

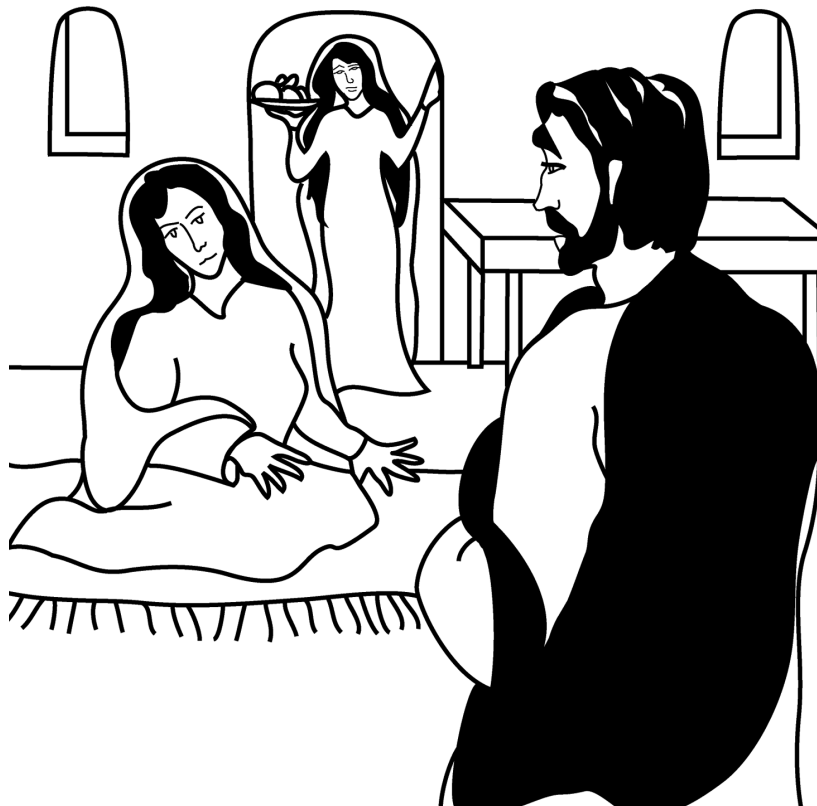


Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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6th Sunday after Pentecost



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

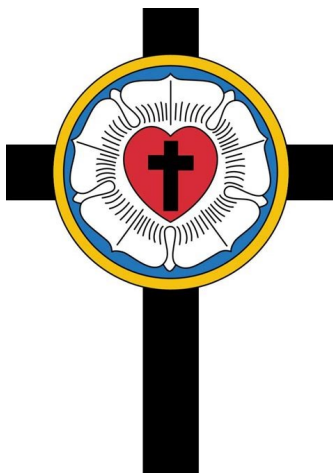
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: Cindy Day: Here I am to Worship



Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Build a Longer Table

David Bjorlin

Noël Nouvelet (French Carol)

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. Chord symbols (Em, Am, E, B) are placed above the staff lines to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four-line stanzas, with each line of music corresponding to one line of the stanza. The final line of the fourth stanza ends with a double bar line.

1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2. Build a saf - er re - fuge, not a lar - ger jail;
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,

feed - ing those who hung - er, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.

Feast - ing to - ge - ther, strang - er turns to friend,
For a - ny place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

Christ breaks walls to pie - ces; false div - i - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fen - ces: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clu - ded; all must find a home.

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE

(CONGREGATION SINGS THIS AFTER WORSHIP BAND SINGS EACH VERSE)

Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/A F/B \flat C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F B \flat maj7 C_{sus} C

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on me;

Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/A F/B \flat C Dm Gm C7/E F_{sus} F F/B \flat C F

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on— me.

THE GLORIA

REFRAIN:

D G D G D Bm

Glo-ry to God _____ in— the high - est. and— peace

E7 A A7 D G D D

to his peo-ple on earth. _____ Glo-ry to God _____ in— the

G D Bm Em D *to verses*

high - est and— peace to his peo-ple on earth. _____

VERSE:

F \sharp m D Bm D7 G

Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord— God,

Em A F \sharp m D F \sharp 7 Bm

Lamb of God:— You take a - way the sin of the world;

Bm G Em A A7 D F \sharp 7

have— mer - cy on— us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Bm D7 G Em D A A7 *to Refrain*

Fa-ther; re - ceive our— prayer. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.



FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

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."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



PSALM: Psalm 15

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

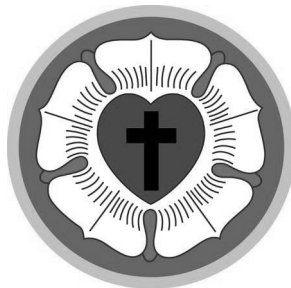
¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before 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 servant 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 servant 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.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A D E F#m A7 D

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

A F#7 Bm7 E7 A Bm7 E A

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ 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. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord'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 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: Mary & Martha

words by Bill Vollinger
based on Luke 10:38-42

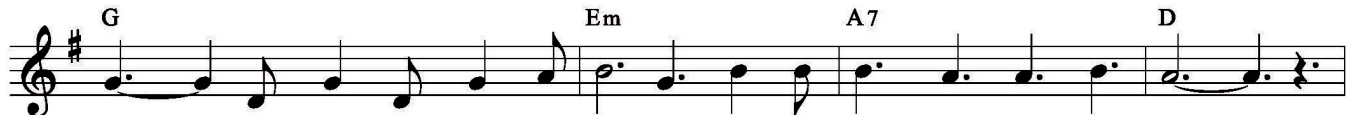
Mary & Martha

*sung to the tune of
"I've Been Working on the Railroad"*

♩. = 100



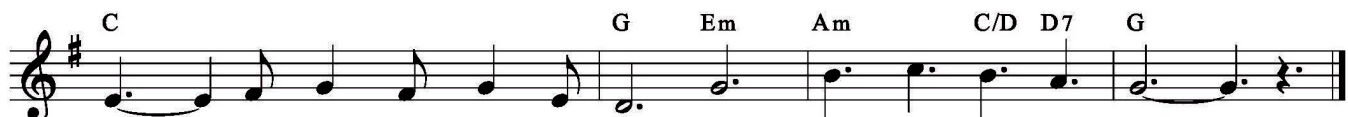
1. Mar - tha cooked a meal for Je - sus all the live long day.____
2. Sis - ter Ma - ry had been list' - ning at her Mas - ter's feet,____
3. "Mar - tha, Mar - tha, you're so wor - ried," that's what Je - sus said,____
4. There's a mor - al to this sto - ry: Al - ways be on guard.____



Thought she had to make it per - fect, so her pa - tience soon gave way.____
car - ing more what He was say - ing, than she cared what they would eat.____
"Mar - tha, Mar - tha, you're dis - trac - ted by the stuff that's in your head.____
When you're work - ing, take it ea - sy. Ea - sy's ea - si - er than hard.____



Pots were boil - ing. Pans were fry - ing. She left the kit - chen ang - ri - ly:____
Mar - tha hur - ried and she wor - ried: What would the Mas - ter like or think?____
Ma - ry chose the bet - ter por - tion noth - ing will e - ver take a - way.____
God's your source in each lo - ca - tion: in church or in as - sem - bly line.____



"Mas - ter don't you care that Ma - ry is - n't help - ing me!?"____
She was think - ing more of Mar - tha than of food or drink.____
There's just one thing that is need - ed: when you work or pray."____
You and I are all His bran - ches. Je - sus is the vine.____



CONFESSION OF FAITH - 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Brenda Moderacki: Pass It On by Kurt Kaiser

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, and various chords are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bles - sing. Ga - ther a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Ga - ther the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come." The chords indicated are: E, F#7, B, E, A, E, A, E, F#7, B, E, A M7, G#m7, A, E, B, E, F#7, B7, E, A, E, F#7, B7, E7, A M7, G#m7, B m7, A, E.

ALL: 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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of pow - er and might: —

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na. Ho-san - na. Ho

san - na in — the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of pow - er and might: — Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na. Ho-san - na. Ho san - na in — the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, Bm, Em7, A, D, Bm, E7, A7, D7, G, D, F#7, Bm, D, Bm, E7, A, G, D, F#7, Bm, D, G, D/A, A7, D.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take away 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, grant us peace.



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: Feed Us Now

Words and Music by
Robin Mann

$\text{♩} = 84$

1. Feed us now, Bread of Life, in this ho - ly meal;
2. Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good;
3. God is here, O so near, near - er than our thoughts.

5 Let us know Your love a - new; We hun - ger for You.
Love and mer - cy come to us, Your prom - ise we trust.
Stay with us wher - e're we go; Lord, help us to grow.

9 Feed us now, Bread of Life, come and live with - in;
Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can un - der - stand
God is here, O so near, in this heav - en's meal.

13 Let Your peace be ours to - day, Lord Je - sus, we pray.
how His mer - cy works in these? Yet, Lord, we be - lieve.
May we al - ways feed on You, on the Bread that's true.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering 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. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



RECESSIONAL HYMN: Peace I Leave You

John 14:27

Peace I Leave with You

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give un - to you, not as the world gives
give I to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give un - to you,
not as the world gives give I to you. Let not your hearts be
trou - bled, trou - bled, nei - ther let them be a -
fraid. Whoa. Let not your hearts be trou - bled,
trou - bled, nei-ther let them be a - afraid.

Chords: C, Cmaj7, G7, C, Cmaj7, G7, C, F, Dm7, G7, C, Em, Dm, G7, C7, F, Dm7, G7, C, Em, Dm, G7, C, F, G, C

*Go Now
in Peace*



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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
July 20	Vicki Coyle	Susan Conrad	Rick Henly
July 27	Susan Conrad	Sally Leara	John Leara
Aug 3	Wendy McFarland	Rick Henly	Ed Moderacki

FLOWERS

July 20	For: Ed's Birthday
	From: The Moderacki Family
July 27	For: In Celebration of my Daughter Callie's Birthday
	From: Antoinette
Aug 3	For: Brenda & Ed's Anniversary
	From: The Moderacki Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 21	Council Meeting
Jul 28 - Aug 1	Vacation Bible School

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