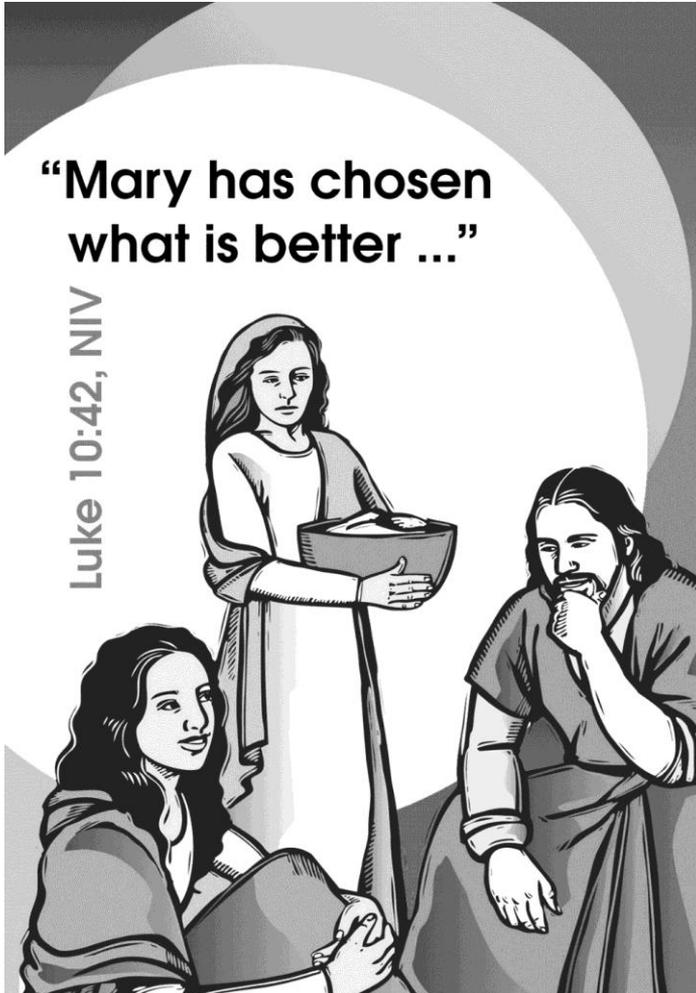




OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6th Sunday after Pentecost – July 24, 2022



Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Our Savior's on this Sixth Sunday of Pentecost! In our Gospel readings we have been going through Chapter 10 of Luke, sometimes called the "travel narrative", when Jesus resolves to journey to Jerusalem for his final Passover celebration. One important stop on this journey is in the home of Martha and Mary, two women who invite Jesus into their home. Jesus teaches them and us about Christian service, especially about the service that Jesus brings to us!

Prayer Before Worship

Dear Lord Jesus, come to us today and serve us with your Word, that we may be strengthened and refreshed by the Gospel. Send the Holy Spirit to focus us on your gifts of grace, our forgiveness won for us by you on the cross, sealed to us through our Baptisms, and renewed every week through the Word and Sacrament.

WELS Connection

This month's "WELS Connection" video features Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, Minn. MLC is dedicated to minimizing the college debt of its students so they can focus on lives of service. Learn how we can all be a part of helping the next generation of called works in this way.

Serving You in Worship

- Minister – Vicar Sam Helwig
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Ushers – Tim & Ellen Heil
(*Next Sunday – Phil Brost, Travis Kurth*)

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Our Worship

WELS Connection

Opening Hymn

CW 919

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at your Word
 we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 now to seek and love and fear you,
by your teachings, sweet and holy,
drawn from earth to love you solely.

- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
 lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks our night
 with the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
you must work all good within us.

- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
 Light from Light, from God proceeding,
open now our heart and mind;
 help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your Church now raises;
hear and bless our prayers and praises.

- 4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
 confident of our salvation,
while we here below must wander,
till we sing your praises yonder.

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession & Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

First Reading

Genesis 18:1–14

The Lord serves Sarah with what she needed – a strengthened faith

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prays that God would serve the Colossians through the gospel

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

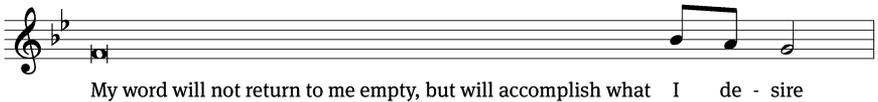
Isaiah 55:11



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

Martha served Jesus, and Mary was served by Jesus

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

CW 913

- 1 Come away from rush and hurry
 to the stillness of God's peace;
 from our vain ambition's worry,
 come to Christ to find release.
 Come away from noise and clamor,
 life's demands and frenzied pace;
 come to join the people gathered
 here to seek and find God's grace.

- 2 In the pastures of God's goodness
 we lie down to rest our soul.
 From the waters of God's mercy
 we drink deeply, are made whole.
 At the table of God's presence
 all the saints are richly fed.
 With the oil of God's anointing
 into service we are led.

- 3 Come, then, children, with your burdens—
 life's confusions, fears, and pain.
 Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
 take instead his kingdom's reign.
 Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—
 he alone will satisfy.
 All our longings find attainment
 when to self we gladly die.

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Sermon

Luke 10:38-42

The Better Part

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Be seated

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 925

- 1 On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone
to make it spring and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise
and you alone shall have the praise!

- 2 To you our wants are known;
from you are all our pow'rs.
Accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
and to your Word a blessing give.

- 3 O grant that each of us
now met before you here
may meet together thus
when you and yours appear
and follow you to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

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***Thank you for worshiping with us!
May God richly bless your week.***

Serving the Pastoral Vacancy

Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is pastorm@mysaintpeter.org.

Divine Call News

Our congregation has issued a divine call to Rev. Benjamin Wessel, who is currently serving at Woodlawn Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI. Please keep him, his wife, and both of our congregations in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve our Lord.

Under The Lord's Tender Care

Let's remember in our prayers Harold Goede, who served as principal and upper grades teacher at Our Savior's Lutheran School many years ago. Harold, now in his 90s and living in Milwaukee, has failing health. May the Lord keep him strong in saving faith until life eternal in heaven!

School Custodian Position

We are searching for a new school custodian to begin working by mid-August. The position is part time. Please speak with Dan Hoenecke for more information. We thank Dave Schultz for his service to our school.

Elephant Ear Stand

Our Savior's School volunteers will work at the Noon Optimist's Elephant Ear stand. In past years this has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school. It can be hot at times, but the fellowship makes it a fun experience. And the elephant ears are delicious, of course!

We need volunteers! If you're willing to help us on Friday or Saturday, August 5 or 6, please contact Beth Krohn at 715.216.9350. Open time slots are 10:30-3, 3-7, 7-close each day.

Our Savior's School Registration

We're gearing up for another school year! Our school registration date is Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. If this date and time do not work for you, please contact the school to set up a registration time prior to Aug. 10.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ

Today	9:00 AM	Worship <i>WELS Connection</i>
Sunday 7/31	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: July 17, 2022

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$5,093.00	\$50.00	\$135.00	\$38.00	\$1,060.00
<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>WELS Scholarship</u>		
\$25.00	\$15.00	\$30.00		

Attendance: Sunday, July 17 – 75 online – 35 Total = 110



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