

Welcome to Worship  
St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



June 2, 2024



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

## **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *Bob Fett*  
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## **To the Glory of God**

June Altar Candles: [\*available for sign-up\*](#)  
June Bulletins: *Laura & Tony Damon*  
June Newsletters: *Laura & Tony Damon*



**The Sacrament of Baptism** – The white rose buds celebrate the baptism of Oakley Christine Hoffman and Kimber Ellen Quinn Hoffman, daughters of Brynlee Melcic and Thomas Hoffman, great-granddaughters of Carol Williams.

**North Baltimore Food Pantry June** requested donations include: instant potatoes and canned meats. Without our help, some families in our community will go without. Please give generously.

# Order of Worship

Sunday, June 2, 2024

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

*Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.*

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## GOD GATHERS US

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### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Holy Spirit." When you exhale, pray, "guide my life."*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Across the plains and the prairies,

**ALL: through gorges and valleys,**

Leader: over mountain peaks and through sunlit skies:

**ALL: God's Spirit is at work in the world.**

Leader: In our hearts,

**ALL: in our minds,**

Leader: in our hands and feet,

**ALL: God's Spirit is at work in us, too.**

Leader: So let us worship God.

### \*GATHERING HYMN #451

WE ARE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS

## **PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Leader: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Oakley Christine Hoffman and Kimber Ellen Quinn Hoffman baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

Leader: As you bring Oakley and Kimber to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the Word of God and the Holy Supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may, in time, learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Leader: Do you promise to help Oakley and Kimber grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Leader: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Oakley and Kimber in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

Leader: Will the congregation please rise. People of God, do you promise to support Oakley and Kimber and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**ALL: We do.**

## \*PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**ALL: 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.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: 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.**

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

Leader: Oakley Christine Hoffman, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Kimber Ellen Quinn Hoffman, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Oakley and Kimber with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Leader: Oakley Christine Hoffman, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Leader: Kimber Ellen Quinn Hoffman, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

# WELCOME

Leader: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Leader: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**ALL: Oakley and Kimber, you belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized. We welcome you into the body of Christ and invite you to join in the mission God gives us. As we give witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we invite you to proclaim with us the promise of eternal life.**

## \*AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: As we come to God in prayer, let us open ourselves to the presence of the Spirit, to bring our souls the freshness of mercy and grace.

*Please take a moment for personal reflection.*

Leader: Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit,

**ALL: set our hearts on fire. Burn off all that is dry and lifeless, and grow us anew. Let your Spirit dance within our spirits, uprooting us when we have been unmoved and refreshing all that is stale in our lives. Breathe on us your peace, that we will share that peace with all we meet. Hear the silent prayers of our hearts. Amen.**

## \*KYRIE HYMN #151



1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

## \*CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: God strengthens us, heals our brokenness, and gives us mercy, peace and hope. God forgives us and restores us to new life and to service, in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. **ALL: Amen.**

## \*GLORY TO GOD

SETTING 2, HYMNAL PAGE 121



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

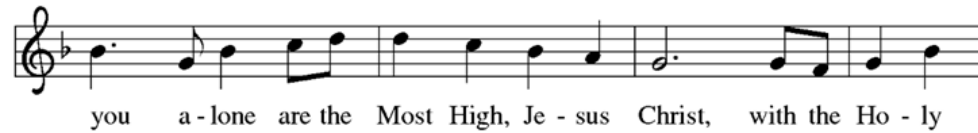


seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.





## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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# GOD SPEAKS TO US

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## FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

Reader: 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.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM READING**

*(responsively)*

Psalm 81:1-10

Reader: Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**ALL: Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.**

Reader: Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

**ALL: for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.**

Reader: 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:

**ALL: "I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

Reader: 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.

**ALL: Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

Reader: There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

**ALL: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12

Reader: 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.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 142



## \*GOSPEL READING

MARK 2:23-3:6

*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.*

Leader: The holy gospel according to Mark. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: 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.

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

*(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

## **THE MESSAGE**

### **\*HYMN OF THE DAY #773**

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

### **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer for the church, the well-being of creation, our community, ourselves, and the people of a world in need.

### **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

We pray for Lorraine, Sue, Dave, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Tony, Ron, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, Donnis, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Bob, Don, Beth, Ashley, and Pat.

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Let the Holy Spirit bring peace to your heart and let us share that peace with one other. The peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: and also with you.**

*Please share God's peace."*

## **INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS**

Leader: Lord Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer, you have set the ultimate example of sacrificial love by giving life for our salvation. We ask for grace to emulate your sacrificial love in our own lives. Grant us the capacity to give as a heartfelt act of worship and devotion to you.

## **OFFERTORY**

### **\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray.

**ALL: 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.**

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# GOD NOURISHES US

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## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: God's love binds us together. Grace comes to us through Christ Jesus. The Spirit moves among us giving us life.

**ALL: All praise to God who is holy, almighty, and merciful.**

Leader: As children of God, in baptism, we were sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**ALL: With our hearts lifted high, we give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life and sing to the God of everlasting love.

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, given to you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do in remembrance of me." **ALL: Amen**

Leader: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

**ALL: By the Spirit, we believe that Christ died for us.  
By the Spirit, we affirm that Christ was raised.  
Be the Spirit, we proclaim that Christ will come again.**

Leader: In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

## **\*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: 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**

## \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**ALL: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

## DISTRIBUTION

## \* TABLE BLESSING

Leader: Through the body, blood, and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. This is God's promise to us. May his love and mercy strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen**

## \* HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #204

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

## \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join me prayer,

**ALL: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

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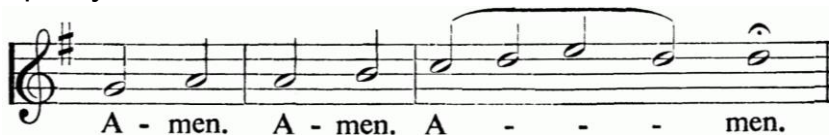
# GOD SENDS US

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## \* BLESSING

Leader: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

## \* THE AMEN



## \* SENDING HYMN #856

HOW GREAT THOU ART



# \*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

# POSTLUDE

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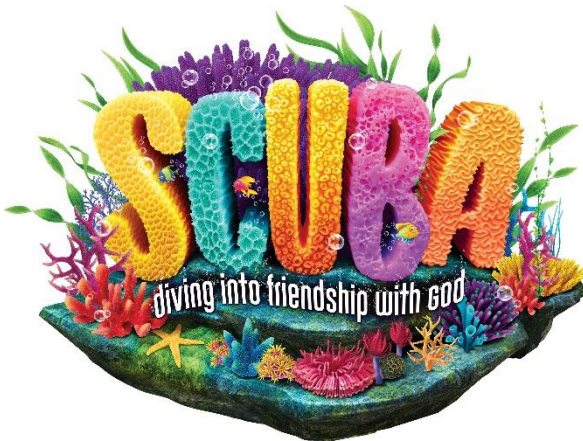
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Vacation Bible School  
Planning Meeting  
Tuesday, June 4, @ 6 p.m.  
in Luther Hall  
Dinner will be provided  
Join us as we begin preparations  
for a splashing good time at VBS  
July 21-25, 2024!  
Don't forget your snorkel!!

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**Help is needed** – if you have not been personally impacted by the



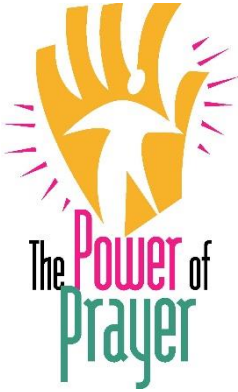
tornadoes and flooding devastating so many in our country, give thanks to God. Not only are homes, churches, and other structures being demolished, but also crops and livestock, the livelihood of many people. Lutheran Disaster Response is out and about helping to assess damages

and begin reaching out to those in need. With the number of communities devastated, money and volunteers are greatly needed. If you would like to make a financial donation you may do so through the church. Make you check out to St. Luke’s Church, mark it for tornado assistance (or “where need most”) and put it in the offering plate. If you would like to volunteer to physically help in the storm torn communities contact Lutheran Disaster Response.

<https://elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

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**Lutheran Summer Music** announces its 42nd season, offering over 30 free and open-to-the-public concerts and recitals. All events take place this July at Valparaiso University, and most will be livestreamed. Performances and services are shared by over 250 students, faculty, fellows, worship staff, and guest artists who come together to create a vibrant community of music-makers. The LSM 2024 season will culminate during Festival Week (July 21-28), featuring the LSM Festival Band, Choir, and Orchestra, a Festival of Hymns, and closing each day with sung Evening Prayer. Of special note, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) will join the LSM community and offer an intergenerational performance of J.S. Bach’s St. John Passion. Visit [LSMacademy.org/2024](https://LSMacademy.org/2024) for a full list of events and to access the livestream.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for the Sacrament of Baptism and for Oakley and Kimber. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Lorraine Ferguson, Sue & Dave Ebersole, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn

Ziegler, Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Jennifer Dochod, Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

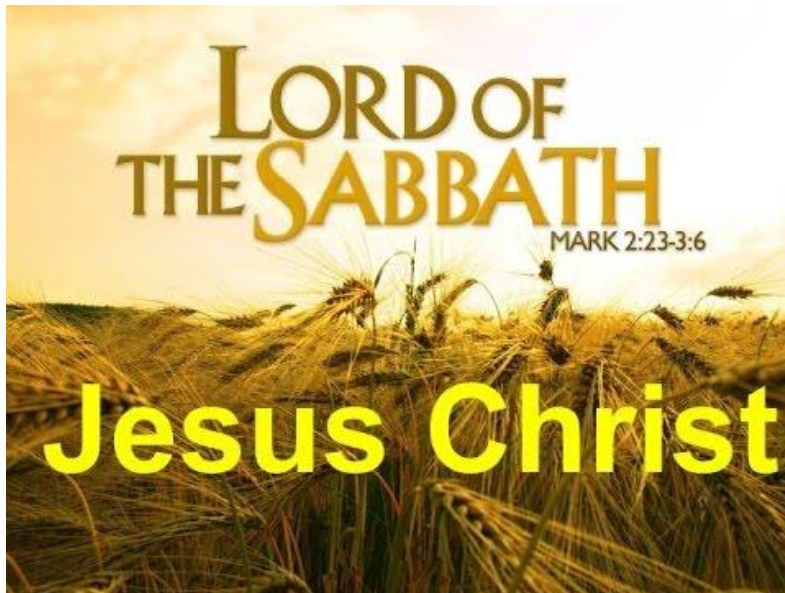
**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

  
A.S.A.P.  
always say a prayer

## Sharing the Good News – not just for Sundays!



In today's gospel Jesus tells his critics, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath." We keep our weekly sabbath, gathering for prayer and Bible study, songs of praise and petition, and fellowship with others. Just as healing the man with the withered hand was work that could not wait, so is carrying the gospel into the whole world an activity that ought not be restricted to one day a week. Welcoming these elements of our weekly worship in our daily lives helps us to remember the sabbath and share the good news with others each and every day.



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