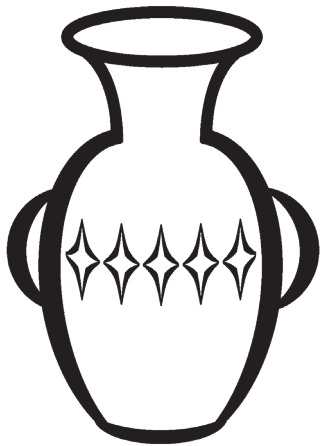


Pentecost 2

June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 4 (Year B)

The Sabbath day was meant to be a gift. As God rested from six days of labor creating all that exists out of nothing, so God’s children were commanded to rest and be in communion with the Creator on the seventh day. Taken the principle to its extreme, the Pharisees in Jesus’ day criticized the disciples of Christ for plucking grain on the Sabbath. But Jesus corrected them, saying the Sabbath was made for humanity.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Remember the Sabbath Day

The Lord commanded Israel to observe the seventh day as a day of rest. This day was to be set apart to the Lord. The command included all those who lived in the household, including the working animals. The Lord used Moses to remind Israel that they were once slaves in Egypt, but now they were free.

Psalm 81:1-10

Praise God with Music

The psalmist encouraged the congregation to sing aloud to God and praise his name, for he brought Israel’s ancestors out of Egypt and delivered them. In the wilderness they complained against the Lord, but the Lord promised to fill their mouths with good things and protect them from their enemies.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

We Proclaim Jesus is Lord

Paul clearly stated that the message he and his companions proclaimed was not a message about themselves. It was a message of Jesus Christ, of whom they were servants. The message is a treasure but it is carried to the world by fragile humans, whom Paul called “jars of clay.” Christ is at work in believers; he is our life.

Gospel Reading: Mark 2:23-28 (3:1-6)

Sabbath Was Made for Man

Jesus’ disciples picked some grain to eat on a Sabbath day and were then chastised by the Pharisees for “working” on the day of rest. Jesus responded to them with a story about David eating the bread of the Presence from a priest when he was hungry. The Pharisees’ understanding of the Sabbath was skewed.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise
- Use the Apostles’ Creed

Consider using some clay pots to adorn the chancel for today’s worship. Perhaps even have some that are broken or dilapidated. This visual can be used to remind the worshipping community how fragile we humans are and how God uses us “jars of clay” to carry the Gospel to the world. It is his strength and power that convey the message, not ours. He uses our weakness to show the world his strength. God uses “cracked pots” like us to show his love to the world.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
O Day of Rest and Gladness	251	---	906	521	---	web
All Creatures of Our God and King	527	---	---	835	20	20
Wonderful Peace	---	---	---	---	---	web
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	294	---	575	596	192	192
All Things Bright and Beautiful	---	767	---	---	4	4
Come, Thou Almighty King	522	---	905	408	247	247
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	358	---	648	647	3	3
God Whose Almighty Word	400	---	---	673	---	---
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds	345	---	524	620	195	195
God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again	---	---	---	536	55	55

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)
(CCLI# 7197940)
Rescuer (Good News)
(CCLI# 7094920)
Oceans
(CCLI# 6428767)
Peace
(CCLI# 7149280)
Love So Great
(CCLI# 7068428)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.