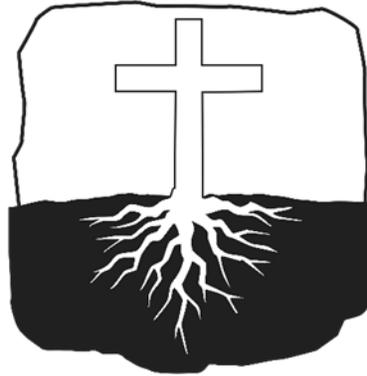


Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19-20, 2025



This Sunday's theme focuses on the Word of God. The Introit compares God's Word to a lamp and light for our darkened way. The Collect asks for God's Spirit that we may hear His Word. In the Epistle, Paul makes clear that he is a minister making the Word of God fully known, the mystery that is Christ. The Gradual draws attention to those who preach God's Word. And the Gospel provides the familiar account of Jesus visiting Mary and Martha. Mary chooses the good portion of listening to the Word of Christ. In the preceding chapters of Genesis, we see Abram and Lot, together with their families, servants, and flocks, settling in Canaan. Because their possessions were great, they had to separate, and Lot chose the area of the Jordan valley near Sodom. When neighboring kings attacked Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot was taken captive, but Abram rescued Lot and returned the possessions of the fallen cities. God then appeared to Abram and made a covenant with him, promising that he would be blessed with offspring as numerous as the stars. Abram believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness. He was also told that his offspring would become servants in a foreign land, but they would then return to this promised land. Abram's wife, Sarai, was barren and, wanting a child, gave Abram her servant Hagar, who conceived and bore him Ishmael. This was not the child of promise, and his birth caused considerable tension. When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him to make another covenant, which involved changing his name to Abraham, changing Sarai's name to Sarah, and giving him circumcision for all males eight days old. God promised that in a year, Sarah would bear the child of promise.

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Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we

KNOW Jesus and one another,

GROW to be more like Him and

SOW His love in Word and deed.



PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

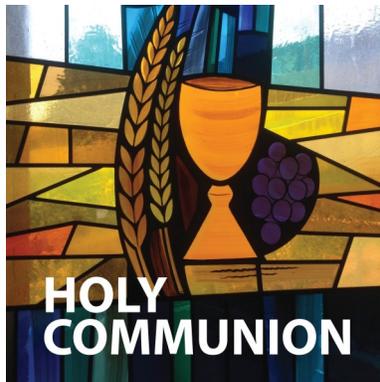
The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord's Supper and have made my confirmation of faith. *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Romans 3:21-24*
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ's body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
6. If possible, so far as it depends on me, I seek to live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:17-19*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God's promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

If you unreservedly agree with the seven points above, you are invited to come to the Lord's Supper. If you do not agree with one or more of the seven points, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion lest you sin against the body and blood of the Lord. If you agree with the seven points above but are not a member of St. John's, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and invite you to give prayerful consideration to joining our partnership in the Gospel. You are encouraged to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing regarding any point(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the process of joining St. John's.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers: A gluten-free communion wafer option is now available for those who are allergic. They are located in the brass cup in the middle of the communion plate.

Communion Wine: For those who have health related, or other issues with drinking alcohol, please take the purple individual communion cup. It contains all water with one drop of wine.



Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Worship Services

Divine Service Setting Three – LSB pg. 184

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

“God’s Word Gets the Last Laugh” - Genesis 18:1–10a

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WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **OPENING SONG** **“Great Is The Lord”**

Great is the Lord! He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord! He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!

Great is the Lord! Now lift up your voice! Now lift up your voice! Great is the Lord!

Great are You Lord and worthy of glory! Great are You Lord and worthy of praise!

Great are You Lord, I lift up my voice! I lift up my voice! Great are You Lord!

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!

Great is the Lord! Now lift up your voice! Now lift up your voice! Great is the Lord!

Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord! Great are You Lord!

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(Sun. 9 a.m.) **OPENING HYMN** **“In Thee Is Gladness”**

LSB 818

INVOCATION/CONFESSION OF SIN – LSB pg. 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

[Today’s Bible readings are found on page 12 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 18:1-10a*

EPISTLE READING: *Colossians 1:21-29*

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **ALLELUIA**

LSB 190

☪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 10: 38-42*

NICENE CREED

LSB 191

☪ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very

God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **SERMON SONG** **“To God Be the Glory”**

To God be the glory great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son!

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the life gate that all may go in!
Praise the Lord praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and
give Him the glory great things He has done!

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood to every believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes that moment from Jesus a pardon receives!
Praise the Lord praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and
give Him the glory great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us! Great things He has done!
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son!

But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder our transport when Jesus we see!
Praise the Lord praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
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SERMON: “God’s Word Gets the Last Laugh” - Genesis 18:1-10a

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **OFFERTORY**

LSB 192

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P . . . let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.”



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – LSB pg. 194

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 2 of this worship program]

PREFACE LSB 194

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **SANCTUS** LSB 195

LORD’S PRAYER LSB 196

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD LSB 197

PAX DOMINI LSB 197

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **AGNUS DEI** LSB 198

DISTRIBUTION LSB 199

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **Communion Solo, “Lord of Eternity”** (by Fernando Ortega)

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”** LSB 620

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”** LSB 636

DISMISSAL

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **NUNC DIMITTIS** LSB 199

THANKSGIVING LSB 200

BENEDICAMUS LSB 202

BENEDICTION LSB 202

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **CLOSING SONG** **“He Is Able”**

He is able more than able to accomplish what concerns me today
He is able more than able to handle anything that comes my way
He is able more than able to do much more than I could ever dream
He is able more than able to make me what He wants me to be

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(Sun. 9 a.m.) **CLOSING HYMN** **“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”** LSB 854



The **LORD** **appeared to him**
by the **oaks of Mamre**, as he
sat at the door of his tent
in the **heat of the day.**

Genesis 18:1, ESV

Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

“God’s Word Gets the Last Laugh” - Genesis 18:1–10a

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Preservice Music

Welcome & Time of Greeting

Invocation

P *We praise the Lord for His everlasting love, unfailing mercies, and His great goodness!*

C **The Lord is good to us.**

P *He is indeed the Great, the Mighty, the Awesome God!*

Opening Prayer

Time of Praise and Worship

“Great Is The Lord”

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Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P *Lord Jesus Christ, You came to this earth as a man and demonstrated how to pray. We confess that we neglect spending time alone with You in prayer.*

C **We confess that we prioritize everything else before sitting at Your feet.**

P *We have lived for ourselves apart from You.*

C **We have soothed the pain in our souls with temporary remedies that leave us searching for more.**

P *You, Jesus, are the one thing we need to live. Forgive us of our sin.*

C **Have mercy on us, O God. Transform us by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we pray, Amen.**

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† We Hear God's Word †

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Holy Gospel: *Luke 10:38-42*

Message: "God's Word Gets the Last Laugh" - *Genesis 18:1-10a*

† We Respond to God's Word †

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

† We Pray †

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offerings of Our Time, Talents & Treasures

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.”



† We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

We Prepare (7 Points of Preparation found on page 2 of this worship program)

Words of Institution

Distribution Song: Communion Solo, “Lord of Eternity” (by *Fernando Ortega*)

Dismissal Blessing

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

“He Is Able”

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I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.

Genesis 18:10, ESV



NOTES AND NEWS

St. John's Church & School Picnic

August 17th

Lunch and games following 11 am service

Last names beginning A-N bring a side dish
O-Z bring a dessert

Adult Softball Game

To volunteer or sign up for the softball team scan here



Singing the promise of God's hope and love!

The Scioto Ridge Boys IN CONCERT!



Mark Snider Barry Weaver Bob Houston Bob Joseph

St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday, August 3, 2025 - 2 PM

12809 State Route 736, Marysville, OH 43040

Sponsored by the Golden Eagles Senior Ministry of St. John's and St. Paul Churches. Ice Cream Social and fellowship will follow the concert. All are welcome!

Free will donations will support the Food Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to benefit seminary students and their families

To God be the Glory!

Soar on Wings God has Made for You

Golden Eagles

WHO ARE THE GOLDEN EAGLES?

The Golden Eagles are a Senior Ministry which serves both St. John's and St. Paul Lutheran Church congregations! Our mission is to **KNOW, GROW and SOW** the love of Christ by sharing activities and programs within our church and community that encourage learning, sharing and serving others! We love to travel and explore God's creation together, but we're not just about travel! In each activity, we strive to include opportunities to broaden our horizons and share our faith with those we encounter along the way! If you are 55 or older... (or you just like hanging out with older folks!), we invite you to join us as we continue to grow in our faith and service to our Lord! Below you will find information about what we have coming up this summer and fall! You can find news about our activities and programs weekly in The Notes & News, or contact Jeff or Carol Reinhard at (614-560-5085), or reach out to us at jcreinhard@yahoo.com.

COMING UP:

- * **The Scioto Ridge Boys Concert and Ice Cream Social!** Sunday, August 3rd - 2:00 pm in the school gym!
- * **Pennsylvania Heritage Tour - September 9 - 11, 2025!** Find the complete itinerary and pricing for this four-day three-night trip in the Marie Pfarr room!
- * **The Texas Tenors!** Live and in concert at the Marion Palace Theater. Full details and pricing available soon!

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

Welcome to St. John's! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. We ask if you are a visitor, please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

The Lutheran Hour: To find the Lutheran Hour go to www.lhm.org and search the Lutheran Hour Broadcast Guide, and enter your zip code or state to get a list of local radio channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

Valet Parking is available at the 9:00 am service. Contact Charlie Fisher at 614-370-5495 (call or text) or email clfpfg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of **Doug and Patti Doellinger** on July 19th -- all to the Glory of God.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S JULY 20-27, 2025

TODAY 07/20/25	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service: Communion Live Streamed
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study Youth & Children Sunday School
TUESDAY	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	7:00 pm	Board of Elders and Board of Education Meetings/Heritage House
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	ACES/Youth House
THURSDAY	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:30 pm	Ladies Evening Bible Study/Youth House
FRIDAY	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
SATURDAY	6:00 pm	Saturday Worship Service
SUNDAY 07/27/25	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service: Live Streamed
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	Stephen Ministry Group Meeting/Heritage House
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	1:30 pm	Quarterly Voter's Meeting/Gym

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Spring-Summer Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-6th Grades—Meet together in the gym for opening songs, and then move to school classrooms.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Will start back up after Labor Day. Please join the High School Youth in the Youth House for the summer.

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft).
Topic - "Unshakable" by Donna Snow. This study focuses on 8 men and women in the Bible whom God shook to the core, and then used to point people to the hope of salvation.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE
CANCELLED SEPTEMBER 7.**

If you have questions, please contact the Sunday School Superintendent,
Amanda Moore at
sundayschool@sjsmarysville.org



The Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held **Sunday, July 27**, at 1:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please consider attending this meeting to become a voting member. If you would like additional information on voting membership, please pick up a pamphlet located in the Marie Pfarr Room literature racks.



Weekly Worship Bible Readings

We have provided next weekends Bible readings for those of you who would like to read and study the Word ahead of next weekends worship services:

July 26-27, 2025

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 18:20-33*

Epistle Reading: *Colossians 2:6-19*

Holy Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:1-13*

Weekly Church Attendance

6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

7/12 & 7/13: 296

Congregational Tithe—1st Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2025-26

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;
VBS - 20%; Armed Forces Ministry - 10%;
Lutheran Hour - 10%; LWLM - 10%



NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Those who are visiting with us today, please feel free to take a blue visitor "welcome" bag located in the back of church or on the tables in the gym at 11:00 am worship service.

Weekly Notes & News Deadline

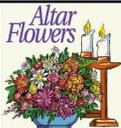
Please submit articles by no later than Tuesday at noon to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary. Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org

St. John's Lutheran Church and School Volunteer Opportunities

Scan code for opportunities



To see available opportunities go to <https://www.sjsmarysville.org/volunteers/>



ALTAR FLOWER 2025 AVAILABLE DATES

The Flower Committee has these open dates available for altar flowers through December. The following dates are available through the end of this year:

August 3	September 14	October 12	November 16
August 17	September 21	October 19	November 30

If anyone would like to place flowers on the altar, please contact Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 to reserve a date.

Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend.



Ladies Aid – Back to School Backpacks!

Back to school is right around the corner so let's help the kids! At our Ladies Aid meeting on August 7th we are planning to fill the backpacks for the Milford Center Pantry. The backpacks are provided, but we are in a need of the following donations: Crayons, Dry Erase Markers, Sharpened Pencils, Gluesticks, Pink Erasers, Composition Notebooks, Colored Markers, Highlighters, Black Sharpie Markers, Post-It's, Blue/Black Pens, Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper (loose). There will be marked boxes located in the Marie Pfarr Room to collect items. We appreciate your donations! Thank you!

The Ladies Aid Executive Committee



"Taste of Stephen Ministry"

Please join us this summer for a "Taste of Stephen Ministry." Our classes are informative and interactive.

The following classes are at the Heritage House:

- Monday, July 28, 5:30 pm: Major Medical Crisis - Part 1
 - Sunday, Aug. 10, 10 am: Major Medical Crisis - Part 2
 - Monday, Aug. 25, 5:30 pm: Dealing with Aging - Part 1 (this is very popular)
 - Sunday, Sept. 14, 10 am: Dealing with Aging - Part 2
- Drop ins are welcome. We encourage folks to RSVP for supplemental readings.

More information: Marie Van Gorden 614-736-7162



Our Next Church Pictorial Directory is here!

Sign-up to have your family photo taken to include in the directory!

Photography will take place in the Heritage House Wednesday, August 13th thru Saturday, August 16th. Wednesday-Friday photos will take place from 2p-8:30p and Saturday from 10a-4p.

You can sign up by going to www.ucdir.com, click the red 'photography session sign-up' button, login with church code 'oh2860' and password 'photos'. From there you will see the dates and times available. In-person sign ups start this Sunday in the Marie Pfarr Room or Gym before and after each service. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo, as well as a printed directory. New this time, we'll also have a directory app. Our directory won't be complete without you!

For questions or help signing up, please call or text Laura Zeiler at 913-549-0057.

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 18:1-10a*

Abraham's supernatural encounter with three men near his tent changed his life forever. The Lord spoke to Abraham a prophecy that his barren and aged wife, Sarah, would bear a child.

Upon hearing this, Sarah broke out into laughter.

¹ 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. ² 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 ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ 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." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ 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. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *Colossians 1:21-29*

We have been reconciled to God through the physical death and resurrection of Jesus Christ so that we are no longer alienated from God but are holy in His sight.

²¹ You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² 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, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ 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, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **Alleluia**

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: *Luke 10:38-42*

Sisters, Mary and Martha, opened their home to the Lord Jesus. While Martha was busy preparing for her special guest, Mary was sitting at His feet listening to all Jesus said. Martha felt upset and asked the Lord to tell Mary to help her with the work, but Jesus described the true problem. Hospitality is important, but unless Jesus is the center of our lives, we truly have nothing to share with our guests.

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ 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." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.