

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 3 & 6, 2021

The readings this Sunday focus our attention on the Sabbath law and the blessings God intended for man through it.

Opening Hymn (From Supplement).....735, “Speak, O Lord”  
Order of Service..... Common Service, Page 15  
Prayer of the Day: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
FIRST LESSON  
Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 126 (page 113)  
SECOND LESSON  
Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.  
Response to the Verse ..... Page 18  
GOSPEL LESSON  
Nicene Creed ..... Page 18-19  
Hymn of the Day .....336, “Come unto Me, Ye Weary”  
SERMON..... “The Sabbath of God Is . . .” Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Communion Liturgy ..... Page 21  
Communion Hymn ..... 310, “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”  
Closing Liturgy ..... Page 25  
Closing Hymn ..... 326, “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

It is not mere idleness that is enjoined in the third commandment. The ultimate purpose of the Sabbath is the contemplation of God’s mighty works and acts. He made us and not we ourselves; he saved us by his mighty and outstretched arm.

Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. You are not to do any regular 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 alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you. Remember that you were slaves in the land of

Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

If the children of Israel had reason to come together and hear of the mighty acts of God, how much more reason we have to do the same. And in hearing the effective word of the gospel, we receive the light from God that preserves us in this life and will raise us up on the last day to worship him, our Savior, for all eternity.

Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ. We hold this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not despairing; persecuted, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. To be sure, while we are living we are continually being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. So then, death is working in us, but life is working in you.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 2:23-28

The Pharisees missed all the joy that God wanted to give them on the Sabbath. And why? They did not really listen to the law that they professed to know and love so well, nor to God’s own commentary on it in the example of David. If we, like them, despise his Word, we too will miss its saving benefit and without the Word fall into error and unbelief.

Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?” He replied to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions.” Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMMUNION:** Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

**COMMUNION CHANGES!** TODAY we will be returning to receiving communion around the altar as was done prior to covid safety protocols. Please note that only the individual cups of wine will be offered, not the common cup. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding communion, please speak with Pastor Mose or any of our Elders (Ronald Knueppel/Bob Kriewald/Dean Ebert).

**HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK:** Mike Pamperin/Dean Ebert; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart.

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING:** There will be a Special Voters' Meeting on **Sunday (TODAY), June 6**, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the purchase of new hymnals and supplemental materials. By purchasing early, we are able to receive a substantial discount on the materials. All voters are encouraged to attend!

**ORGANISTS:** The **June** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please take a look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

**SCRIP ORDERS:** A reminder that scrip orders for June will be due on **Thursday, June 17!** This will be the only order date for the month of June. Monthly scrip orders are taken in summer; however, we will return to the regular schedule once school begins again in fall.

**STILL LOOKING FOR ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS!** Our Altar Guild Committee is down to just four members, so we are looking for some additional volunteers. The Altar Guild is responsible for helping to set up communion and taking care of the paraments on the altar. If this is something you would be interested in learning more about or would be willing to help with, please speak with Pastor Mose or Diane Koch today! Thank you!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 147; Sunday: 62

**Offerings:** \$6,175.00

**4K Tuition: \$205.30**

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,052.00)*

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$125.00; Undesignated Memorials (Debt

Retirement): \$2,985.00; Church Refurbishment: \$15.00; Adult Choir: \$75.00

**Memorials:** In Memory of Naomi Kriewald: \$3,075.00

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM  
***Special Voters' Meeting – Immediately following  
worship service***

Tuesday: School Board Meeting.....6:00 PM

Wednesday: Elders' Meeting ..... 6:30 PM  
Church Council..... 7:00 PM

Thursday:      Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM

Sunday:      Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM