

Holy Spirit to work faith in us by the preaching of his Word; the Third Commandment has a law shell and a gospel content.

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

²⁵ He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Hymn of the Day: 193 Come, Now, Almighty King

Sermon: **Humble Messengers. Glorious Message**

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

3rd Hymn: 771 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Benediction:

Closing Hymn: 399 To God Be the Glory

Ushers: This Week – Tanner Latsch & Justin Cusack
Next Week – Zack Vogel & Alex Vogel

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St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

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We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: Pg. 15

Opening Hymn: 223 As We Begin Another Week

Prayer of the Day:

M: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

First Lesson - Deuteronomy 5:12-15

There is no greater benefit to man in the law than this: God wants us to rest so that we may remember. Remember what? Remember all that he has done for us and for our salvation! Then when the rest is over, we will be refreshed to go again to serve him in serving one another. That was the ultimate purpose of the Old Testament Sabbath day; in the New Testament we are free from the day, but not from the gift of time to rest, remember, and be refreshed for service in the coming week.

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 126 p. 113

Second Lesson - 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

This lesson is the beginning of a lectio continua for 2 Corinthians that will last six weeks. Give thanks and praise to God that he affords us time for hearing his Word, the gospel preached by the apostles and prophets in the Holy Scriptures! See how eager God is for us to hear it! He so rules over the world that in spite of the devil's rage and the

world's hatred, the gospel message of Christ our only Savior still goes forth from Sunday to Sunday; as it goes forth it still performs the miracle of creating and preserving your faith. You hear the Absolution; you receive the Benediction; you receive a full meal in the sermon and the sacrament. That's all God's design, the result of his rule and providential protection of his Word, just for you! Treasure the treasure!

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 119:105

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and light for my path. Alleluia.

Gospel - Mark 2:23-28

The Pharisees had turned even rest into a work! Jesus declares the true intent of the Sabbath law (the word Sabbath means rest). It was God's gift, not for God's benefit, but for our benefit. Its true and lasting rest is found in Christ and in his work; thus the worship of the New Testament is chiefly a worship not of doing but of receiving what God has done for us in his Word and sacraments. Even the Old Testament ceremonial law had the gift of the Sabbath as its corner stone and connecting thread; thus even details of the ceremonial law could be violated in the interests of the blessings God wanted to give to man through the law. The priest gave and David received what otherwise would have been unlawful so that David and his men could carry out the expressed will of God that David should live and eventually become king. God gives the law for our benefit; our obedience to it benefits us and our neighbor, not God. The chief benefit of the rest day for us is the opportunity it affords the