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WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm - Service of the Word
August 21 – September 4, 2024; WOW Mini – Series on Sabbath
AUGUST 28, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In joy and thanksgiving, we begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. (Psalm 146:2)

L: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God is faithful and just will hear us and grant us forgiveness.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

L: Eternal Father,

C: We come before you recognizing that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have failed to follow your commandments and have done what we know is contrary to your holy will. Forgive us, and grant us the joy of your saving presence again. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: In the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad! For the Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **C: Amen.**

Greeting

L: 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.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray: O God, give us times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of Your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Deuteronomy 15:1-2

“At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release.² And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release what he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not exact it of his neighbor, his brother, because the Lord's release has been proclaimed.

Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey

into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Prayers

L: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

C: **and grant us your salvation.**

L: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

C: **Let your people sing with joy.**

L: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,

C: **for only in you can we live in safety.**

L: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

C: **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

L: Let your way be known upon the earth;

C: **your saving health among all nations.**

L: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

C: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

C: and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

L: *Additional petitions offered...*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and reach us to pray:

C: 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

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall directly after the worship service.

SERVICE NOTES:

Worship Leader:

Pr. Karin Pejack

Minister of Technology:

Catherine Germann

Hospitality:

Eileen Marks

Scripture readings are English Standard Version.

This **3 Week Series on Sabbath** is from the Narrative Lectionary resource from Working Preacher associated with Luther Seminary.

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrative-lectionary/preaching-series-on-sabbath/commentary-on-deuteronomy-512-15-matthew-1128-30>

Our texts this series all touch on the underlying truth that Sabbath is God's strategy for helping us remember that God is God (and we are not), and that we are human beings, made in God's image for love and connection, (and not locked in a never-ending competition for worth and resources).

“Table Talk” at Appalachian Brewing Company (ABC), Harrisburg
Tuesday, September 8, from 5:30-7:00pm

Martin Luther enjoyed faithful and fun conversation over food and drinks. Join Pastor Karin, Todd, and Sam for informal conversation relating Christian faith to everyday topics. Participants are responsible for the purchasing of their food and drinks. [in-person only]

WOW SERIES 9/11 – 10/23: THE ART OF LIVING & DYING WELL

Based on the Book: *The Art of Dying Well* by Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621)

Robert Bellarmine, a Jesuit priest who rose to the rank of cardinal, was known for his spirit of detachment, his profound love of neighbor, and his tireless service to the Church.

Session 1 (9/11) Strive to Live Well

Session 2 (9/18) Learn to Die to the World

Session 3 (9/25) Persevere in Faith, Hope, and Charity

Session 4 (10/2) Be Ever Ready to Meet Christ (1st Wednesday COMMUNION)

Session 5 (10/9) Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Session 6 (10/16) Be Faithful to Your Baptismal Promises

Session 7 (10/23) Guard Against Sin and Resolve to Die Well

Weekly Schedule

Sunday (Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Festivals)

9:00am **Sunday School** (in-person only)

9:45am **Fellowship** (in-person only)

10:15am **Worship Service** (in-person & online)

VALIDATED PARKING FOR CHESTNUT STREET GARAGE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS.

Wednesday (Communion on the 1st Wednesday)

12:10pm **WOW, Worship On Wednesday** (in-person & online)

12:35pm **Lunch Fellowship** (in-person only)

NOTES ON DETAILS, INCLUDING PARKING, for 12:10pm WOW Services: Bulletin documents, Zoom link, and YouTube Live streaming instructions will be available at Zion’s website: www.zionharrisburg.org There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day, if you park on the street, please plan to pay for parking.

Weekly Schedule & Zoom/YouTube Information The Meeting ID and Passcode to attend our weekly online worship services on Zoom is listed are available on the church website. We also broadcast worship on our YouTube channel using YouTube Live.