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Holy How?

As children, the brother and sister had very different relationships with sabbath. Under the thumb and eye of Aunt Jose, who lived with them, the sabbath was a day of tyrannical prohibitions for the sister. Aunt Jose's piety employed the third commandment with the unbending sharpness of the hat pin that attached felt and feathers to her wisps of hair every Sunday morning for services. Rules and their keeping did not plague the brother, however. Enduring chronic Sunday loneliness when friends and neighbors disappeared into activities and adventures that didn't include him was what made sabbath a dreaded day.

It wasn't whether the sabbath was or was not holy that distanced the Pharisees and Jesus from one another; it was *how* the sabbath would be holy that marked their miles of separation.

Sabbath, ending or beginning? Sabbath, seventh day or first day? Sabbath, law or gospel? Sabbath, restriction or freedom? Sabbath, receive or give? Sabbath, pray or work? Sabbath, must or may? Sabbath, holy *how*?

The debates in the grain fields and the synagogue are a radical disagreement, but not a contest pitting hunger and disease against feeding and healing. They are about how to steward the gifts God puts in our hands.

To steward sabbath only as culmination, the last day of creation, tempts us to remove ourselves from participation in God's ever-creative activity in the world. To steward sabbath only as preparation, the beginning of seven days, tempts us to imagine that the work of creation depends wholly on our own activity.

Sabbath is God's gift of grace so that we may rest from the clamoring of anxieties, illusions, and urgencies to do what we need not or cannot do. Sabbath is God's gift of grace that we may rise to greet every day as holy, to feed and to be fed, to heal and to be healed.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it as a holy how.

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2nd Sunday After Pentecost

June 3, 2018

Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able

Gathering Music

What is This Place

ELW 524 (red book)

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.**

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

☑ **We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

☑ **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

☑ **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Prayer of the Day

☐ Let us Pray... Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made.

☑ **Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Part of the Ten Commandments, these verses instruct the Israelites to keep the Sabbath. The Israelites are to rest and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

☐ A reading from **Deuteronomy**:

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Remember 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.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81:1-10



¹Sing with joy to | God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the | God of Jacob.

²**Raise a song and | sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, | and the lyre. R**

³Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day | of our feast;

⁴**for this is a stat- | ute for Israel,
a law of the | God of Jacob.**

⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the | land of Egypt,
where I heard a voice I | did not know:

⁶**"I eased your shoulder | from the burden;
your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket. R**

⁷You called on me in trouble, and I de- | livered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- | ters of Meribah.

⁸**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:
O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**

⁹There shall be no strange | god among you;
you shall not worship a | foreign god.

¹⁰**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the | land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

Ⓐ A reading from **2 Corinthians**:

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

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

Ⓛ The word of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Refrain

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



- 1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
- 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
- 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Refrain

Gospel Reading

Mark 2:23-3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **Mark**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ²⁵And 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.” ²⁷Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

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

☞ The Resurrection Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children’s Message/Children’s Church

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

God is Here

ELW 526 (red book)

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
 sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

End

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

A Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

A Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Reed City, Community Baptist Church in Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

A The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

A You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Myrina Clements, Lance and Kayla Champaco, Joshua Wright, Parker Stancil, Tim Krewson, Alexi and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley and Tyler Van Houten.* Hear us, O God.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

A Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind. Hear us, O God.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

A In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Comfort the sick and their caregivers, including *Steve Kaiser, Jamie, Nina, Wendy Eifler, Barbara Macaully, and Mary Golnek, Newell, Dwayne Gallup family, Kogge family, Nancy Woltjer, Carla Neil, Max Kelly, Stedman family, and Leisha DeVries.* Hear us, O God.

C **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Hear us, O God.

C **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

A With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. Hear us, O God.

C **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

P By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand as you are able

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Stand as you are able.

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

C You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

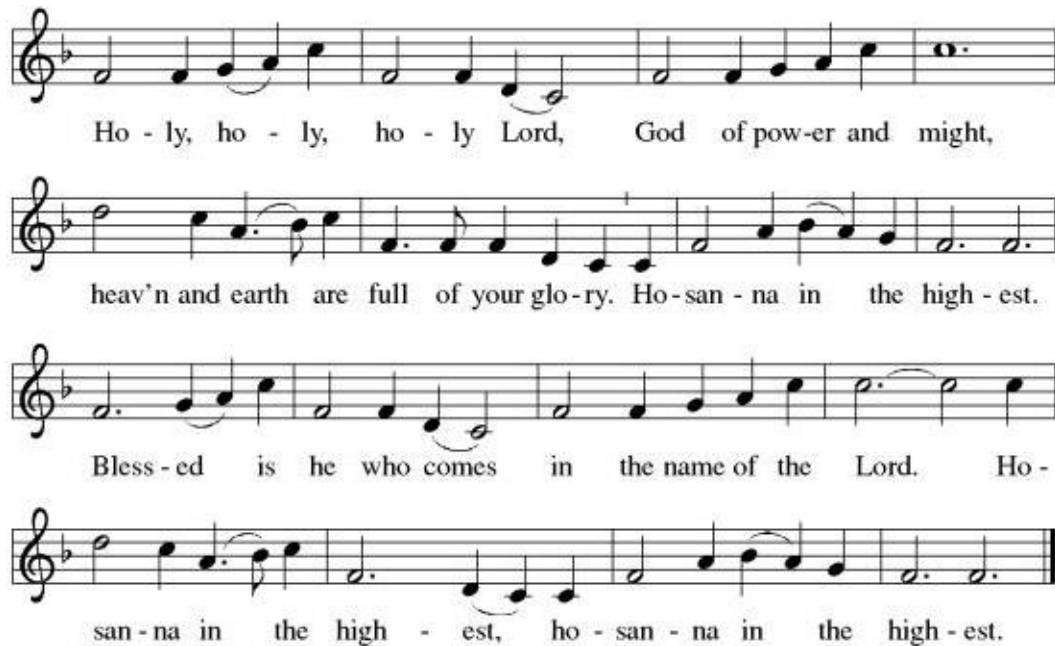
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

- Ⓟ Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
- ☩ **Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.**

- Ⓟ Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
- ☩ **Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.**

- Ⓟ Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
- ☩ **Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.**

- Ⓟ 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. O God of resurrection and new life:
- ☩ **Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.**

- Ⓟ Bless this feast.
- ☩ **Grace our table with your presence. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.**

- Ⓟ Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
- ☩ **We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- Ⓟ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:
- ☩ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- Ⓟ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479 (red book)

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW 469

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

Stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

G Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

Congregational Announcements

Blessing

P May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

G Amen.

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

ELW 534 (red book)

Dismissal

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

G Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 77

Weekly Giving: **\$3,250.00**

Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of refried beans, Pasta Roni, Rice A Roni, Spam canned salmon, corned beef hash, chili-no bean (yes, meat), Miracle Whip, mayo, sugar, shortening, canned frosting, juice boxes.

Noisy Offering Will be collected next Sunday, June 10th benefiting Barry County Cares.

Worship schedule – the worship schedule for summer has been changed. All service times will continue on the winter schedule, ie, service will take place at 8:00 am and 10:45 am. This is in an effort to maintain continuity and alleviate any confusion for members as well as visitors.

Fill a Bag For Summer 2018 Food Drive – Barry County Cares The people of Grace have an opportunity to help our neighbors by picking up a grocery bag in entry area, filling it with items from the list on the front of each bag. Please return your bag to the Fellowship area on or before JUNE 17th. We are also collecting personal care items for Barry County Cares including toilet paper, liquid dishwashing soap, personal hygiene items. Financial donations will also be accepted. Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church with Food Drive in the memo line.

Grace Prayer Walk or Relax Cook Out Sunday June 10th, after second service, at the home of Phil and Amy Poholski, 6810 Highlandview Dr, Middleville. What to bring – lawn chairs. Food will be provided: Hot dogs, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, desert, ice tea and lemonade. If you would like something stronger, say beer or wine, please BYO. For those that would like, we will take a walk through the woods on a mowed path. There also will be some yard games. If you have questions, contact the Poholski's 269-948-3655

Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, **July 15, 2018**.

Renovation Update The original debt amount for the purchase of new carpet was \$16,258.38. To date we have received almost half of the amount, \$8,325, in generous donations from our members. The remaining debt for the carpet is **\$7,933.38**. **We would be blessed if you would be willing to help pay down this debt we owe to ourselves.** Thanks for your consideration. If you would like to write a check, please remember to write 'carpet fund' in the memo line.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, June 3	Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Tuesday, June 5	Executive Committee 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6	Communication Team 10:00 a.m.

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Ministers	Chris Bush	Mark Anton
Cantor	Jack Vos	Vickey Argo
Lector	Chris Bush	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Melissa Patton	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Grayson Patton	Lance Ogden
Usher	Dan & Gavin Patton	Gary & Lisa Golnek Doug & Diane Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack/Carol Vos	Kristi Winick
Children's Church		Ingrid Morgan
Chancel Team	Jeanette Ulrich & Mary Kleinbrink	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, June 10, 2018

Assisting Ministers	Randy Teegardin	Traci Wales
Cantor	Mark Anton	Mark Anton
Lector	Carol Vos	Carla Neil
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Phyliss Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Emma Peck
Usher	Tom and Cheryl Drumm	Ed Domke, Mark Anton
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Volunteers	John and Mary Kleinbrink
Children's Church		
Chancel Team	Jeanette Ulrich & Mary Kleinbrink	