



LORD OF THE SABBATH

MARK 2:23-3:6

Jesus Christ

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

June 3, 2018 10:00 am

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus – Christ Jesus Is the Sabbath Rest

The Lord brought the sons of Israel out of Egypt **“with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,”** in order to give them rest (Deut. 5:15). When He commanded them to **“observe the Sabbath day,”** therefore, it meant not doing **“any work”** but resting in His works (Deut. 5:12, 14). So has the same Lord, Jesus Christ, come in the flesh to fulfill the Law and to become our Sabbath Rest. As David **“entered the house of God,”** and not only **“ate the bread of the Presence”** but **“also gave it to those who were with him”** (Mark 2:26), the Lord Jesus entered the Holy of Holies as our great High Priest, in order to feed us with His flesh as the true bread of the Presence of God. As **“lord even of the Sabbath,”** He works **“to do good,”** to heal and **“to save life”** (Mark 2:28; 3:2, 4). He brings us out of sin and death and gives us rest in His own crucified and risen body.

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? “Prayer Request” cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

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AS WE GATHER: Our faith calls on the name of the Lord... our faith confesses our sin... our faith trusts in God's Word... our faith reminds each other of God's truth... our faith sings God's praise... our faith feeds on God's Word... our faith bears fruit... our faith prays to God... our faith finds ultimate satisfaction in Christ's presence... our faith is blessed by God's presence! Yet, all of this the ultimate question still is... "What does Jesus mean to you?"

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP and BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "God Himself is Present" **LSB 907**

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

SONG OF CONFESSION *Psalm 130* **Tune: LSB 366**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 5:12-15* **ESV**

EPISTLE READING *2 Corinthians 4:5-12* **ESV**

GOSPEL PRAISE "Whatever God Ordains Is Right" **LBW 446**

GOSPEL READING *Mark 2:23-28* **ESV**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – *The Nicene Creed*

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Day of Rest and Gladness" **LSB 906**

SERMON "Treasures in Jars of Clay" **2 Cor 4:7**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY "Create in Me" **Hopkins**

OFFERING of GOD'S PEOPLE *2 Corinthians 8:7*

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

PREFACE

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy" **LSB 961**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI **Tune: LSB 920**

THE DISTRIBUTION - DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" **LSB 915**

"There is a Redeemer" **LSB 971**

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast" **LSB 577 v.1-3**
+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

June 3

"The Battleground of Time"

(Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 2:23-3:6)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Military personnel know what it means to be on the front line in combat. This message is about a battleground where we're between opposing forces and could easily lose our life, the Battleground of Time.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

June 10

"A Light Momentary Affliction?"

(2 Corinthians 4:17-5:1)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Paul had his problems. You've never met anyone who didn't. And yet, Paul called his problems "light" and "momentary". Today's message deals with the question, "What does Paul know that we don't?"

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: June 3 "The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman, and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." *Dr. Mildred Fay Jefferson, MD • www.lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP: June 3

2 Corinthians 4:7 – "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." The chief treasure we have is our faith – our connection to Jesus and all the blessings He bestows upon us: forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit, new desires to follow Him, spiritual growth into His image, etc. St. Paul says we have these treasures in jars of clay – that is, of ourselves we are still weak, stumbling, and powerless. The treasure is not us, but what the Lord has graciously given us. We are vessels for His blessings. But a treasure hoarded is a treasure wasted. How is the Lord calling you to share these and all the treasures He has given you?



BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: None

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris,
Robert & Delores Kluwe, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson
The family of Donald Kraus [FnL of Kim (Hartos) Kraus] who met His
Savior on May 20th, His memorial service is on June 4th at 11 am

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Dr. Lori Ongeri (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

Jeffrey Lucero (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) hospitalized w/ broken hip

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Brandon Johnson (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Nancy Tousant (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer

Doris Rixe, (Nanc's mother) – heart related emergency

"IN OUR PRAYERS" AND "REQUESTED PRAYERS"

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know.

Luther's Morning Prayer

My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ. Your beloved Son, that You kept me safe from all evil and danger last night. Save me, I pray, today as well from every evil and sin, so that all I do and the way that I live will please You. I put myself in Your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy Angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.

Spring Offering -- May/June

This year's Spring Offering, being held through the end of June, will benefit **Bethesda Lutheran Communities**. Every day they are making a difference in the lives of people in communities across the country, it is for that reason, the Board of Stewardship decided on Bethesda Lutheran Communities as the recipient of the Spring Offering. Bethesda is a Christian organization that provides homes and other services for people with developmental disabilities to help them live the lives they want. Feel free to use your May/June Offering envelopes or another envelope marked as such. Thanks!

Together, the best life is possible.

Indoor Walking Group - Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm

Come for a walk on the smooth and climate controlled indoor track at Bottineau Park, 2000 Second Street NE, Minneapolis. After your walk, catch up with the news and have a cup of coffee. Donations are appreciated. Sponsored by Northeast Senior Services and Bottineau Park.

KOA+ is Coming Up Roses! Thursday, June 14th at noon

With June being National Rose Month, the focus will be on the many varieties of roses -- there are over 100 varieties. Verlayne will make a picnic lunch. Menu will include: Grilled Hamburgers, Summer Salad, Fruit Salad, Baked Beans, Chocolate Cake and Ice Cream. The cost will be \$7. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Church entry. Write "need ride" next to your name if you need a ride OR write "give ride" if you would be willing to pick someone up. Plan to bring a friend!

Early Birds Needed! Grocery Shopper For Help At Your Door

Help At Your Door (formerly known as Store To Door) is in need of additional volunteer shoppers at the St Anthony Cub Foods. Start your day off right and get some exercise while helping older adults meet their grocery needs. As a volunteer shopper you will work with a team of volunteers to fill orders at the grocery store for about 3 hours once a week or twice per month. **We are especially seeking volunteers to assist on Tuesday mornings (6-9 a.m.) at the St Anthony Cub Foods.** Volunteers do not pay for groceries. Email volunteer@helpatyourdoor.org, call 651-642- to learn more.

Our mission is to help seniors and people with disabilities maintain their independence and continue living in their homes.

FUNDS STILL NEEDED FOR STREET REPAIR

You may have noticed over the last several weeks, street work and repairs have continued outside of Gloria Dei with upgrades to the pedestrian ramps, replacement of select curbs and gutters and a diamond grid resurfacing of the street pavement.

As a reminder in April 2017, we were assessed \$18,073.72 for this project. Since the work was not completed last summer, our assessment was postponed one year. Church Council has decided to pay the assessment in full to avoid interest charges. If you are interested in contributing toward the street repair fund, please mark your envelope **“Street Repair.”**

Thank you to all who have already given!

2018 LWML District Convention



“Grace Above All”

is the theme of the 27th Biennial MN South District Convention –June 29-30, 2018 at the Verizon Center, Mankato, MN.

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain.” (1 Cor. 15:10a).

This year’s convention, will be Friday through Saturday. The business and decisions of the LWML Minnesota South District must be conducted at the convention. This includes setting the 2018–2020 Mission Goal, choosing the Mission Grants that we will fund, updating Bylaws, and electing the officers to serve from 2018 – 2022.

Christian Life Bible studies will be at 7:15am on Friday and Saturday, with the third Bible study Saturday afternoon as part of the convention program. The Communion Service will be Friday evening. Rev. Robert Mundahl, LWML National Senior Counselor, will be Proclaimer. Bible study leader will be Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, Fort Wayne Seminary. Mission Speakers are Rev. Ben Griffin, Executive Director of LINC Twin Cities, and Rev. Ryan McDermott, Area Facilitator for Deaf Ministry - West and Central Africa.

Visit **<https://www.mnslwml.org/events/convention>** for registration forms or ask Pastor for one.

Catechesis Note for the Week

"What does it mean that Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath?"

The phrase "the Lord of the Sabbath" is found in Matthew 12:8, Mark 2:28, and Luke 6:5. In all three instances Jesus is referring to Himself as the Lord of the Sabbath or, as Mark records it, "***The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath***" (Mark 2:28). Jesus is proclaiming that He is the One who exercises authority even over the rules and regulations that govern the Sabbath day.

As such, Jesus was proclaiming to the world, especially to the legalistic Pharisees, that He was greater than the Law and above the laws of the Mosaic Covenant because, as God in flesh, He is the Author of those laws. Unable to keep the Law, however, the Pharisees had instituted a complex and confusing system of Sabbath laws of their own that was oppressive and legalistic. They had set up strict laws regarding how to observe the Sabbath, which included 39 categories of forbidden activities. In essence, these religious leaders had made themselves lords of the Sabbath, thus making themselves lords over the people.

As Creator, Christ was the original Lord of the Sabbath (John 1:3; Hebrews 1:10). He had the authority to overrule the Pharisees' traditions and regulations because He had created the Sabbath—and the Creator is always greater than the creation. Furthermore, Jesus claimed the authority to correctly interpret the meaning of the Sabbath and all the laws pertaining to it. Because Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, He is free to do on it and with it whatever He pleases.

As Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus had the right, power, and authority to dispense it in any way He pleased, even to the abolishing of it and reinstating it as the Lord's Day, a day of worship. Since the Lord of the Sabbath had come, He who is the only true "Sabbath rest" made the old law of the Sabbath no longer needed or binding. When He said, "***The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath***" (Mark 2:27), Jesus was attesting to the fact that, just as the Sabbath day was originally instituted to give man rest from his labors, so did He come to provide us rest from laboring to achieve our own salvation by our works. Because of His sacrifice on the cross, we can now forever cease laboring to attain God's favor and rest in His mercy and grace.

Today's Scripture Readings

DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15: Here the Lord God provides a weekly, work-free holiday for his people. It was to be a holy day of rest for the whole household – parents and children, male and female servants, the beasts of burden and all foreign employees. The accent here is on the weekly commemoration of the liberation from slavery in Egypt by providing a time of rest and refreshment for their servants.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12: St. Paul speaks explains how he and all Christ's ministers display the light of Christ to their hearers. He uses three graphic pictures of himself and them as preachers: God's creation of light out of darkness, treasure that has been hidden in a clay pot, and the clay lamps that provided light at night in the ancient world. Just as God spoke to create light our darkness, so he now speaks His word to shine the light of Christ in their hearts. Like humble clay lamps their mortal bodies contain the hidden treasure of Jesus and His all-surpassing power; like the oil in clay lamps which is expended to provide light, so the life-giving power of Jesus is displayed in their bodies as they share in Christ's death and resurrection.

MARK 2:23 – 3:6: Both these stories have to do with the Sabbath. When the Pharisees criticize Jesus for allowing his disciples to pick some wheat to eat on the Sabbath, Jesus recalls the provision of the most holy show bread by the high priest for David and his companions as if they too were priests in 1 Sam 21:1-6. Since Jesus is the new high priest as the Son of Man, he provides holy food for His disciples to show that He is the Lord of the Sabbath who fulfils it by what He says and does. In the second story He as the Lord of the Sabbath heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath with His word, so that he could once again be fit to do his daily work.

Lessons for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13 5:1; Mark 3:20-35

**Ice Cream Socials: Tuesday, June 5 | 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Crestview Senior Community in Columbia Heights
4444 Reservoir Blvd. NE, Columbia Heights**

Congratulations!

Thursday, June 7 at 4:30 pm Edison High School Graduation at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Friday, June 8, Last Day of School.