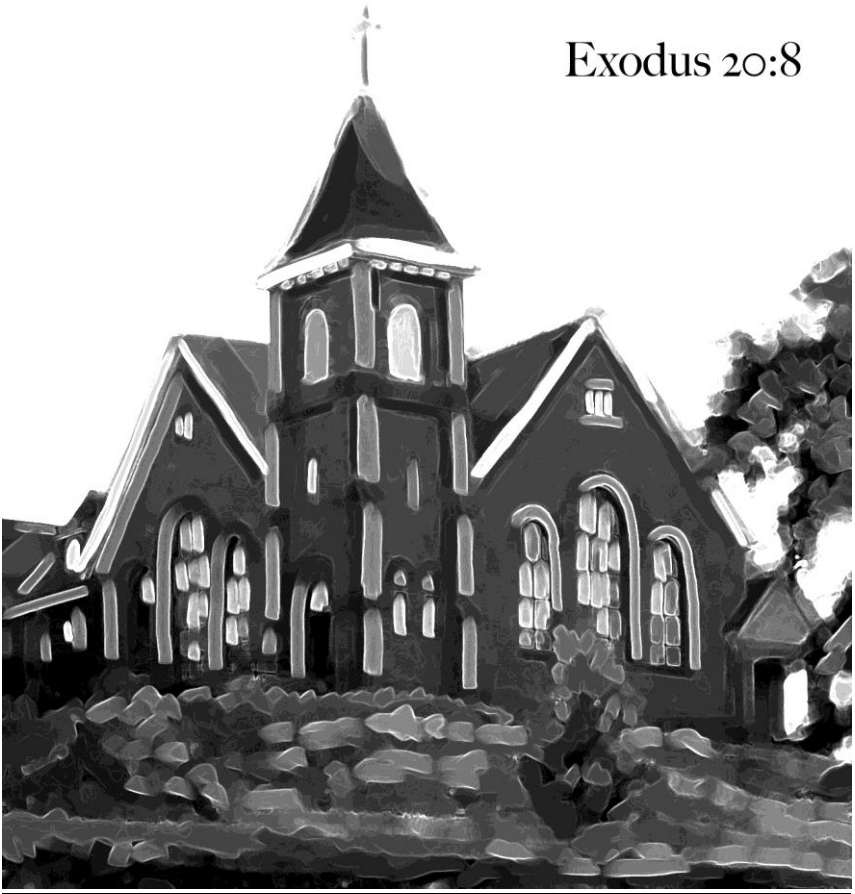


“Remember the  
SABBATH DAY by  
keeping it holy.”

Exodus 20:8



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**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**  
The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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## Service Theme

### **REST IS A GIFT, NOT SOMETHING TO BE EARNED**

Everyone thinks rest is something you earn through hard work. We even teach that to our kids: no gaming until homework is done, no playing with friends until chores are complete. Since that concept of rest being earned is so deeply engrained in us, to properly understand spiritual rest requires a top-down faith. God needs to send us the Spirit so that we can grasp this truth. True spiritual rest cannot be earned. In fact, the harder you try, the more restless and the less peaceful you become. Spiritual rest is a gift that God gives. The rest we need most—from guilt, from worry, from shame, from hopelessness—is graciously given to us by the Lord of the Sabbath.

### Hymn

*CW 406 This Is the Threefold Truth*

**1 This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends;  
And with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:**

*Refrain:*

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

**2 Made sacred by long use, new-minted for our time,  
Our liturgies sum up the hope we have in him:**

*Refrain*

**3 On this we fix our minds as, kneeling side by side,  
We take the bread and wine, take him, the Crucified:**

*Refrain*

**4 By this we are upheld when doubt or grief assails  
Our Christian faith and love, and only grace avails:**

*Refrain*

**5 This is the threefold truth which, if we hold it fast,  
Changes the world and us and brings us home at last:**

*Refrain*

## Order of Service

*Service of Word and Sacrament (CW p.26)*

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

*(CW p.27)*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C:** *(sing)* **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**C:** *(sing)*

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.**

**You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;  
you make us pure and holy in your sight.**

**You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us;  
you made your Father known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood.**

**You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(CW p.29)

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving his Word of comfort that we may find our rest in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sing) Amen.

### **1st Lesson**

Deuteronomy 5:12–15 (EHV)

*The LORD commanded that the Sabbath day be observed so that we might rest and remember all that he has done for us.*

<sup>12</sup>Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, <sup>14</sup>but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you.

<sup>15</sup>Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

**Psalm**

62 (CW p. 88)

*Refrain*

**The mighty Lord is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**My soul finds rest in God alone;\*  
my salvation comes from him.**

**He alone is my rock and my salvation;\*  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

**Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;\*  
my hope comes from him.**

*Refrain*

**Though your riches increase,\*  
do not set your heart on them.**

**My salvation and my honor depend on God;\*  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

**Trust in him at all times, O people;\*  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## Second Lesson

Colossians 2:13–17 (EHV)

*All God's commands about religious festivals and the Sabbath day were meant to point us to the spiritual rest found in Christ.*

<sup>13</sup>Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. <sup>14</sup>God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in regard to food or drink, or in regard to a festival or a New Moon or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things that were coming, but the body belongs to Christ.

## Verse of the Day

*(CW p.30)*

Alleluia. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. Alleluia. (Psalm 19:8)

**C:** *(sing)* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lesson

Mark 2:23—28 (EHV)

*The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.*

<sup>23</sup>Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?"

<sup>25</sup>He replied to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions."

<sup>27</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath."

**C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Hymn**

CW 338 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down  
Your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.**

**2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one;  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.**

**3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise  
And all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till trav'ling days are done.**



## Sermon Text & Theme

### **Mark 2:23-28 ... Celebrate the Sabbath**

1) Not as a Pharisee. 2) But as a disciple of Jesus.

### **Nicene Creed**

*(CW p.31)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Prayer of the Church**  
(CW p.32)

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### The Lord's Prayer

(CW p.32)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

### The Sacrament

(CW p.33)

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** *(sing)* **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** *(sing)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** *(sing)* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.* Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

**C:** *(sing)* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have become  
my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.**

### **Words of Institution**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

### **Distribution**

## Thanksgiving

(CW p.36)

**C:** *(sing)* **Thank the Lord and sing his praise.  
Tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear his name.  
He renews his promises and leads his people  
forth  
in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *(sing)* **Amen.**

## Blessing

(CW p.37)

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C:** *(Sing)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## Hymn

CW 329 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For the gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound!  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To your truth may we be found.

3 So whene'er the signal's given  
Us from earth to call away,  
Borne on angels' wings to heaven,  
Glad the summons to obey,  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with Christ in endless day.

## Announcements

### ***Church Cleaners:***

June 9 - Timothy // June 16 - John

### ***Summer Worship Schedule***

On Sunday, June 16, we begin following our Summer schedule with Worship starting at 9:30 am.

## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (2) 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship (with Communion)**  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**

*Pastor will be in the US from June 3-6 for District Convention. If you need to reach him during that time, please call his US number: (512) 887-8982.*

**Fr (7) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study**  
**4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)**  
**6:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship**

**Su (9) 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship (with Communion)**

**We (12) 6:00 pm "Test the Spirits" Bible Info class**

**Th (13) 6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)**

**Fr (14) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study**  
**4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)**

**Su (16) 9:30 am Worship (with Communion)**  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**



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