Martha welcomed Jesus into her home

LUKE 10:38



Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.

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WE WELCOME all who worship with us today! We extend a special greeting to our visitors and invite you to worship with us again soon. Please make yourselves known to our pastor and people.

COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE AND AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE Gather in the Nave Lounge to enjoy refreshments, talk with fellow worshippers, greet people you don't know, make new friends, enjoy your time at First and share the love of Christ.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION Lutheran Christians believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness and salvation. If you share in this belief, you are welcome to participate with us. Non-communing children and adults may come forward to receive a blessing. White grape juice is available, as well as gluten free wafers. If you desire to receive communion at your pew, please alert an usher during the prelude.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: First Lutheran Church welcomes children of all ages to be a part of our worship services. Children's Bibles are located in the pews and a number of items are available on a cart in the Nave Lounge to help them (and you) have a pleasant worship experience. We hope you enjoy these activities in church and at home!!

CHILDCARE: If you prefer, you may leave your preschool children in our well-equipped, staffed nursery during the service. Or, if you need to take a walk with your child, our speaker system provides audio of the service in the Nave Lounge and Library.

WHEELCHAIR available in the north entranceway or in the church office. EARPHONES for the hearing impaired and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS.

PLEASE, NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE MAIN WORSHIP CENTER.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING TEN

5:00 P.M. & 10:00 A.M.

JULY 20 & 21, 2019

Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE "Voluntary"

(M. Greene, 1695-1755)

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

CHIMES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin. *Silence for reflection and self-examination*.
- P: God of mercy,
- C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!
- C: Amen.

853 GATHERING SONG "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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.

SONG OF PRAISE "Glory Be to God in Heaven"

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- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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.**

Congregation shall sit.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK - OUTREACH and NAME TAGS

Joyce Koenig, Eileen Caspers

WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long—awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

¹The 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 (Spoken Responsively with Lector)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

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

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

⁴In 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.

⁵They 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

Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵[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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.



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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is singleminded devotion to Jesus and his word.

³⁸Now 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation shall sit.

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

520 HYMN OF THE DAY "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

A brief silence.

A: For the church, visible and invisible; for all servants of the gospel; and for the holy people of God, that we hear your word and share your supper, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For favorable weather; for calm waters and seas; and for all creation, that it becomes for us a reflection of God's glory. For those affected by natural disasters, that they be provided relief, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For those who help make our communities safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders, that God's peace and compassion come also to us, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, those living with HIV/AIDS, those awaiting the birth of children, and all people in need (*especially - see bulletin page 10*), that God provide compassionate advocates and skilled medical professionals to aid them, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

The Assisting Minister offers additional prayers.

A: For those who are distracted by overwork and those who seek more adequate employment, that we recognize God's goodness in vocations of all kinds, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: In thanksgiving for those who have died and are now at peace, and for their lives that bear witness to the hope promised in the resurrection, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

The ministers and the assembly may greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace, and may say these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Congregation shall sit.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING Please place attendance form in the offering plate.

"Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" ("Dearest Jesus, at Your Word")

(J.S. Bach)

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

685 OFFERING SONG "Take My Life, That I May Be" Stanzas 1 & 4

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God,

C: for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

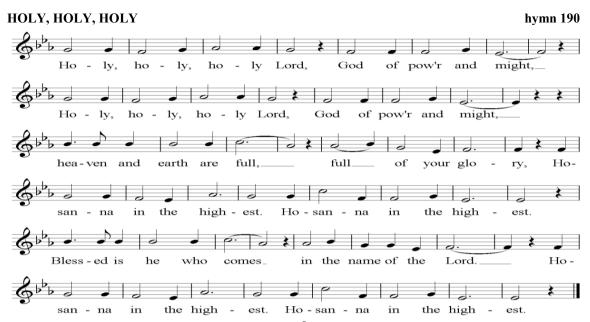
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy......we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

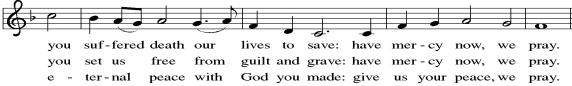
P: God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

Congregation shall sit.

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY "Voluntary"

(C. Tambling)

658 COMMUNION HYMN "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

673 SENDING SONG "God, Whose Almighty Word"

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in G"

(J. S. Dixon)

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THANK YOU to *Pastor Bob Dealey* for leading worship this weekend.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Kevin Eaton & Lora Carlson in memory of Floyd, Charlotte, and
Dennis Eaton; and M. Dale and Gracia Carlson.

ETERNAL CANDLE FOR JULY is given by Margaret Stewart in loving memory of Bill.

PARENTS' take this bulletin home for a fun game with your kids! Have them search through the bulletin and circle or highlight **this week's word: TRUTH**.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Pat Wild (home), Robert Hanna (home), Pastor Jenny Jackson (home), Twila Zeigler (home), Jeani Anderson (home), Ann Sanders (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (home), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1st Director), Jerry Manning (friend of Nancy Sherbert), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Mary Roesch (Tracy's mother-in-law), Micah Ewing (friend of the Lubers), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgasts), Linda Deines (Karen Papp's sister), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great-niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardts).

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10:00 am

Assisting Minister	Michelle Black	
Lector	Gary Anderson	
Acolyte	Connor Black	
Communion Assistants	Nancy Besta, Ruth Denno	
Presenting the Gifts	Barb Collins, Nancy Vaughn	
Council Member Team	Ted Ensley / LaVerne Engelhardt	
Altar Guild	Karen & Bob Wollin	
Ushers	Ted & Elna Ensley	
North Door Greeters	LaVerne Engelhardt	
South Door Greeters	Carolyn Olson	
Coffee Hosts	Ted & Elna Ensley	
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Bryce & Judy Cripps	
Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA	Sherrie Petersen / Karen Wollin / Sherrie Petersen	
Stephen Minister 7/22-28/2019	Carolyn Olson	

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

July 28 th – Seventh Pentecost	10:00 am

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Assisting Minister	Ann McConkey	
Lector	Jeff Montague	
Acolyte	AJ Hamby	
Communion Assistants	David & Patricia Drake	
Presenting the Gifts	Heath & Kathy Cheatham	
Council Member Team	Robert Hanna / Ralph Krumins	
Altar Guild	Elna Ensley, Jeanie Schuler	
Ushers	Larry & Anita Wolgast	
North Door Greeters	Bonnie Phillips, LaVerne Engelhardt	
South Door Greeters	Lowell & Lorraine Chellberg	
Coffee Hosts		
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Bryce & Judy Cripps	
Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA	Ron Bessler / Nancy Sherbert / Ron Bessler	
Stephen Minister 7/29-8/4/2019	Evelyn Wilson	



Hear the Word

Jesus' encounter with Mary and Martha in today's gospel is sometimes used to justify a meditative, intellectual life (represented by Mary) over a life of active service (represented by Martha). But earlier in Luke's gospel, Jesus is clear that his family consists of "those who hear the word of God and do it" (Luke 8:21). Both hearing and doing are important. So why is Mary praised and Martha scolded? After all, the story of Mary and Martha comes immediately after the parable of the good Samaritan, who cared for a man in need, treated his injuries, and paid for his recovery—who served his neighbor (Luke 10:25-37).

A careful reading of today's story shows that Jesus does not scold Martha for what she is doing, but rather for her state of mind in doing it: "Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things" (Luke 10:41). A more literal translation might say: "You are anxious and distressed." Martha is doing her work not as a joyful response to the Lord's presence, but out of fear and anxiety. Perhaps she is worried about being a good host to her guest, anxious about making a good impression, distressed about what might happen if she fails to provide an adequate welcome.

"There is need of only one thing," Jesus tells Martha. If we are to "do the word" of God, we must first hear it. Mary is sitting at Jesus' feet, hearing the word. She's on the right track; now her hearing must lead to action. Martha has failed to hear the word, so her action comes out of distress and anxiety rather than faithful response to the transformative presence of God.

Hear the word of God and do it. Be like Mary, hearing the word that comes from Jesus. And then let that word transform you and move you into active service.

† IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ‡

Caring For Kids 1st Summer School Age Childcare Program Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TODAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

Monday, July 22

12:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 23

7:00 p.m. – Topeka Lutheran Home Association

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 a.m. - What-Sew-Ever

6:00 p.m. – Read, Pray, Sing Worship (Chapel)

Thursday, July 25

10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study at Thornton Place

Friday, July 26

Pastor Jenny's Day Off

Saturday, July 27

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (Chapel)

Sunday, July 28

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

LESSONS JULY 27 & 28

Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13

USHERS: To provide consistency, a list of usher responsibilities have been developed. Please review and follow the laminated list of usher responsibilities placed on top of the bulletins and/or in the drawer of the table at the back of the sanctuary where the bulletins are placed.

To continue our efforts to increase security at church, the **SECURITY COMMITTEE** has recommended and the **Council** has approved the policy to **lock the outside doors 10 minutes after worship starts and unlock them 10 minutes before worship ends.** The doors are not locked for someone exiting, just to someone entering. The council team members will be in the narthex during worship to recognize if someone needs entrance during worship. This change took effect July 7, 2019.

PARISH NOTICES



DOORSTEP IS OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. We are located at 1119 SW 10th Street (10th & Buchanan).

We ask that you do not leave donations outside our building when we are not here.

They often become a parking lot mess. Thank you!

Our focus for CHRISTMAS IN JULY is household items, health kit items, toys, school supplies, gifts for men and women, sheet sets, and blankets.

Please look over the **Christmas in July flyer (located next to the Doorstep cart)** and see how you can help. Doorstep continues to be successful helping people in need because of our member congregations who are working together to provide for their neighbors in need. If everyone pitches in just a little, big things will happen!

ALTAR FLOWERS – NEW FLORIST AND NEW PRICES

SEASONAL EFFECTS BY MARK LAMANTIA will be providing our altar and pulpit flowers **beginning August 1, 2019**. Mark has been a floral designer for more than 40 years in Topeka. After many years at the same cost, we also will be increasing the price of the flowers as of August 1 to \$25 per vase and \$50 for pulpit flowers. If you have previously committed to providing flowers but no longer wish to do so because of this increase, please contact Jeanie Schuler as soon as possible. Questions? Please call Jeanie Schuler 785-845-7964.





NEXT MAGI MOMENTS AND POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP AUGUST 4, 2019.



BACK-PACK BLESSING August 10th and 11th during worship





RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE coming to church **August 11**th before and after worship. Stay tuned for an online sign up and information about registering. **Save the date to help save a life.**

Women of First Lutheran Church join your WELCA friends for a **SUMMER PICNIC & SOCIAL**

to celebrate the success of our past year and prepare for the next year!

Bring your favorite picnic food to share. Table service and drinks will be provided.

Invite a friend to enjoy the event with you!

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

WOODFEST, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
Please see the poster in the Nave Lounge - a fun evening in the Flint Hills!