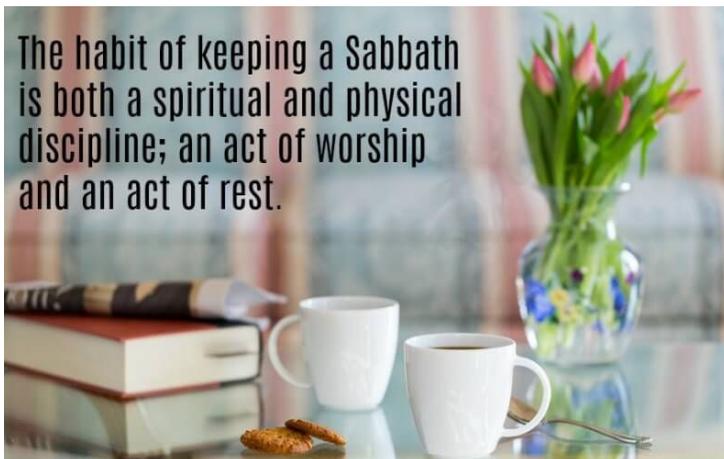


Memory Verses of the Week

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ² will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

+ Psalm 91:1-2



The habit of keeping a Sabbath is both a spiritual and physical discipline; an act of worship and an act of rest.

*8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020- 10:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

10:00 a.m.

P = Presiding Minister; **A** = Assisting Minister; **C** = Congregation

GATHERING

Prelude.....*Prelude on “Morecambre”* - Pamela Decker

Ringing of the Church Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have**

welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. As a called and ordained minister . . . in the name of the †Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please remain in place and maintain physical distancing while you greet those around you in the name of Christ.)

Gathering Hymn **WORSHIP BOOK - 807** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Vs 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Vs 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Vs 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

The Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, God of rest,

C: **you command us to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Give us the will to do this, that in so doing we may know the life and refreshment keeping the Sabbath is meant to bring. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

WORD

A Rest That Works Video Journey: “Rhythm #1:Sabbath Rest ”

First Reading..... *Isaiah 58:13-14*

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Kids Talk Pastor Paul

Psalm 91:1-12 (*spoken responsively*)

A: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

C: will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

A: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

C: he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

A: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

C: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

C: You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

A: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

C: no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

A: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

Psalm Response..... “*I Will Rest In You*” (Sung by Jay Heare)

Shepherd of my weary soul, you're my comfort, you're my hope.
I can hear you call my name. Lead me to that quiet place.

Chorus

I will rest in you, I will rest in you.
King of heaven, in your presence, I will rest in you.

In the shadow of your wings there is refuge, there is peace.
Shelter from the darkest storm found inside your loving arms. *Chorus*

Hallelujah, hallelujah. My heart cries hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah. My heart cries hallelujah!
I will rest in you, I will rest in you.
King of heaven, in your presence, I will rest. *Chorus*

Jesus, I will rest in you.

The Gospel Acclamation **WORSHIP BOOK - Setting 4 Page 151**
“*Alleluia*”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel.....*Matthew 12:1-14*
(*text for pastor's sermon*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 12th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ²When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath." ³He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. ⁵Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? ⁶I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath." ⁹He left that place and entered their synagogue; ¹⁰a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. ¹¹He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only

one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹²How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." ¹³Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. ¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon - "A Rest That Works: Sabbath" Rev. Paul Offhaus

Apostles' Creed

C: **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 Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, 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 (after each petition, please respond as follows):

A: Lord, in your mercy,

P: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **hear our prayer.**

C: **Amen.**

Time of Offering *Thank the Lord* - David Cherwien

MEAL

Canticle of Thanksgiving **WORSHIP BOOK - 207**
"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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 (*in the public gathering or in your own homes*)

(Lutheran Christians proclaim that Jesus Christ is truly present "in, with and under" the ordinary elements of bread and wine. To receive Holy Communion, therefore, is to receive Christ. All who seek to be nourished in faith and life through the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this Meal.)

Communion Music..... "Break Bread Together" - Edwin T. Childs

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Sending Song "10,000 Reasons"

Chorus

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh, my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, oh, my soul
I worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus*

Chorus

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh, my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, oh, my soul
I worship your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Chorus*

Yes I will worship your holy name. Lord, I worship your holy name.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (7/26)

Presiding Minister & PreacherRev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister..... Deb Waybright
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Greeters Chris & Julie Walda
Deacon..... Milt Brown
Ushers.....Cheryl Kienzle, Terry Kienzle
Altar Guild..... Lois Sharp, Dorthy Epple
Media/Sound Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS (8/2)

Presiding Minister & PreacherRev. Paul Offhaus
Assisting Minister.....Pete Newcomb
Organist Martin P. Gigler
Greeters Marsha Roth, Tina Thompson
Deacon..... Chris Walda
Ushers..... Walda Family
Altar Guild..... Sue & Cheryl Kienzle
Media/Sound Jay Heare, Mike McGahey, Pete Newcomb, Lori Paul

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer, hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

SERMON NOTES

COMMUNION TO BE CELEBRATED IN (REMOTE AND PUBLIC) WORSHIP TODAY

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion today and every Sunday moving forward. Here is what you will need to do on your end:

If attending our public worship:

We will be offering communion in one part, that is, wafers but no wine/ grape juice. Communicants will be directed by the ushers to come forward by side (left side from front to back, then right side), masked and maintaining physical distance from those outside of their family unit. After receiving the wafer from Pastor or the Assisting Minister (both of whom will be masked), you are asked to step to the side (on the 'X') before removing your mask to partake of communion. Then return, masked, to your seat. Hand sanitizers will be available on the tables by the side aisles.

If at home worshipping remotely:

1. Gather the elements you will need: bread, crackers or even a tortilla wrap, as well as wine or grape juice. If you'd like to make your own (unleavened, if you wish) bread, one was printed in the April newsletter or you can find several online.
2. Prepare a space for you to place the elements, either at a table or coffee table, perhaps with a tablecloth. Set the elements out for that point in our worship.
3. After the Words of Institution, you may then partake of the elements. If you are sheltering with others, share them with one another; if not, simply consume them yourself. In either case, speak the words, "The Body of Christ, given/broken for you/me . . . The Blood of Christ, shed for you/me," to remind you of Christ's presence "in, with, and under" (Luther's words) the ordinary elements of bread and wine.

As in previous instances of remote communion, we honor and respect you, whether you choose to partake or not to partake. *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.* + Ephesians 4:4