



MARY AND MARTHA

Luke 10:38-42



First Lutheran Church

July 20, 2025

Pentecost 6

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LAUDES DOMINI

Edward G. Mead

Fantasia on When Morning Gilds the Skies

GATHERING

(Please stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
 but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
 but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
 but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

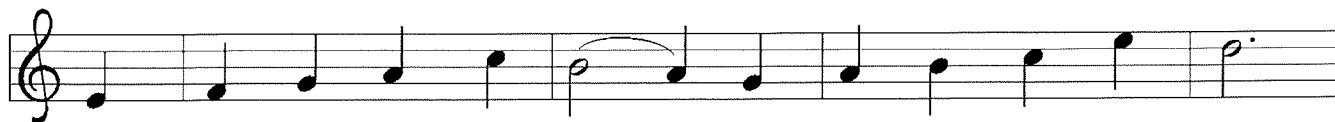
**In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
 and show us the path of life.**

Amen.

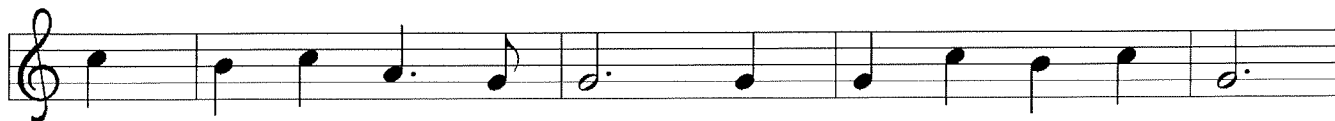
P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith.
In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
 your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

GREETING

P: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest.
Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

GENESIS 18:1-10

R: A reading from Genesis, the eighteenth chapter.

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little 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 hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 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 your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

R: A reading from Colossians, the first chapter.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace

through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been 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 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Cantor will sing the verse: Blessed are those who hold the word fast in honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance. (Luke 8:15)

GOSPEL

LUKE 10:38-42

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.



³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The gospel of the Lord.



(Please be seated)

REFLECTION

REVEREND MARK SCHURING

(Please stand)

Martha and Mary

1 There was a lit - tle house in Beth - a - ny
 2 So Ma - ry loved to sit at Je - sus feet
 3 So ev - 'ry time that Je - sus came to town

where Je - sus loved to rest a - while,
 and lis - ten to his stor - ies well,
 he stayed with them in Beth - a - ny;

Down the road from old Je - ru - sa - lem,
 Mar - tha was a ve = ry good cook it seems,
 They're the kind of friends we all shoud have

and may - be just a cou = ple of miles.
 and Laz - ar - us had things to sell.
 some - one to keep us com - pa - ny.

There was Mar - tha and Ma - ry,
 and gen - tle bro - ther Laz - ar - us.

Je - sus loved them so dear - ly they
 brought him lots of hap - pi - ness.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray
for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

L: Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your
words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment,
that your word may be more fully known.

Each petition concludes:

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

BRYN CALFARIA

Edwin T. Childs

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

(Please stand)

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain especially . . .

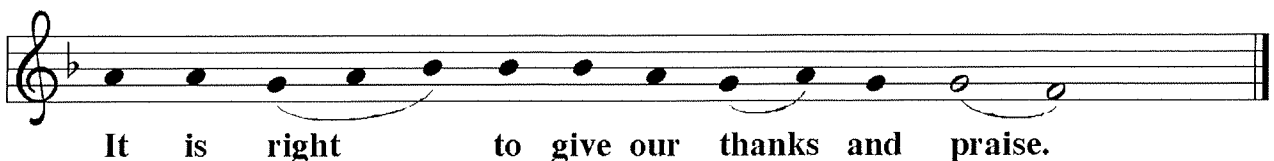
P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *the preface for the day, concluding:*
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

Communion is distributed in two manners

† *You may commune in your pews.*

Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

*The presiding minister will share a blessing,
all communing in-place will commune together.*

† *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

ELW # 475

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -
2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of
3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en
got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -
old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels
all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -
rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -
fend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -
hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -
min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -
san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.
ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

(Please stand)

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: O God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness
you have shown us through the years,
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.

We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
as we align with your will, and servant or servants
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry
and our future.
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

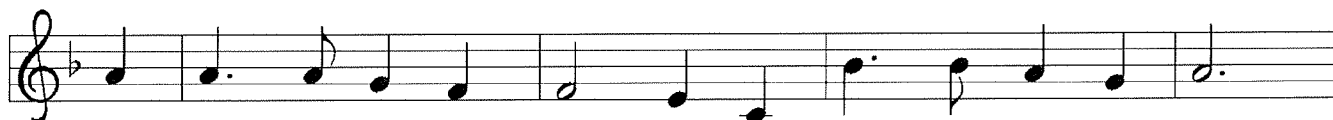
P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ
fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.



SENDING SONG

ELW # 535

O Savior, Precious Savior



- 1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
- 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
- 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

David N. Johnson

Processional in Eb Major

Events in Review

Sunday **July 20**

10:00AM Church Service

Monday **July 21**

10:00AM Bible Study at Willows

1:30PM Bookworms

Thursday **July 24**

1:00 PM WOFB

Next Week

Sunday **July 27**

10:00AM Church Service

Monday **July 28**

10:00AM No Bible Study



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



Group Prayer Meetings

The Sisters at St. Francis have invited the members of our church to a Monthly Prayer Hour being held every 4th

Thursday of the Month beginning July 24th through October 23. This will start at 7pm at the Sisters of St. Francis Convent Chapel located at 200 St. Francis Avenue.

Any questions you can call 419 447-0435

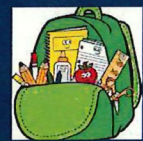


Lawn Mower for the Week



Pete Meyers

School Supply Collection will be starting



WOFB
July 24th
starting at 1 pm



Bookworms will be meeting Monday,
July 21st at 1:30 pm

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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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PRAYER *Hours*

Starting Thursday,
July 24th at 7:00
pm the Sisters at
St. Francis are
initiating a series of
monthly Prayer
Hours with area
people of faith.
Anyone who would
like to come
together to pray
and HOPE together
for the sake of the
many people who
are suffering in our
country.

This will be held at
the Sisters of St.
Francis Convent
Chapel located at
200 St. Francis Ave.

Contact us at
419-447-0435 if
you have any
questions.

JULY
24 WELCOMING THE
STRANGER

AUG.
25 FEEDING THE
HUNGRY

SEPT.
25 BEING
PEACEMAKERS

OCT.
23 RESPECT FOR ALL
CREATION

