



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 2, 2024 + The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Turn to me and be saved," says the Lord.

"For I am God and there is no other."

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Today, on the Lord's day,

let us consider God's gift of time and our use — or abuse — of it.

(Silence for confession and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

Without your grace our minds are darkened,

and we are doomed to walk in darkness and to die in it.

By ourselves we cannot find the light.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the face of Jesus Christ, Almighty God has shone into our hearts.

By the mercy of Almighty God, the death of Jesus Christ atones for our sins and the life of Jesus Christ becomes visible in us.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,

and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



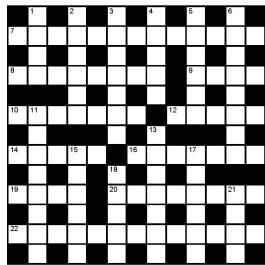
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Deuteronomy



Across

- 7 A synonym for violating a command. Deut 17:2 (13)
- 8 These people were not allowed to enter into the congregation of the LORD, Deut 23:3 (8)
- 9 One of the food items God promises to bless if His people keep His commandments. Deut 7:13 (4)
- 10 "If any of thine be driven out unto the _____ parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee." Deut 30:4 (7)
- 12 "Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, _____." Deut 11:1 (5)
- 14 "Of all clean ____ ye shall eat." Deut 14:11 (5)
- 16 Deuteronomy 13 gives instruction about a dreamer of dreams, or a ______. (7)

- 19 "Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy _____, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose." Deut 12:26 (4)
- 20 "Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might thee." Deut 4:36 (8)
- 22 All that do this are an abomination to the LORD. Deut 25:16 (13)

Down

- 1 "And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy ____ be with thy holy one." Deut 33:8 (4)
- 2 "And thou shalt observe to do according to all that they ____ thee." Deut 17:10 (6)
- 3 "We have sinned the LORD." Deut 1:41 (7)
- 4 A brook. Deut 2:13 (5)
- 5 A valley. Deut 1:24 (6)
- 6 "Thou shalt truly tithe all the of thy seed." Deut 14:22 (8)

- 11 "His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of _____." Deut 33:17 (8)
- 13 "Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may _____ in all that ye do." Deut 29:9 (7)
- 15 "My speech shall _____ as the dew." Deut 32:2 (6)
- 17 "Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed." Deut 28:45 (6)
- 18 "... thirty and _____ years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them." Deut 2:14 (5)
- 21 The image that the rebellious Israelites had made to worship. Deut 9:16 (4)



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Opening Litany

Lord of the Sabbath, we pause to ponder the power of your might. May your work in all the world increase in us a sense of awe.

Lord of the Sabbath, we pause to find rest in the words of the Bible. May the Scriptures be revealed to us in a new and different light.

Lord of the Sabbath, we pause to present our petitions to you. May our prayers be spoken in a spirit of thankfulness and a trust in your will.

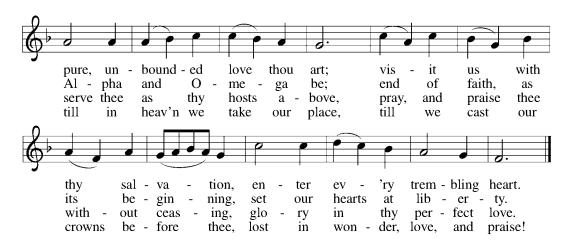
Lord of the Sabbath, we pause to reflect on the work you helped us accomplish May the work we still have to do be guided by you.

Apostolic Greeting

The blessing of the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the glorious love bestowed by the + Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.



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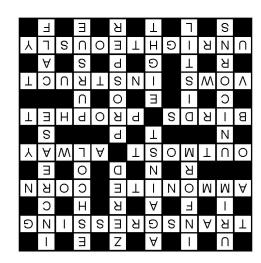


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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... (A brief silence is kept.) 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.

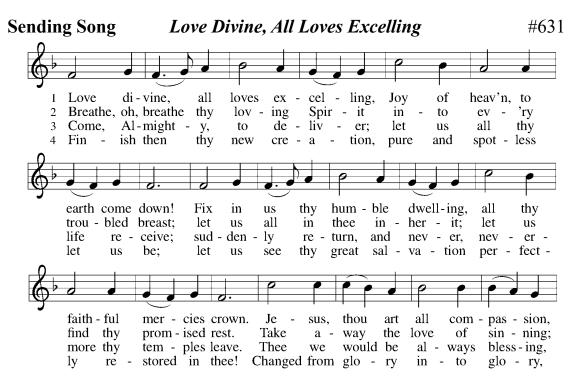
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Announcements

Benediction

May you go as God's people who are blessed to be a blessing. May you go in the name of Jesus to touch and heal the hurt around us. May you go with a strong presence of God's Holy Spirit to be light and love to all the world.

May you go in the name of the Father, ♣ Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... (A brief silence is kept.)
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.

+ WORD +

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.

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 81:1-10

Let us read Psalm 81 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.

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: 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.

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.

A reading from Second 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

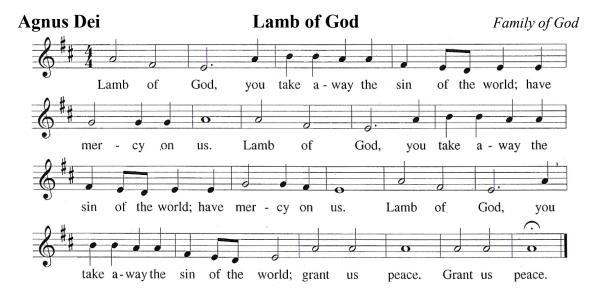


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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

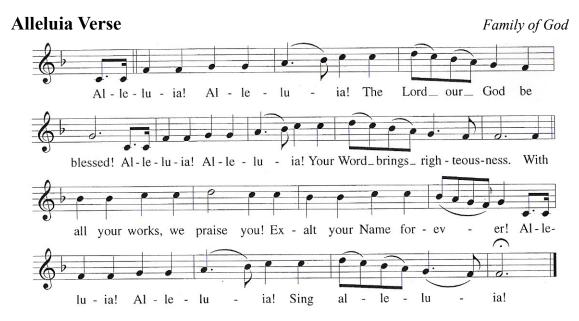
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.



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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.



Holy Gospel Mark 2:23 — 3:6

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

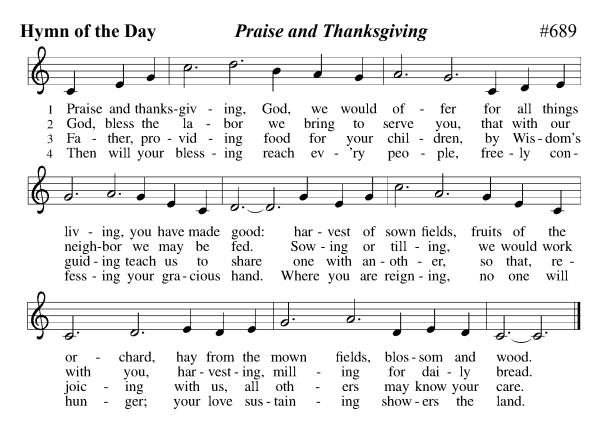
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

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.

Children's Time Sermon



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We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. We thank you, O God.

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, Jesus 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

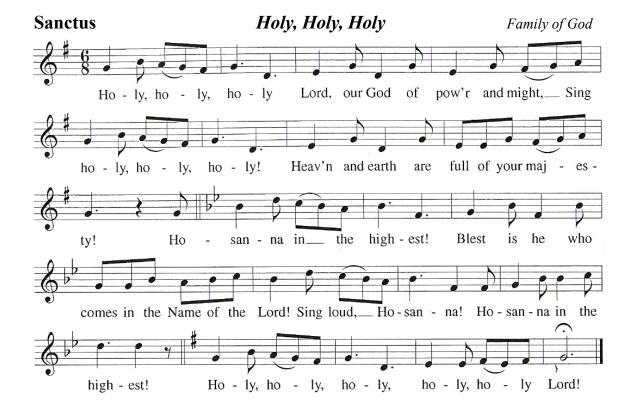
Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

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.

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:



Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 People

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

(A brief silence is kept.)

A 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.

P Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

- P Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way & those who care for them *especially*... Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration.

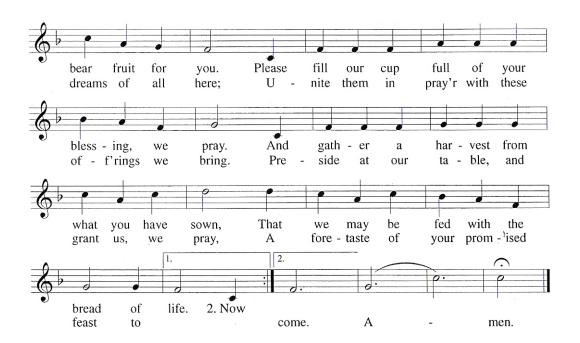
 Merciful God, receive our prayer.
- A Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God, receive our prayer.
- P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- 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.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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+ MEAL +

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.



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.