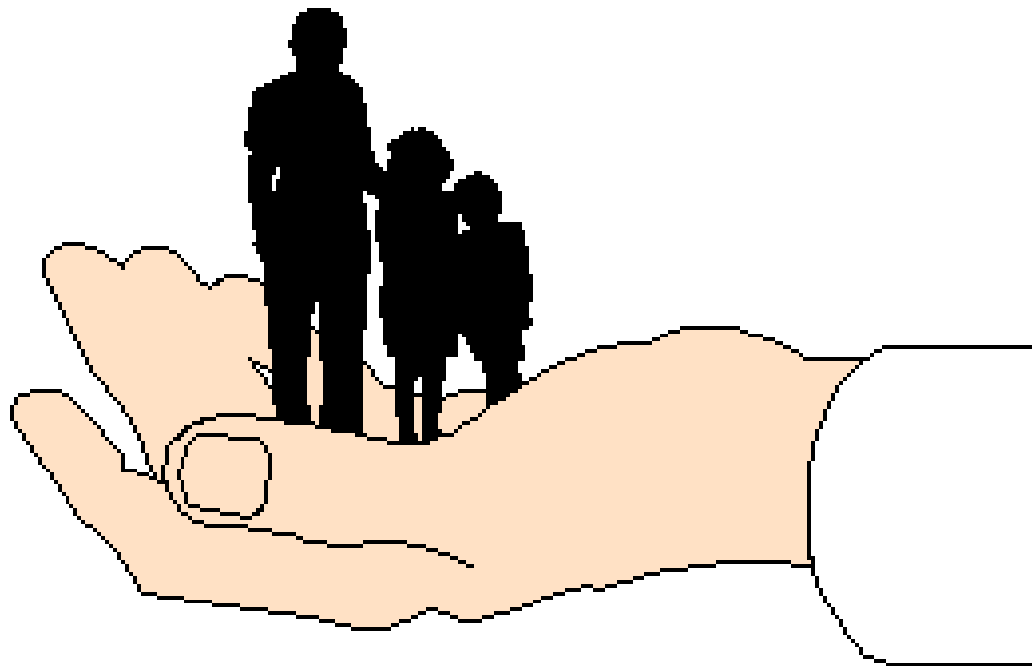


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***Holy Communion Service
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 2, 2024***

PRELUDE

played by organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 251

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit... the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

C God, our provider, **help us and forgive us. We challenge your ways when they differ from the ways of the world. We turn to our own understandings rather than trusting in you. We are not always wanting to follow your teachings and your will. Turn us again to you. Share with us your words of mercy, grace, and eternal life. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: we are given the spiritual food of forgiveness. Our Creator continues to give us our daily bread and we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough love. Through the Spirit, + we see and believe in the mercy and abundance of God. We are forgiven and loved into a life with God that has no end.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C 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.**

WE HEAR GOD’S HOLY WORD PROCLAIMED

INTRODUCTION

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.

The First Lesson is from Deuteronomy chapter 5 verses 12-15

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.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Remember 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.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 81:1-10

Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)

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

²Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.

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

⁴for this is a statute for Israel,
a law of the God of Jacob.

⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt,

where I heard a voice I did not know:

⁶"I eased your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.

⁷You 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.

⁸Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

⁹There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not worship a foreign god.

¹⁰I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

The Second Lesson is from 2 Corinthians chapter 4 verses 5-12

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.

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For 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.

⁷But 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. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For 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. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

(Congregation stands and sings "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" following the Second Reading.)

The Gospel Lesson is from Mark chapter 2 verses 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.

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

The Rev. Steve Beckham

**CHOIR ANTHEM
LEADER**

"Listen, God is Calling"
Kay Pushman

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

L ... Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

OFFERTORY

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.
C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set this table with more than enough for us all. The Lord's Table is now ready and all are welcome!

Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited by the ushers to come forward to receive Communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, Communion will be brought to you in the pew. We believe Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. Anyone with any questions may speak with the Pastor. The inside circle of glasses contains grape juice.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

C 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 as you love us. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

P The abundance of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon us now and forever. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 233

"Thy Strong Word"

DISMISSAL

P Let us go in peace as the children of God and the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

played by organist

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Organist: Sharon Heck

Flowers are given by: *No Requests.*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

<i>Presider:</i>	The Rev. Steve Beckham
<i>Communion Assistant</i>	Carmen Leslie
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sylvia Makus
<i>Reader / Prayer Leader:</i>	Kay Pushman
<i>Financial Team:</i>	Kay Pushman and Doris Weinert

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Bible Study 12:00 noon

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Communion Service

Redeemer Finance: May Offering through May 26, 2024

Budgeted Monthly Expense	\$7,308.00
Offering	<u>\$7,149.00</u>
Needed to meet budget	\$159.00

CHURCH COUNCIL

President Kay Pushman, **Vice-President** Wendy Alfageme,
Secretary Nancy Anderson, **Treasurer** Phyllis Mackey, **Finance**
Chair Doris Weinert

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Sylvia Makus, and Michael Vanvales

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, (ELCA) and Bishop John Taylor (ECUSA), the victims of the Ukrainian/Russian and Israel/Hamas conflicts, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.

Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- † Welcome to everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out a card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Everyone is invited down to the Fellowship Hall after Service for coffee, treats, and fellowship (we have tea, too!).
- † Please take a moment and fill out the attendance slip found in the rack in the pews. Please place it in the offertory plate. Thank you!
- † Please take a look at the latest update of the contact list on the table in the entryway and check that your information is correct and up to date. We are trying to do this correctly.
- † Call on Tuesdays, after 5:00 pm, for the Leisure World Bus if you are having issues with it in regards to getting to Church on Sundays. (562) 431-6586 extension 2379.
- † Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, June 5 to continue the study of Jesus' miracles. This week we will study Jesus' *Faith from the Room*, Chapter 5 of the workbook. The text is Luke 5:17-26 [also Mark 2:3-12; Matthew 9:1-8]. Pastor David Andersen will be leading the discussion. Please attend: bring friends, your Bible and book, and your lunch if you wish!
- † If you are having a little problem with hearing on Sundays, please remember that there are speakers in the ceiling light fixtures so sitting closer to one of those may help.
- † The NEW Flower Chart is available for sign-ups in the entryway. One bouquet is \$15.00. Both are \$30.00. Please include any dedication for your flower request when signing up or include a note beforehand if there is a dedication. If you take the flowers in the plastic holders, please return the holders. We try to reuse them and are currently out of them.

- ✝ Printed copies of our current newsletter are available in the entryway. It is online on our website at: www.redeemersealbeach.com. It is sent out via email, if we have your email address. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, or the midweek communiqué from the pastor, please put your email address on the attendance sheet in the pew pocket and put it in the collection plate, so we can add you or correct the address we have.
- ✝ We do keep track of attendance on a weekly basis. This is reported at the end of the year in our yearly report to the ELCA and the Synod. We thought you may be interested in knowing our attendance on a monthly basis over the year so far. This is also why we ask you to fill out the attendance slips; not just to get emails, addresses, and phone numbers.

