

**June 2, 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Pastor Tom Olson, Minnesota Valley Free Lutheran Church**

**PRELUDE:** Ruth Antal (Osthus/Reynolds)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 29

PASTOR: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,  
ALL: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
PASTOR: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
ALL: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.  
PASTOR: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
ALL: The LORD is enthroned as King forever.  
PASTOR: The LORD gives strength to his people;  
ALL: The LORD blesses his people with peace.

**HYMN #134 “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

**CONFESSION OF SIN:** Psalm 51:1-7 **Have mercy on me. O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON:**

**Reader: Dave Fischer**

**FIRST LESSON:** *Deuteronomy 5:12-15* **"Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has 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, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may**

*rest, as you do. 15 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.*

**EPISTLE LESSON:** *2 Corinthians 4:5-12* **For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.**

**READER:** Here ends the reading of God’s Word.

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** God be praised, for His glad Tidings!

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of the Father, And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one*

*Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen*

**GLORIA PATRI: Ambassador Hymnal p. 4 (please put on screen)**  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER**

## **PRAISE SONGS PICKED BY RUTH**

**SERMON TITLE: “SABBATICAL: A NEGLECTED GIFT”**  
**Mark 2:23-3:6; Pastor Tom Olson; February 3, 2024** *Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen*

In our study of the Feasts of the Lord in OK Bible study, we discovered that there are many Sabbaths, not just one per week...days of rest, joy and fellowship...

### **I. THE LIBERTY OF THE SABBATH: PRACTICAL BLESSING**

*Mark 2:23-26 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" 25 He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? 26 In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."*

### **II. THE PURPOSE OF THE SABBATH: A GIFT**

*Mark 3:27-28 Then 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."*

### **III. THE CORRUPTION OF THE SABBATH: LEGALISTIC BONDAGE**

*Mark 3:1-6 Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. 2 Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. 3 Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." 4 Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. 5 He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. 6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.*

*May the peace of God that passes all understanding guard your hearts and minds through faith in Messiah Jesus. Amen*

**HYMN #586 “There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”**

**HOLY COMMUNION (Dave Fischer prep and help)**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *May the Lord, Mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever-- Grant you peace, Perfect peace, Strength in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face, Feel His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.*

**POSTLUDE:** Ruth Antal