# The sabbath was made for humankind

**MARK 2:27** 

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 188 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Offerings** Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org or use the QR Code provided.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

**An AED/Defibrillator** unit is located in the Good Shepherd room. It is placed on the wall left side of the Springettsbury door exit.



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The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors.

The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.

**Parents**, please do accompany your child to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.



The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God In thanksgiving for the life of Mildred H. Blake, grandmother of Kirsten Barnes

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# Second Sunday after Pentecost June 2, 2024 Holy Communion 9:15 AM

Musical Setting #9 Evangelical Lutheran Worship

**PRELUDE** *O Day of Rest and Gladness* 

Flor Peeters

# Stand turning to face the Baptismal Font **CONFESSION**

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

## Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

## Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. 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** 



# **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

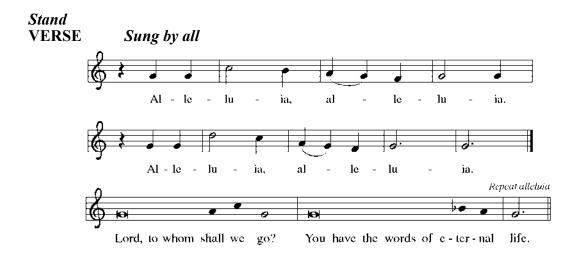
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. . . .Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

# *Sit* CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING **Deuteronomy 5:12-15** (back cover) PSALM Psalm 81:1-10 sung unaccompanied Cantor/congregation O <sup>1</sup> Sing with joy to | God our strength\* and raise a loud shout to the | God of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> Raise a song and | sound the timbrel,\* the merry harp, | and the lyre. <sup>3</sup> Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon,\* and at the full moon, the day | of our feast; <sup>4</sup> for this is a stat- | ute for Israel,\* a law of the | God of Jacob. <sup>5</sup> He laid it as a solemn charge | upon Joseph,\* when he came out of the | land of Egypt. <sup>6</sup> I heard an unfamil- | iar voice saying,\* "I eased his shoulder from the burden: his hands were set free from bear- | ing the load." <sup>7</sup> You called on me in trouble, | and I saved you;\* I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- | ters of Meribah. <sup>8</sup> Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:\* O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me! <sup>9</sup> There shall be no strange | god among you;\* you shall not worship a | foreign god. <sup>10</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of E- | gypt and said,\* "Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it." 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (back cover) SECOND READING



HOLY GOSPELMark 2:23—3:6The Holy Gospel according to St. MarkAt the conclusion of the Gospel.The Gospel of the Lord.

*(back cover)* Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

# *Sit* SERMON

Pastor Reep

# Stand

**APOSTLES' CREED** 

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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

# A brief silence.

Teach us to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors. Help us proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God,

## receive our prayer.

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.

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 (*especially*). Merciful God,

# receive our prayer.

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and 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.

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 and food pantries. Merciful God, receive our prayer

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# Here other intercessions may be offered.

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.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

# **BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF ALTAR APPOINTMENTS & VESTMENTS**

# PEACE

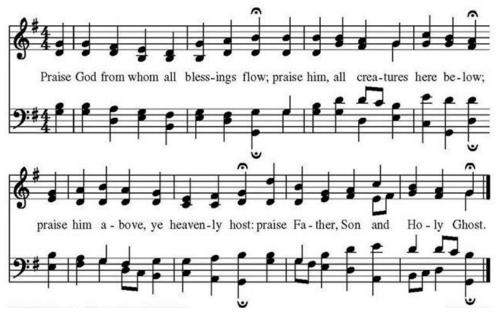
The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you. The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# Sit

# **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

Organ Spirit, Come Dispel Our Sadness Joshua Leavitt

# Stand OFFERTORY



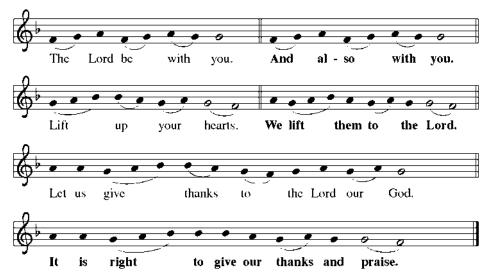
# **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

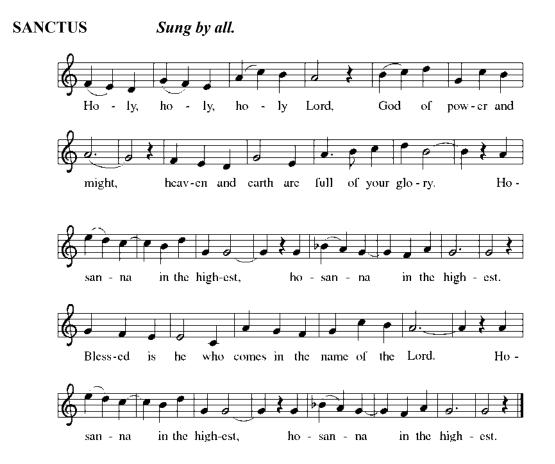
DIALOGUE

Sung by Pastor and congregation



### **PREFACE** *The preface appropriate to the day is sung.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# THANKSGIVING

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:

the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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, he 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

# Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

# Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

# FRACTION RITE

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

**AGNUS DEI** Sung by all. Lamb of God. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer-cy Lamb of God. on us. you of the world; take a-way the sin have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# *Sit* COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

1. Come to communion using the center aisle.

2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.

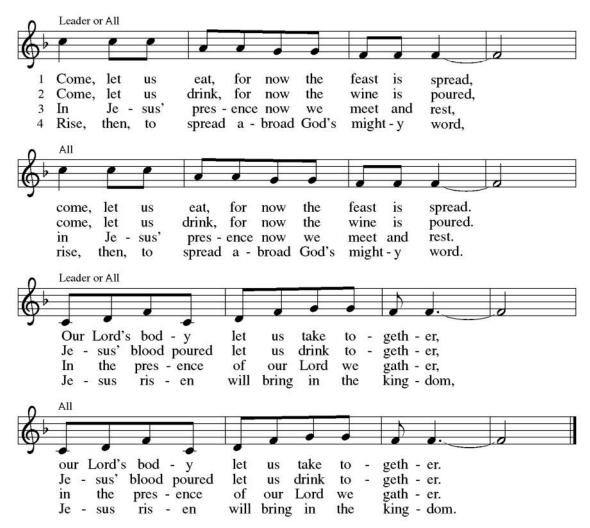
3. Take your place along the chancel step.

4. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.

5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.

6.Return to your pew using the side aisle.

# COMMUNION HYMN Come, Let Us Eat, Praise (ELW 491)



#### Stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

# **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. Amen

## HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)



# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE** Toccata on "Veni Creator"

Jeanne Demessieux

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# Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	Assisting Minister	Crucifer		Comm. Assist	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild
6/2	 Harold Sargeant	,	Kathy Monk				Early: Larry & Janet Moore Late: Ann Anstadt, Jill Streibig

# This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon-Thurs 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Ju	une 2	Sunday, June 9						
9:15 AM	Holy Eucharist– Live-Stream	9:15 AM	Holy Eucharist– Live-Stream					
6:30 PM	AA Meeting—Community Rm		Send off reception for					
Monday, J	une 3		Tanzania Mission Group					
7:00 PM	Preschool Committee—ZOOM	6:30 PM	AA Meeting—Community Rm					
Tuesday, June 4								
9:30 AM	Food Pantry Clients							

## Announcements and Up-dates for the week of June 2, 2024

**The Benevolence Committee** continues to receive applications for funding ministry projects for 2024 and 2025. Please request an application from the church office.

We continue to collect clothing in support of Union Lutheran Church, W. Market Street, with their clothing closet. There is a collection bin in the Good Shepherd Room. If you have a large number of items to donate you can take them directly to Union Lutheran Church, simply call them



**Children's sermons** are a way of communicating the faith and sharing the good news of God's love in Christ Jesus. We are seeking volunteers to provide a children's sermon during the summer months. A clip board with the dates and Bible texts is located on the table in the Good Shepherd Room. Simply sign up for a Sunday that fits your schedule. Thank you!

**Food Pantry News**—We need **canned soup, fruit, canned tuna!** Please put your donations in the shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room. We are always in need of paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry". Volunteers are also needed for a variety of tasks. Contact Patty Snyder, Ken Hinkle Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office (717-843-8155) to volunteer.

### Nurturing Faithful Families—Summer 2024—Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 PM

The Christian education committee is preparing for a summer of intergenerational fellowship, learning and fun. On 10 Tuesday evenings from, **June 11 through August 13**, we will gather to nurture faithful stewardship families. A simple supper will be served at 5:30 PM followed by some music and songs. At 6:15 PM the evening's theme will be presented. At 6:30 PM time for reflection and to participate in an activity specific to the theme will be provided. 7:00 PM there will be some time for recreation. At 7:15 PM we will have a summary of the evening and the closing prayer. We will need people to help with leading, music, set-up, cooking and serving, and clean up. Mark your calendar now. The first 9 sessions will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Enter through the Springettsbury Ave. Entrance. Gather in Christ Hall for the meal and for the session. The last session on Tuesday August 13 is a picnic at Kain Park. Everyone is invited to come and join in nurturing faithful stewardship families! For additional information and to volunteer to help with these summer sessions please contact; Johanna Paterson, Christian Education Chairperson; Miss Kelly, Youth Director; or Pastor Reep.

#### Mpuguso Mission Trip Send Off-9:15 AM, Sunday, June 9, 2024

One year ago an article identifying planning for a mission trip was included in the June/ July issue of *Our Church*. Now it is time for the group to take their leave, make the journey, engage with our sisters and brothers at Mpuguso Lutheran Church, renew acquaintances and create new friendships. The group of travelers from St. Paul's is diverse. At the end of the June 9, 9:15 AM liturgy there will be a special blessing and send off for the mission delegation. Please be present. And do continue to pray for those traveling to Tanzania; that they will remain healthy and strong, pray for our sister congregation as they work to complete their church building and continue to make disciples through Holy Baptism, and pray for peace in the world. On Sunday August 25 plans are being made for a Sunday to celebrate the trip, a safe return, and to hear firsthand account from those who made the journey.

## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**Spanish Translator** is needed to sit with the people at the registration table to help translate. During the summer is might be a high school or college student studying Spanish, Spanish teachers, or others with Spanish knowledge.

**Driver**: We are looking for a person to pick-up eggs 6 times a year from Hill-N- Dale Farms and delivery them to St. Paul's pantry. We are grateful to this company for donating 180 dozen eggs each month. The address is 2862 Daron Road, Spring Grove. They would fit into a small SUV with the seat down. Lifting is not a requirement! Call the church office to volunteer.

**Gardeners**: Each summer busy gardeners from the Unitarian Universalist Church of York (UUCY) work hard to provide St. Paul's Food Pantry shoppers with fresh produce. This summer UUCY will have weekday and weekend volunteer opportunities—perfect for individuals and families—helping to grow and harvest food donations for distribution on Tuesday mornings. Some chores may include shoveling compost, planting seeds and seedlings, pulling weeds, and other hands-on needs. Harvesting usually happens Monday evenings and early Tuesday mornings. Please send an email of your interest and availability to karenwishart21@gmail.com and we will look forward to providing up to date information concerning workdays. Check with Patty Snyder or Teresa Rohrbaugh with questions.

# FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.

## Psalm 81:1-10

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

## GOSPEL: Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And 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." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.