care Closet.

Our last night of Bible study will be held Wednesday, June 5th at *St Paul* at 6:30 pm. We will start up again in the fall.

Bell Choir is changing practice from Mondays to Wednesdays at 5 pm.

Please be sure to sign **friendship registers** located at end of pews.

Church Photo Directory: If you consider St Paul and/or Our Saviour's your church home – we would love to have your picture in the new directory! This is a fantastic way for us all to get to know each other better. It's not too late to sign up! **Photos will be taken on June 11th and 12th from 2pm-8:30pm at Our Saviour's.** There are signup sheets in the narthex for registering for a time slot, or you can go online on the Universal Church Directories website: <http://www.ucdir.com> and click on: Photography Appointment Scheduling. Login (on right side of page) Church Code is: **ia305** and the Password is: **photos** (Follow the online directions for completing the registration.) If you have any questions feel free to contact either church office during their office hours.

Reminder: the deadline for turning in announcements for the bulletin is Wednesday at 10 a.m.

ANOTHER WAY TO SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS-On Saturday, June 15, the Women of the ELCA Northeastern IA synod will be having

their gathering at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly, Iowa, from 8:30 to 2:00 p.m. Several women are planning on going. The in-kind offering suggestions for this gathering were included in the last newsletter, but because of changes at Bremwood (no longer having an in-residence program), women of the NE IA synod are now encouraged to choose and put together kits for Immigrants and Refugees coming to settle in Iowa

"Start the Party!" That's the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School - Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party. That's why we believe God's love and the Gospel of Jesus is the best news ever. We will be joining with our friends at St. James again this year for 4 evenings (5-8 pm) of VBS fun. **Mark your calendars for July 22-25th** and consider ways you can help out with VBS this year: providing food and/or decorations; meal prep and serving; shepherding the kids to and from activities; or teaching through crafts, games, story-telling, etc. More information and signup sheets will be coming soon!

In a leap of faith, and with God's help, we hope to put together two or three meal preparation kits. New or gently used items (or money to purchase them) needed for this kit include: Mixing bowls (2-3), Cutting Board(1-2), Trash Can (11-13 gallon), Plastic containers (food Storage), Large Chef's knife, Trash Bags (kitchen size), Medium pot with lid Small, Paring knife, Spatula Large Pot with lid Can Opener, Whisk, Skillet/frying pan, Baking Dish (glass or ceramic) Please take a moment to check out the poster Chris has on display in the fellowship hall, there are sticky notes with items needed. Pick one if you can provide the item, and let Chris know. May God bless this effort in the weeks to come. Items/money donations will be needed by Sunday June 9. Contact Chris for more details, 515-320-2877 or cdvandeven@gmail.com

Would you be able to help a little boy, named Oz, age 3, who has liver and lung cancer? He's being treated in Iowa City_but goes back and forth for chemo (he's home right now). If you have extra empty pop cans they can be put into a trailer May 20 – June 20 next to The Beacon, 410 North Washington, to help with his expenses.

The 7th Day Adventist Church, 815 North Kentucky is having a rummage sale June 27-28 and part of their proceeds_will be used for The Beacon (low barrier warming house, 410 N. Washington). If you have some items for them to sell (in good condition) and/or perhaps you might find something to buy too (items are not priced, make an offer), please call the church for details 641-424-3055. The Beacon is working to be open this fall/winter as a shelter for those who may have no other place to go. Items can be brought to the church on 23rd or right up to the sale.

If you feel drawn to kneel during the service, please feel free to lower the kneelers and use them.

There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for serving coffee hour and the Community Kitchen. **Please help where you can.**

Contact information for Pastor Jane: phone number is 641-242-0337 and her email address is janeharris2010@gmail.com if anyone in our church family wanted to contact her.