

FIRST READING. Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But 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. Remember 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.

SECOND READING. 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For 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.

But 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. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For 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. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

GOSPEL. Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, ‘Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?’ And he said to them, ‘Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He 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.’ Then he said to them, ‘The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.’ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Come forward.’ Then 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. He 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. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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Second Sunday After Pentecost



Sunday June 2, 2024

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“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Call to Worship

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
It’s your leading that we’re needing.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Guide our thinking and our speaking.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Motivate all in their seeking.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Keep us fervent in our witness.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
SING: Come, Come, Come Holy Spirit Come

The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

PSALM 81:1-10 Melody ... Hymn 883

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.  
Let songs of gladness fill the skies.  
Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre. Blow the trumpet for the festival, when the moon is new and when the moon is full.  
Let praises to our God arise.  
For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob, which he laid as a solemn charge upon Joseph, when he came out of the land of Egypt.  
God hears our cry and sets us free.  
I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, "I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from bearing the load. You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah."  
His name be praised eternally!  
"Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!"  
Let songs of gladness fill the skies.  
"There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god."  
Let praises to our God arise.  
"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open wide your mouth, and I will feed you."  
God hears our cry and sets us free;  
His name be praised eternally!

Dates to Remember

June 2	12:00 noon – Punch on The Lawn - Weather dependant (if raining we will be having coffee inside the Kottmeier room)
June 9	11:00 am - Faith & Fellowship Worship BBQ Lunch If you would like to join the pop up choir for this worship service, practice will begin at 10:00 am at First Lutheran
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