

*Martha
welcomed
Jesus
into her
home*

LUKE 10:38



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“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE: *Two Antiphons* – Marcel Dupré

*Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Please be seated or kneel if able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **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.

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.
Amen.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN #853: When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

GLORIA (*Glory Be to God in Heaven*)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation responds: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15 *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against
the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28 (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42 (*printed on back cover*)

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Vicar Philip J. Supeck

Silence is maintained for reflection after the sermon.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #419: For All the Faithful Women KUORTANE

(Please sing stanza 7 as the second stanza.)

APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

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 or be seated.

PRAYERS

*Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.***

Please remain seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

DUET: *Give Me Jesus* – Traditional Spiritual

Cheri Kurtz & Patti Stripling, soloists

As the offering is presented, the congregation stands to sing the offertory hymn.

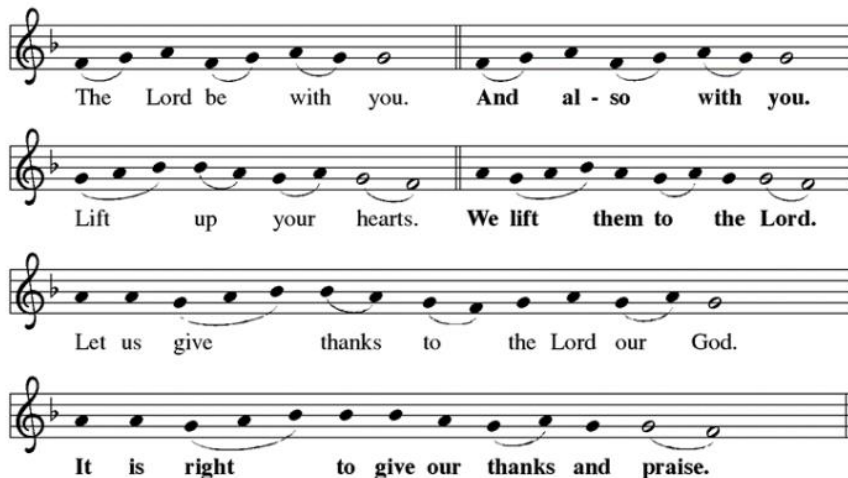
OFFERTORY HYMN #695: *As Saints of Old* FOREST GREEN

(stanzas 2 & 3)

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. 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. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS (*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*)

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The congregation responds: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray...

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.

FRACTION

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

Blessed are all invited to His feast.

AGNUS DEI (*O Lamb of God*)

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COMMUNION

*The congregation is seated. The ushers will dismiss the assembly for communion. All are welcome to receive communion. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the rail should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.***

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift of faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

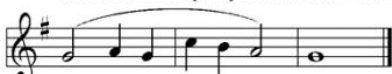
BLESSING



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.



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HYMN #636: *How Small Our Span of Life* KINGSFOLD

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Toccata in E Minor* – Johann Pachelbel

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FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

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. ²He 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. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let 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." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then 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.

⁹They 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."

Psalm 15

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided 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 servant of this gospel.

²⁴I 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. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To 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. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But 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." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11:1-13.

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