

**\*Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn**            **“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”**            **ELW #389**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Gloria Meltesen, Darlene, Babbitt, Aidden Tilly, Laurie Switz Johnson,  
Erin Laperle, Heidi Stenerson, Doug Short, Sally Dana, Dan Paulson,  
Richie Vlasak, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Bud Speicher, Hudson Steckl.

**IN THE MILITARY**

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale,  
Matthew Dutton, Allen Roscovious

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Ministers: All God’s People; Synod Authorized Minister: Karen Sparling;  
Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Arlis Ballwahn; Altar: Janelle  
Buchholz & Kirstin Arndt

**CALENDAR**

Sun., June 9	Worship	9:00 AM
Sun., June 16	Worship	9:00 AM



St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
June 2 2024

**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ’s Family  
in Spreading God’s Love and Mercy**

*Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.*

***\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)***

*Announcements*

**Gathering**  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,  
let us confess our sin.



## \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (God of grace, **hear our prayer.**)

## \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

\*Offertory Hymn

**"We Are an Offering"**

**ELW #692**

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,

**you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.**

**Amen.**

## First Reading

*This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs 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.*

### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### A reading from Deuteronomy 5:12-15

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

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**

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

<sup>6</sup>**I eased your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**  
<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at  
the waters of Meribah.  
<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**  
<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.  
<sup>10</sup>**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

*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 4:5 –12**

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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. <sup>7</sup>But 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. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For 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. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**"Alleluia"**

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### **\*GOSPEL READING**

*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 2:23—3:6**

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He 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." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Karen Sparling  
Synod Authorized Minister

**Hymn**

**"There Is a Balm in Gilead"**

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