

# +The Divine Service+

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | July 20, 2025 | 9AM



## *The Lord Jesus with Mary and Martha*

*Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*

*St. Luke 10,41-42 KJV*

# The Divine Service

*When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.*

**Processional Hymn | 592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here**

## **The Holy Baptism** *of Natalie Jane Meshberger*

*The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.*

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

### **The Exorcism**

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:*

- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

- P** Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Natalie Jane according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all

believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:*

**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.

*Sit*

*The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:*

**P** Natalie Jane, do you renounce the devil?

**R** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** Yes, I believe.

**P** Do you 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Natalie Jane, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

**P** Natalie Jane,

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*The pastor anoints the newly baptized with oil while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*The Baptism party returns to its pew.*



# The Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.*

The LORD is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

**I entreat your favor with all my heart;**

**be gracious to me according to your promise.**

When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

**I hasten and do not delay**

**to keep your commandments.**

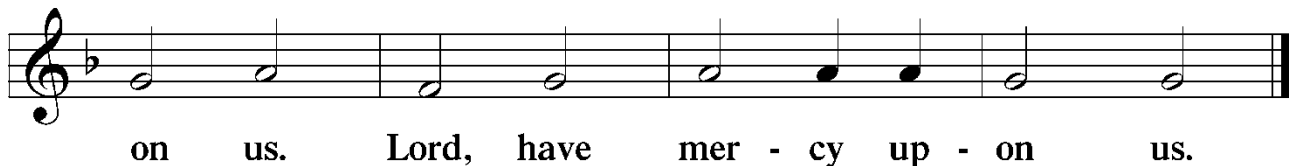
The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;

teach me your statutes!



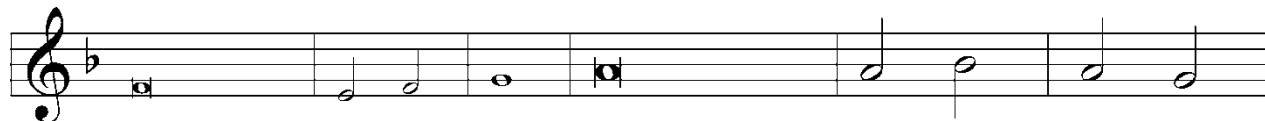
*Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.*

## Kyrie



# Gloria in Excelsis

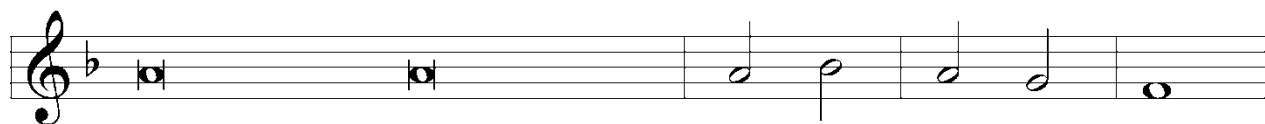
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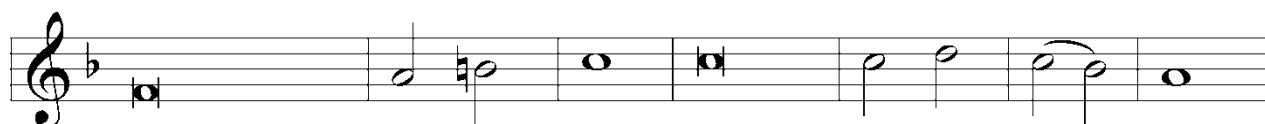
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



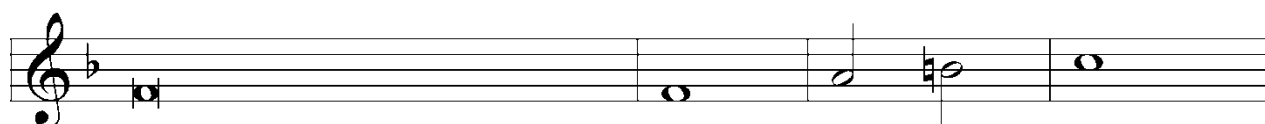
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



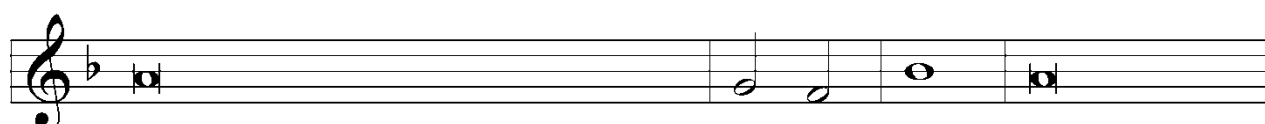
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Genesis 18:1–14*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup> and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> 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.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it



quickly. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:21–29*

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>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, <sup>23</sup>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.

<sup>24</sup>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, <sup>25</sup>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, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

*Face the cross as it enters the nave.*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 190*




**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



## The Gospel Procession | 523 O Word of God Incarnate

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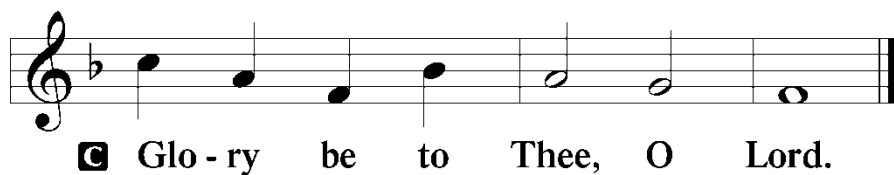


1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
 A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42


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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>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." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>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.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## The Nicene Creed

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## Hymn of the Day | 536 One Thing's Needful

### The Sermon

*The congregation rises for the Apostolic greeting:*

**L** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

*It is customary for the preacher to read a section of the text for meditation here:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*At the end of the Sermon, the pastor invites the congregation to rise for the blessing:*

**L** The peace of God which passes understanding guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

### Offertory

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**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.


*Sit*

### The Offering

## The Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 194*



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

*LSB 197*



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## **Distribution**

### **Holy Communion at St. Paul**

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

**Distribution Hymn | 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

**Distribution Hymn | 642 O Living Bread from Heaven**

**Distribution Hymn | 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

*Stand*

## **The Dismissal**

**P** The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

**C** Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis**

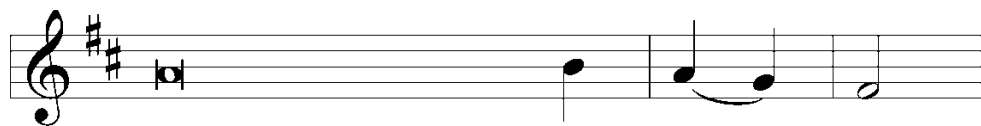
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**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

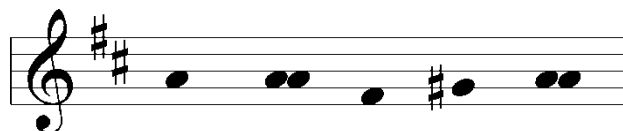
## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

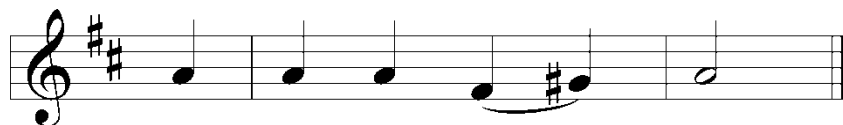


**C** A - men.

## Salutation



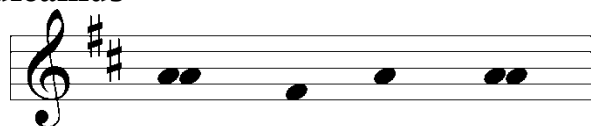
**P** The Lord be with you.



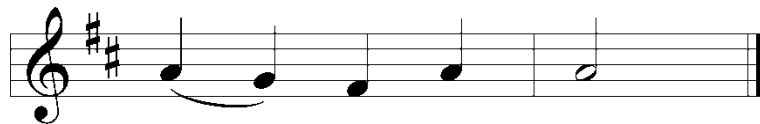
**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

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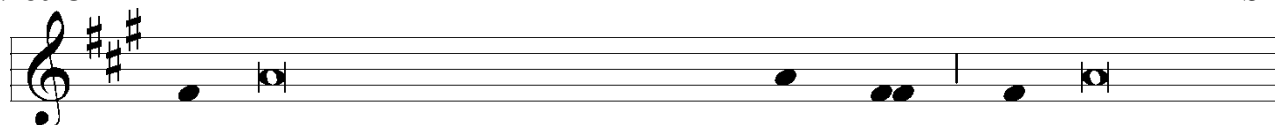
**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

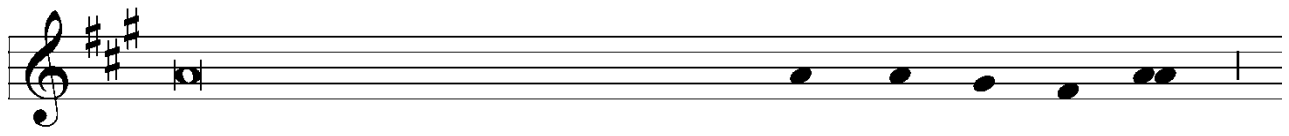
## Benediction

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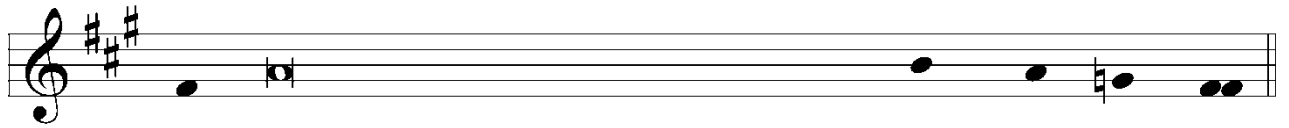


**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make





His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



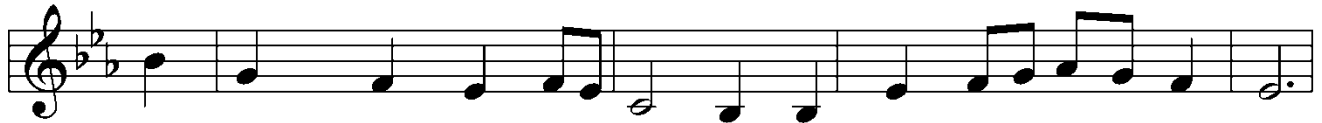
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Hymn to Depart | 855 For All the Faithful Women

*sts. 1-2, 9, 3-4*



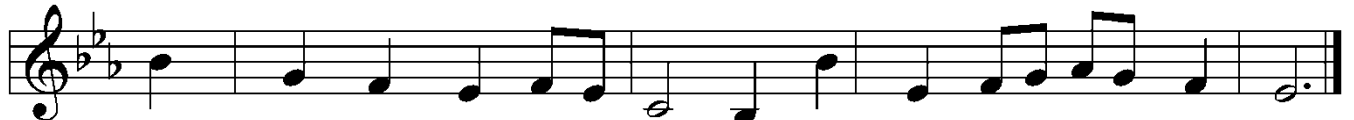
1 For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
2 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, Who toiled with pot and pan  
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known  
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
While Mar - y sat in si - lence To hear the Word a - gain.  
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,  
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
Christ, keep our hearts at - ten - tive To truth that You de - clare,  
We of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise  
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
And strength - en us for ser - vice When work be - comes our prayer.  
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

# Jesus With Mary and Martha

## *A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 10:38-42*

What Martha had to learn, and what we have to learn from today's Gospel, is that while Martha was busy feeding others, she needed to be fed herself—that, in order to give others rest, she herself needed to receive rest from her Lord.

Sometimes we pastors have a clever trick up our sleeve. If we want a person to come to Church more often, we will give them a job. An infrequent attender might be asked to be a deacon for instance. But we shouldn't think that coming to Church is just another part of our working life—just another duty or obligation among our long list of duties and obligations that fill out our busy lives. Let us remember why we are here, why we come to Church: because we need the Lord to serve us with the food and rest that only he can give.

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.** Remember the day of rest, the day God puts our restless souls at ease with his bountiful goodness and mercy. He's here to serve you. You are here to be served by him. This is why we are here. We come to Church, not to be Martha's, but to be Mary's. To sit at Jesus' feet and learn of his word; to receive from Jesus the consolation that he alone can give and that can be found nowhere else in the world.

Mary and Martha are not a picture of good and evil, as if Mary is good and Martha is evil. No. Both are good. Both are friends of Jesus. Both trust in the Lord and love him. And when we see both Mary and Martha together, we see the entirety of the Christian life in two sisters.

When we look at Mary and Martha, we see faith and love. In Mary we see faith. And in Martha we see love. In Mary, we see how faith is fundamentally passive and listening and receiving—how faith us makes glad hearers, still at the feet of Jesus. In Martha, we see love: how love is fundamentally active and doing and serving—the happy cook striving away in her kitchen—who sometimes loses her happiness for anxiety and worry.

It's not that some of you are Martha's. And some of you are Mary's. You are all, at different times, both Martha and Mary. Sometimes listening, sometimes doing. Solomon in his wisdom says, **To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:** A time to be born and a time to die. A time to do and a time to do nothing but receive what the Lord has for us. Knowing the time is wisdom. If Jesus is in the other room teaching, wisdom says dinner can wait.

For faith to stay alive, and remain active in love, it must be strengthened by what the Lord gives. Another way of saying that is that before Martha can rightly feed others, she needs to be fed herself. Before Martha can rightly serve others, she herself must be served by Jesus. Before Martha can forgive Mary her sins and live charitably toward her sister, she must first receive the charity of her divine-Brother, Christ. And the same is true for us.

So come to Church and receive the Word of Christ. This will strengthen your faith, and empower your love for your neighbor. Be Mary so you can be Martha. We need to be Mary first; only then can we be faithful Marthas.

# Announcements

## St. Paul

**Natalie Jane Meshberger** is baptized into Christ today. We rejoice with her parents Danielle and Nate. Natalie's sponsor is Danielle's brother Seth Mowrey, who lives in Texas and is therefore unable to attend the service today. Danielle's parents Jim and Christy are standing in for Seth at Natalie's Baptism. We rejoice with the Meshberger family at the gift of life given to Natalie and the gift of new life given to her through water and the Word of God.

**A Note from Pastor Yeager.** Dear friends, I have received the Divine Call to serve Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bristol, Connecticut, as pastor. Please pray for me, Heather, and my children, along with the Churches where I am divinely called: Immanuel-Bristol, and St. Paul-Preble, that the Lord would grant me wisdom of discernment for this call process. Thank you.

**St. Paul will be subscribing to the Lutheran Institute of Theology** and coming up in August, members will be given access to its online courses and content for free. Our annual subscription as a congregation is \$1000. St. Paul will pay for this outright. Any member who would like to donate to this cause is encouraged to write a check to St. Paul with 'Memorial Fund' in the memo line and include with your offering. What is the Lutheran Institute of Theology?

It is a new organization created by LCMS pastors. Its aim is to provide solid Lutheran content through online courses for individual and congregational use. Each course (not for credit) includes 6-8 video lessons, averaging 30-40 minutes each. Their aim for these courses is to have biblically faithful, intellectually engaging, and beautifully produced made available to congregations and laypeople, and to reach out to skeptics and the non-Lutheran world. Think: do you ever listen to podcasts through your phone, watch documentaries on Netflix, or partake of any online content for the purposes of personal growth? Then you will benefit from LIT. This exciting project seeks to get theology out to God's people in a new way. Members who take in online podcasts and content regularly will benefit from these courses. Go to [www.lutheraninstitute.org](http://www.lutheraninstitute.org) to learn more about this exciting new program.

**Save the Date—Right to Life Workshop at St. Paul, Preble.** Many people today reject or are indifferent to the pro-life view, often because they've never heard the pro-life position presented in a compelling manner. This workshop will prepare you to confidently communicate the pro-life position to others. Using science & philosophy, you will learn to simplify the debate. Come learn to speak intelligently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time: abortion. You'll leave prepared to confidently persuade others by exposing the logical fallacies of abortion-choice rhetoric without the need for vitriol and angry dialogue.

**When: September 20th, 2025 9am-12pm. The workshop will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Preble (4510 W 750 N, Decatur, IN 46733). This workshop is open to adults and students 7th grade and older.** \*Please register here

<https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/right-to-life-workshop--preble>.

Let us know in the "comments" block of the form who is coming! For questions, please call 260-471-1849 or email [lucy@ichooselife.org](mailto:lucy@ichooselife.org). Registration by cash is available at the door.

## Wyneken

**Teacher calls, open positions.** WMLS is seeking a school teacher (4th grade and/or 5th grade) for the 2025-2026 academic year. Individuals who have LCMS synodical and theological training as well as an Indiana teaching license are preferred. In addition, Wyneken has an opening for a part-time teacher's aide. Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter. Talk to your school board member for more information.

**Golf Outing—Fundraiser.** The Wyneken class of 2027 is hosting a golf outing fundraiser to support their upcoming trip to our nation's capital! We're looking for sponsors to help make this incredible learning experience possible. Whether you're a business owner, golf enthusiast, or just want to support young people's education, your sponsorship would mean the world to these students. <https://bit.ly/2025GolfSponsor> Of course, they are also looking for golfers too! Come and enjoy a day of golfing at Cross Creek on Sunday, September 21. Check in is at 11 a.m. with a noon shotgun start. The cost is \$75 per player or \$300 for a foursome. A pulled pork meal will follow at 5 p.m. If you don't golf but would like to enjoy the meal, you can purchase a meal ticket from any Wyneken 7<sup>th</sup> grader for \$12. All proceeds goes to Wyneken's Class of 2027's Washington DC trip. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Clemons at 260-706-3213. Thank you for helping the class with their fundraising activities!

## Youth

**Sunday, July 27; 3-5:30 p.m. – Slip-n-Slide Kickball (High School only)**

**Sunday, August 3; 5 p.m. – Wyneken Kitchen Clean Up (Middle and HS)** Youth volunteers are needed to help clean up the Wyneken kitchen. Please note the start time of 5 p.m.

**Sunday, August 17; 12-5:30 p.m. – All-Youth Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake (Middle and HS)** The current plan for the Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake Waterpark is to meet in the St. John, Bingen parking lot at 12 noon on Sunday, August 18 and carpool to Berne. The cost for youth is \$5. Chaperones are free as always. You may bring food and beverages in a cooler to be consumed at the picnic tables near the parking lot at Pine Lake. You may also bring additional cash to purchase concessions such as hamburgers, nachos, ice cream, etc.

**TinCaps Game. (MS/HS Youth) Sunday, August 31; 5:00 p.m. – Tin Caps Game** We will leave at 5:00 p.m. from the Bingen parking lot for the 6:05 p.m. game. We plan to return around 10 p.m. Please let your pastor know if you're going by August 11.

## Community

**Craft for a Cause.** Attention Ladies! *Our first event was such a success we are doing it again this fall!!!* You're invited to join the Women of Bethlehem for Craft for a Cause on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Lots of food, fellowship, prizes and 12 hours of crafting FUN!!! Registration form is attached. SPACE IS LIMITED and will fill up! Be sure to register EARLY! Questions? Text or Call Deann Oliver at 616-894-0144 or via email at [deannrene@outlook.com](mailto:deannrene@outlook.com).

# Prayer of the Church

- +**Those who rejoice:** Natalie Jane Meshberger and family on her Baptism Day.
- +**The sick:** Steve Kreigh; Jerry Gallmeyer.
- +**Pr. Yeager**—Divine Call to Immanuel, Bristol, CT.
- +**Wyneken**—for an interim principal and teachers for the upcoming school year.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Halei Faurote.
- +**The Homebound:** Lurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Golden Years, Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays 7/20-7/26.** Barb Oliver, Pendency Selking, Izzy Friedt, Walt Nussbaum, Rick Sovine, Kelsey Krauter, Larry Bieberich, Jase Ehlerding.

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## Acolyte 7/20

9AM Jazper Huff

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## Attendance

Wednesday, July 9      15      Sunday, July 13      175

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## Stewardship for 6/29/25

Offering: \$6,755.50      Online Offering: \$879.50      Total for the week: \$7,635.00  
vs. weekly goal: -\$2,919.50      vs. Year to Date: -\$72,430.86

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## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 20

**9AM The Sixth Sun. after Pentecost—Divine Service**

*The Baptism of Natalie Jane Meshberger*

Wednesday, July 23

**7PM The Office of Vespers**

Sunday, July 27

**9AM The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—Matins**

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