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2nd Sunday after Pentecost – June 2, 2024

Order of Worship

Service of the Word & Sacrament

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Carly Mess

Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Wayne Ruegge

Communion Usher: Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 116 (pew bible, p.543)
- ◆ The Hymns: 684 (1-3), 814, 618c, 684 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-28
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 126
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (*printed on last page of liturgy insert*)

Sermon Text – Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Theme

"Come and Get It!" (The Lord's Sabbath-Rest)

1. We all need it.
2. The Lord is eager to supply it.

- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (684, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Treasure in Jars of Clay

5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For 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. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For 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. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 126

P When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion:

C We were like those who dream.

P Then our mouth was filled with laughter:

C And our tongue with shouts of joy.

P The LORD has done great things for us:

C We are glad.

P Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!:

C Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

P He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing:

C Shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Second Lesson – Mark 2:23-28

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

23 One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” 25 And 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: 26 how 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?” 27 And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

Sermon Text – Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The Third Commandment

12 "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but 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. 15 You 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."

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To our guests seeking an altar at which to commune

We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ. For this reason we practice "Fellowship Communion" (we ask only those who are communicant members of our fellowship to come forward to receive the Sacrament). We follow this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a St. Paul member, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (6/2) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
 10:30 am Coffee / Fellowship Time
Sun (6/9) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:30 am Coffee / Fellowship Time

Coffee Hour: During the weeks of summer time will be set aside after the worship service for coffee/refreshments and informal fellowship in the church basement. Sunday School and Bible Class will be in recess till September. Be encouraged to stay for a few minutes if you can!

In Our Prayers: Bill Hayes, friend of Fred and Bobbie Brethauer, who underwent triple heart bypass surgery last Thursday in Tennessee.

Prayer Request (from Missionary Todd Ohlmann): "Please include our brothers and sisters in Christ in Bangladesh in your prayers. Last weekend, [Cyclone Demal](#) struck the northeast coast of India and the southern coastal areas of Bangladesh. The Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) has congregations, preaching stations, and many members in this area. Pastor Banarjee reports that fifteen homes of BLCM members have been destroyed, with an additional twenty-four homes severely damaged. Furthermore, two church buildings have been severely affected. These are some of the only

Christian churches in the area. The cyclone has impacted over fifty BLCM families. These congregations mainly consist of marginalized and impoverished former Hindus who live day to day as subsistence farmers. The cyclone has destroyed this year's crops and future crops, including many established fruit trees. You can view a few pictures [HERE](#). The CLC Board of Missions was able to respond quickly by sending immediate Kinship humanitarian aid, praying that the Lord will bless and multiply these funds for the care of the sheep in the BLCM flock. *'The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.'* (Psalm 145:8–9) Thank you for praying!"

Annual Subscription Renewals: It's time for the annual renewal of our synod publications *Daily Rest* and *Lutheran Spokesman*. Our congregational group subscription to the *Spokesman* expires after the June 2024 issue. The subscription for *Daily Rest* expires after the current issue (Vol 6.2).

- If you are already a subscriber to one or both of these publications you need do nothing. Your subscription will be renewed automatically.
- If you aren't a subscriber and would like to be, let pastor know so he may include your name on the list.
- If you are a distant St. Paul member you will receive a gift subscription to both publications.

You may give a donation to cover the cost for your subscription, if you wish.

Subscription costs:

- *Daily Rest*: \$15 for 4 quarterly issues
- *The Lutheran Spokesman*: \$15 for 12 monthly issues
- Donations may be made by placing your offering in the Sunday collection (earmarked for "Daily Rest" and/or "Lutheran Spokesman") or by mailing your offering to the church. Thank you!

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 3-8

Mon Mark 4:26-29 In God's kingdom, as on a farm, people may spread the seed, but they do not make it grow, or even know how it does. It is God who accomplishes the growth in His kingdom, when it comes.

Tues Acts 2:42-47 The love that God's children have for Him and for one another is expressed in their willing (not coerced) care for each other and in their meeting together for the worship and praise of God. The growth is the Lord's work (v47).

Wed Genesis 12:1-4 The Lord calls Abram to continue journeying toward Canaan, and gives "the father of believers" many great and precious promises to spark his faith.

Thurs 1 Timothy 6:6-12 The apostle calls upon young Pastor Timothy to strive for faith and eternal life, rather than for earthly riches which can lead to temptation and many foolish and hurtful desires.

Fri Isaiah 62:6-9 The Lord invites His servants to call upon Him and not to let Him rest until He fulfills His promises to His people. He will "establish Jerusalem" and bless them with fruit to eat and harvest grapes to drink in His courtyards.

Sat Isaiah 62:10-12 The Lord calls His own from every land and people where they may be scattered. Let the pathway be cleared for all God's people to come to Zion. Then she will be called Sought After, A City Not Abandoned.