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Luke 10:38–42

## **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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### **A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

It is our joy to have guests visit our congregation. We pray that God would bless you during your visit with us. We encourage you to sign your name and address in the red fellowship book that will be passed out during the offering so that we have a record of your visit with us.

May God's Word fill you with peace and joy in worship today.

### **AS WE GATHER**

Our prayers are filled with "just one more thing" that we ask of God. Crowded into the prayers of God's people are the manifold concerns and burdens of this mortal life. But from another perspective, it is not one more thing but one thing only. In the Gospel for today, we see the contrast between the many things occupying the attention and creating stress upon Martha and the one thing needful, which her sister, Mary, has recognized. It is this one thing to which we are called today, and it is the key to finding our way through the stresses, burdens, and concerns that complicate our lives of faith.

### **PRE-SERVICE PRAYER**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

## PREPARATION

**OPENING HYMN**     "Praise Be To Christ"    LSB 538

### INVOCATION

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

Elder: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Elder: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Elder: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Elder: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## WORD

### KYRIE

Elder: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:                Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People:                Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People:                Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People:                Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People:                Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE "Thy Word Is A Lamp" LSB 973

*Refrain*



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My




Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

*Refrain*



Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elder: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Elder: Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 18:1-14 (The Lord promises a son.)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine

flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Colossians 1:21–29* (Mysteries long hidden but now revealed in Christ.)

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

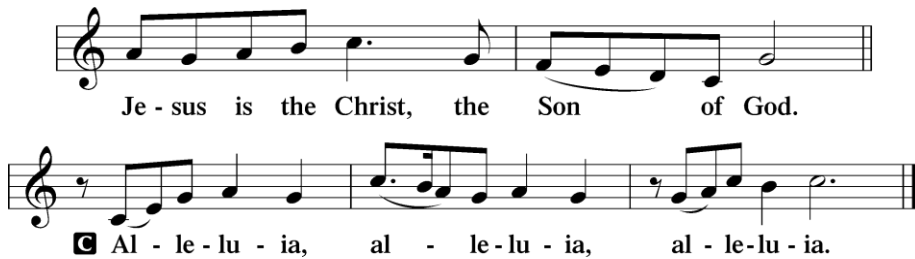
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Luke 10:38–42*    (The one thing needful.)

Elder: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH    THE THIRD ARTICLE    *Sanctification***

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Elder: What does this mean?

**People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    "One Thing's Needful"    *LSB 536*

**SERMON**

## OFFERING

**Luke 10:40b – “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?”** Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt that she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act!

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Elder: Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of all people and especially for the people of God and the saints in this place.

For the Lord to grant us the wisdom of faith to choose the one thing needful amid all that competes for our attention and loyalty, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the Lord to grant us knowledge of the mystery long hidden and revealed in Christ, that we may rejoice in our own salvation and be bearers of this Good News to the world at large, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For loving hearts, patience, and compassion, that we not speak harshly but with kindness, putting the best construction on all things, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For hospitality, that our homes be places of love and that our churches welcome new people with genuine affection in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For all pastors and church workers, that by their example they encourage us all to faithfulness and compassion, as the Lord has shown to us, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For peace among the nations, for an end to violence and hate, and for responsible leaders in government who will hearken to the voice of God's Word and serve us with justice and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, especially those we now name before the Lord in our hearts [*silence*], that God answer them with mercy, heal them in accordance with His will, and bring them to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For repentant hearts that we acknowledge God's goodness, offer Him thanks and praise, and use His gifts for the good of our neighbor, those in our care, and for the glory of His name, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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**

Elder: The blessing of God—our joyful, heavenly Father; His loving Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the enlivening Holy Spirit—be with you, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Elder: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN**    "When Peace, Like A River"    *LSB 763*