

**Sun:**

**-Luke systematically investigates the person of Jesus.**

**-Begins with eyewitness accounts and testimony / And writes about his findings in letters to a "Theophilus." / A great read on how Luke, a physician, collects data to decide if Jesus is Messiah, is Michael O'Briens' Novel: "Theophilus."**

**-We've read from the Gospels of: John (7 signs to show Jesus' Divinity), Luke and Mark: About healings, exorcisms, raising the dead / Last Friday: Jesus gathers the Apostles "who as (Church)" continues His work of healing.**

**-Luke concludes we can know the law / Can trust the church in teaching the law / Jesus reads from Isaiah and professes He is filled with the Spirit of God and proclaims all Truth to all the tribes and people of God gathered who worship in His Holy name.**

**Our First Reading: Nehemiah / Ezra: After the Babylonian Exile in the (5th century) Israel is re-gathered and Jerusalem is rebuilt / Ezra Renews life and worship which is fulfilled via the Law Giver / Jesus Christ. We see the Word of God read and proclaimed / Just like in the Mass / The people Receive the Law / They weep and honor the law that has been read to them from the Torah (Bible).**

**St. Paul in his 1st Letter to the Corinthians: Reminds me of an Orchestra: Each different Instrument plays different notes "Natural" to each specific and different musical instrument, yet: one body of music is proclaimed / All the different notes played together form one beautiful symphony: Thus our (Natural Differences) embedded in the (Natural and Eternal Law of God) are for the building up of society and the Church / In our binary differences we build up the body of Christ.**

**-What does it mean to be human?**

**-The Gnostic heresy in the early church disregarded the body / Believed they possessed a Secret Knowledge / That the [Soul composed of (intellect, will)] must escape the evil body / No!!! The soul and body give information to the other / Both the Soul and Body / Make us who we are in Christ.**

**-We know God and ourselves through the body (Even through our crosses).**

**-We don't escape but should embrace our bodies and our differences.**

**-Through the 5 senses we engage the world and God through worship while in the body / And we come to know fully ourselves through the Spirit and the Body.**

**-The law gives us an identity in Jesus Christ / We become His people / The Commandments let us treat our neighbor and ourselves with respect / And we become one body / Imagine a world where (from our politicians, priests, and citizen) are people who do not lie, cheat, steal / Are honest and keep our promises and word / We do not exploit / We protect all life / And give to each according to what is due to them / which is called Justice / And Justice begins by first giving to our Creator what is justly due / Our Honor, Worship, and the treating with dignity**

**each person created “bodily: Animated by the Spirit” in the Image and Likeness of our Loving God.**

**Amen**