



6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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As We Gather

Our prayers are filled with “just one more thing” that we ask of God. Crowded into the prayers of God’s people are the many concerns and burdens of this mortal life. But from another perspective, it is not just one more thing, but *one thing only*. In the Gospel for today, we see the contrast between the many things that occupy Martha’s attention and create stress for her, and the one thing needful, which her sister Mary had already recognized. It is this one thing to which we are called today, and it is the key to finding our way through the stresses, burdens, and concerns that complicate our lives of faith.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

#904 sts. 1-2 & 4

1 Blessèd 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.

4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 119:41, 49–50, 81, 89–90a

P Let Your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your promise.

C Remember Your word to Your servant, in which You have made me hope.

P This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life.

C My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

P Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

C Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

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

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 119:105

We pause in silence to reflect on our sins and our need for a Savior.

P God’s Word is a lamp and a light for us today. Through His Word, God reveals our true condition: we are by nature dead in sin and children of darkness. We therefore humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and in the presence of one another, ask His forgiveness.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge that we are poor, miserable sinners. We confess to You all our sins and iniquities, knowing that we rightly deserve Your punishment now and forever. But we are truly sorry for them, and we sincerely repent of them. We ask You, of Your infinite mercy and for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to us. Forgive us our sins, and grant us the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we may seek You and follow You to the praise and honor of Your holy name. Amen.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P God's Word, in the Good News of Jesus Christ, is a lamp and light for us. The Gospel reveals the Father's forgiveness and salvation, accomplished for us in the life, death, and resurrection of His beloved Son. In Christ, we have all the riches of God's eternal mercy. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105

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

C **The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.**

P I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

C **When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;**

P I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

C **The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord, grant us Your Holy Spirit to hear Your Word and to 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 Amen.

Old Testament Reading

✠ Isaac's Birth Promised ✠

Genesis 18:1-14

¹The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He 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 ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while 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." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly.

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 Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The Apostles' Creed

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

Sermon Hymn

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

#589

1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!

2 Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;

But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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Offertory Meditation

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Hymn

"What Is This Bread"

#629

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| <p>1 What is this bread?
Christ's body risen from the dead:
 This bread we break,
 This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.</p> <p>2 What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
 The cup of grace
 Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.</p> | <p>3 So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
 Under the rod?
 My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.</p> <p>4 Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
 In mouth and soul
 He makes us whole—</p> |
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Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

- 5 Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe

That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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Hymn

“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

#540 sts. 1-4

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father,
Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,
Light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence,
Grant us grace to heed Your call.
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant
From the stump of Jesse’s tree;

- Christ, true vine, You nurture branches
To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into You, O Savior;
Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard
Till eternal life we gain.
- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,
Watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,
Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;
Let us hear Your voice alone.

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Communion Blessing

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray. O Almighty God, You gave Your own Son for the sake of the world and delivered Him up to a death He did not deserve, so that we might belong to You. Grant us faith, that we may cherish the gift of Your mercy in our hearts and boldly give witness to the promise of His grace to those not yet of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

- P** Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

#923

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have
heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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alt.; (st. 3): Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

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2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Postlude



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St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9 Square



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and more

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