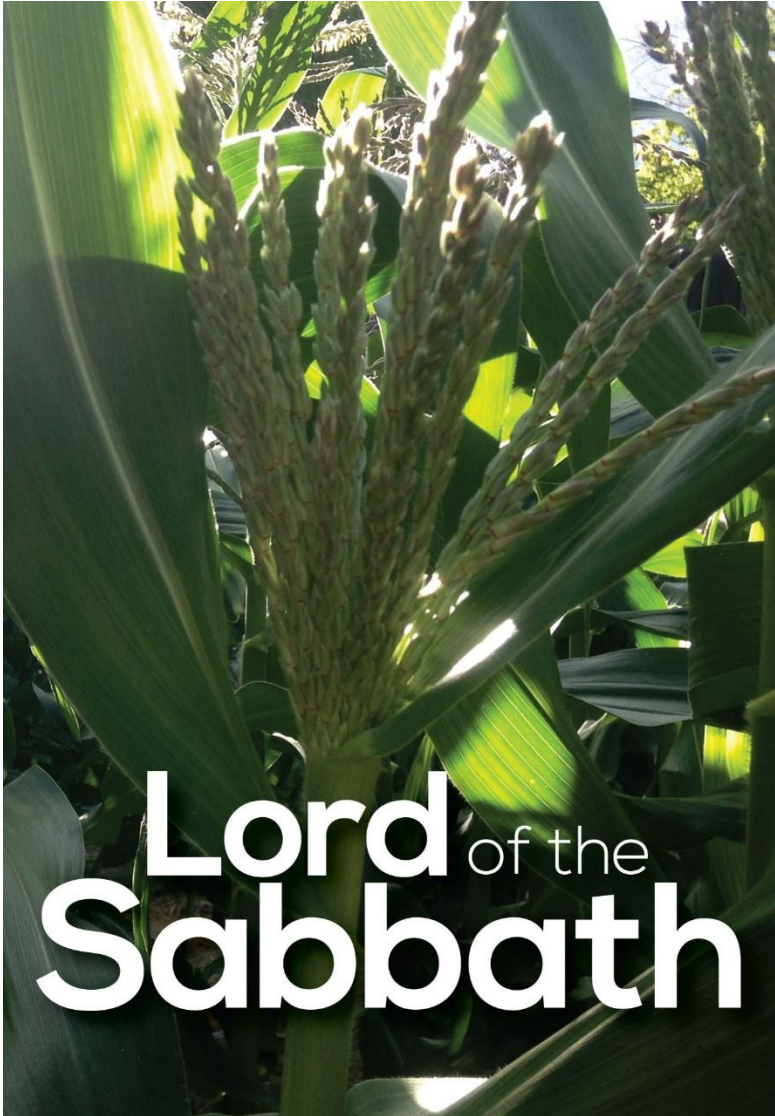


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Lord of the Sabbath



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Matthew 12:7 ⁷ "But if you had known what *this* means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.

Prayer: Dearest Father in Heaven, when You gave the Law to Your people Israel, You wanted them to see the futility of gaining eternal life by keeping the Law. Rather, You wanted them to see that salvation must come from You. For You delight in mercy more than sacrifice. Father, You have shown us abundant mercy, for this we thank You! Help us to seek mercy over sacrifice and to use our Christian liberty to show mercy and compassion to those around us. Lead and direct us by Your Son, our Lord Jesus, who offered up His life to bring us freedom and everlasting life. May our lives, through Him, honor You and show forth Your glory in all things. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening: TLH 9 O Day of Rest and Gladness vs 1-3,5

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*





C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... O Lord, we beseech You, grant Your people strength to withstand the temptations of our enemy, the Devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 – Humbleness

¹ Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. ² Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God *is* in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. ³ For a dream comes through

much activity, And a fool's voice *is known* by *his* many words. ⁴ When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For *He has* no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed-- ⁵ Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. ⁶ Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger *of God* that it *was* an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷ For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there is* also vanity. But fear God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 75 Thanksgiving for God's Deeds

- P** We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!
- C** For Your wondrous works declare *that* Your name is near.
- P** "When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly.
- C** The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly.
- P** 'I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully,' And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn.
- C** Do not lift up your horn on high; Do *not* speak with a stiff neck."
- P** For exaltation *comes* neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south.
- C** But God *is* the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.
- P** I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- C** All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, *But* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted."

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 4:9-13 – Sabbath Rest by Persevering

⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn:

WS 779 Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

Sermon

Matthew 12:1-8

¹ At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!" ³ But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴ "how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵ "Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? ⁶ "Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the temple. ⁷ "But if you had known what *this* means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ "For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

“I Will Have Mercy and not Sacrifice.”

- 1. Even when Jewish regulations were in place**
- 2. Especially now that Christian liberty has come**

Offertory: **Create in Me**
Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn: **TLH 652 I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**☩ Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction:

☩: Amen.

Hymn: **TLH 48 How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word**
Silent Prayer

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Nepal Disaster Relief:** The CLC has approved a Disaster Relief Grant to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession Nepal (HCLCN) following the severe flooding. Donations can be made to Kinship "Special Offerings (Relief Aid)" **www.lutheranmissions.org/kinship** or through your local congregation.
- **Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference:** October 5th through 8th, I'll be in Clarkston, WA for our regional fall pastoral conference.

Call News:

- Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD ***has returned the call*** to St. Paul's Lutheran in Austin, MN
- Pastor Zachary Sippert of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN ***is considering the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, Zion Lutheran in Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD ***has received the call*** from the Mission Board to be part-time missionary to Mexico.
- Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL ***has received the call*** from the Mission Board to be part-time missionary to India.
- Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in Loganville, GA and Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO ***has received the call*** to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD.
- Pastor Paul Krause of Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD and Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD ***has received the call*** to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, October 4th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, October 11th Redemption Communion Service at 9

Sunday, October 18th Redemption Sunday Service at 9