



REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY...

THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 2, 2024

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As We Gather

God created the Sabbath Day to be a time of rest and reflection for His people. He even included it in His commandments for how we are to live, but genuine rest and reflection are often in short supply in this fast-paced world. Through it all, Jesus' invitation still stands, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give You rest" (Matthew 11:28). When we experience the Sabbath as God intended, we will find the refreshment for our souls that He has promised.

Prelude

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

J. Walther

Opening Hymn

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

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| <p>1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.</p> <p>2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.</p> | <p>3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.</p> <p>△ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.</p> |
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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved of God, let us confess together that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that daily we have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally. We have strayed from Him and have not always kept the Sabbath in ways that honor Him, transgressing His Law in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

C **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and seek Your mercy. Be gracious to us, and for the sake of Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, grant us Your mercy, so that as Your redeemed people, we may know the joy of Your forgiveness and serve You with renewed hearts in time and in eternity.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Word ✠

Psalm 62:5–8; antiphon: v. 1

Introit

- P** For God alone my soul waits in silence;
C **from Him comes my salvation.**
P For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
C **for my hope is from Him.**
P He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
C **I shall not be shaken.**
P On God rests my salvation and my glory;
C **my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**
P Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;
C **God is a refuge for us.**
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.
Eternal Father, in Your grace You have ordained the Sabbath as a time of rest and renewal for Your people. In Your mercy, send Your Holy Spirit to direct and counsel us in all things and bring us at last to Your place of eternal heavenly rest. In the name of Christ, we pray.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

✠ The Sabbath ✠

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day, to 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. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem of Praise Solo

“Christ Be My Leader”

T. Dudley-Smith

Epistle

✠ Treasures in Jars of Clay ✠

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

⁵What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” 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 jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to 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 manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

✠ Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath ✠

Mark 2:23—3:6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the second chapter.

C 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. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying 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 was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, 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 held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

#906

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;

This day the high and lowly,
Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
The triune God confess.

- 2 This day at earth's creation
The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious
The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious
A threefold light was giv'n.
- 3 This day, God's people meeting,
His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting,
Through bread and wine made near.

We journey on, believing,
Renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving,
On this blest day of light.

- △ 4 That light our hope sustaining,
We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining,
Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises
To Thee, blest Three in One.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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Offertory Meditation

A word about the Sacrament of the Altar...

We believe Jesus' own words that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are indeed His true Body and Blood and not just a representation of them. We also acknowledge St. Paul's instruction to the Church at Corinth that it is harmful for anyone to receive the Sacrament without recognizing the real presence of His Body and Blood. Because of this, in Christian love we ask anyone who does not understand these truths to please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you've spoken with the pastor. (*Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-30*)

✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...

The Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father, who art in Heaven...**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

✠ Distribution of the Sacrament ✠

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

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| <p>1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.</p> <p>2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,</p> | <p>3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.</p> <p>4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.</p> |
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"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

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| <p>1 This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.</p> <p>2 Today He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread
And all His wonders tell.</p> | <p>3 Hosanna to the anointed King,
To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from Your throne.</p> <p>4 Blessèd is He who comes to us
With messages of grace;
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us
To save our fallen race.</p> |
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5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise.

The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.

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“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

#651

1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.

2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.

4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.

3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,

5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

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Communion Blessing

P The true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

#924

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.

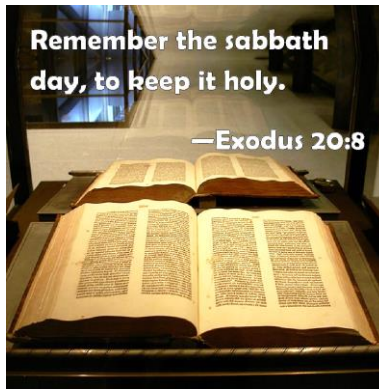
3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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Postlude

“Postlude in B flat Major”

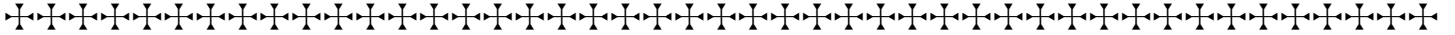
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Announcements & Notes
The Southwest Lutheran Chorus will present their Spring Concert here at St. Paul this afternoon, Sunday, June 2, at 3:00 pm. With a new director starting this fall, this will be the final concert directed by Ruth Sievers. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow the concert. Donations of cookies, bars, or finger foods will be appreciated.

Remembering our homebound friends is a caring ministry of St. Paul meant to help us stay in touch with our members who aren't able to be with us for worship. Please remember them in your prayers. You may also like to send a note or a card. This week our homebound friend is Betty Larson, Victory Center of Sierra Ridge, 4150 West Gatling Blvd., Room 213, Country Club Hills, IL 60478

**Please pray for these
members of our St.
Paul family**

Sandy Barry
Jan Leise
Dawn Schumann
Bob Marcinkowski
Jennifer Garcia
June Hagberg
Dave Purdy
Judy Anderson
Carl Hoppe
Amanda Greene
Janice Janiszewski
Dorothy Pavella
Vic & Marty Both
George Oberg
Rich & Jan Przybycien
Bill Volk
Arthur Gerth
Ingrid Lesko
Jan Briede
Roy Hodgeman
Katherine Hice
Kurt Seehofer
Flora Jones
Graham Jackson
Kevin Hickey
Gloria Meyer
Elaine Lebron
Melva Smith
Delores Stegemann
Carol Small
Mike Degidio
Norma Silinski
Beverly Sellers
Betty Beegle
Warren Miller

Delphine Cherry
Ron Klingensmith
Louis Frank
Betty Kruckow
Herta Iversen
Loretta Frank.
Barbara Prendergast
Nancy Bundley
Rosa Richardson
Sarah Weber

**Please pray for these
friends and family of
our members:**

Roberta & Carlos Owens
Dorothy Kroll
Emily Feehan
LeRoy Bitner
Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta
Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow
Janet Trierweiler
Vicki Warren
Rhonda Scott
Michelle Mitchell
Al Silinski
Pam Palhegyi
Carol Milazzo
Rich Huscher
The Lamberth Family
Jerry Gross
Louise Hrynkow
Gloria Folsom
Mary Beth Pasqua
Shirley Fairchild
Simeon Hoppe
Ron Lunt
Christopher Kosary

Sandy Plath
Iris McCoy
Shirley Demyres
Raquel Rameriz
Nick & Bridget DeAngelo
Henry Bonder
Kim & Shawn Skelton, Sr.
Kyle Hughes
Elaine Hoffstetter
Fred Raddatz
Allyson Seehofer
Selma Carmichael
Bernadette & Rich Trusk
Dana Kahn
Donald Hakanson
Guillermo Ramirez
Paul Noffke
Vern Howe
Shawn Harland
Ann Herold
Barb Potter
Wayne Volk
Lance Barrientos
Linda Shuman
Doris Potts
Doreen Holford
Judy Collins
Phyllis Hicks
Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.
Cathy Becker
Ken Matz
Jean & Al Zirbel
Carol Loecherbach
Charley Heitz
Sophia Salus
Justin & Ashley Fasel
Frank Coglina
Gene Wawrzynikowski
Kimberly Rooney

Evelyn & Ron Konieski
Audrey Metes
Richard DeSaga
Ken Wentz
Margaret Lundgreen
Julie King
Sharon Bryant
Anika Seger
Monica Kato
Herb Kleeman
Debra Kleeman
Sarah Skelton
Barbara Apt
Bob & Gloria Freeman
Carrie Aspan
Lisa Anglin
Devon Apt
Tristan Ferry
Hillary Pittelko
Sue Berg
Carol Jean & Tim McPhillips
Evelyn & Ron Konieczki
Katherine Zeleny
Elmo Schultz
Jose Urena
Mike Feyerer
Edward Cyga
Ted Gross
Avery Kenny
Ray Jackson
The DeAngelis Family
Lauren Rossetti
George Dodaro, Sr.
Daniel Musser
Rudy DeAngelis
David Frazzone
Anna Stendic

**Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over.
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Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul:

Pastor John Moeller is retiring after serving the Lord for 25 years at St. Paul. We will honor this most special of occasions with a special church service at 10:00am on Sunday, July 14, 2024.

You are cordially invited to the retirement celebration at the Oak Lawn Hilton immediately following the 10:00am service. Tickets will be available beginning Sunday, June 2, 2024. The cost per ticket is \$25.00. Children 6 and under are free. The tickets will be for sale in the narthex before and after the church service and will be available in the church office. Please purchase your tickets no later than June 28th.

We would like to see as many of you as possible. Pastor John has touched the lives of so many families during his ministry at St. Paul. If you should know of any people that you feel would like to attend this celebration, but are no longer in contact with St. Paul, please give their names and addresses to the church office or Cheryl Horan, so that an invitation can be sent.

We are looking forward to a wonderful afternoon. There is a special program planned as well as a delicious meal. Let's send Pastor John and Martha off into retirement with a day that they won't forget!

In His Service,
The Retirement Planning Committee