Opening Prayer: Lord Jesus, in Your earthly ministry You were loved and served by devoted women, including Mary and Martha in whose home You enjoyed rest and refreshment. Give us grace to recognize and affirm the varied and singular gifts You bestow on women that Your Kingdom may be extended, Your Church enriched, and Your people lovingly served to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (LSB page 307)

Woman in the Crowd

Jesus had just cast out a demon from a mute man and was answering accusations that He used the power of the devil to do it. Immediately following this, a woman calls out to Him from the crowd gathered around. Luke is the only Gospel that records her one sentence; therefore, it deserves our first consideration.

Read Luke 11:27–28. What do you think caused this woman to randomly cry out?

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Do you think this was the kind of thing that happened often? ______________

Why would she bless Jesus’ mother? ____________________________________

___________________________________________________________________

Whom did Jesus consider to be His mother? Matthew 12:49–50 _____________

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Did Jesus rebuke the woman for her outburst? ____________ What did He do?

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Why would Jesus not want someone to give a blessing to His mother? ________

___________________________________________________________________

What was He emphasizing by this comment? _____________________________

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What blessings do we receive from hearing the Word of God? ________________

___________________________________________________________________

What do you think her reaction might have been to Jesus’ reply? What would yours be? ____________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________

Do you think Jesus knew the woman’s name (see Jeremiah 1:4–5)? ____________

Closing Prayer: Lord, help me not only to hear Your Word but, also to keep it in a pure heart and thereby produce a fruitful life of service. Guide my words that they may draw attention to You and not to myself. In Your Name. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Sing or say together one or more verses of “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” (LSB #900; LW #182; TLH #114).