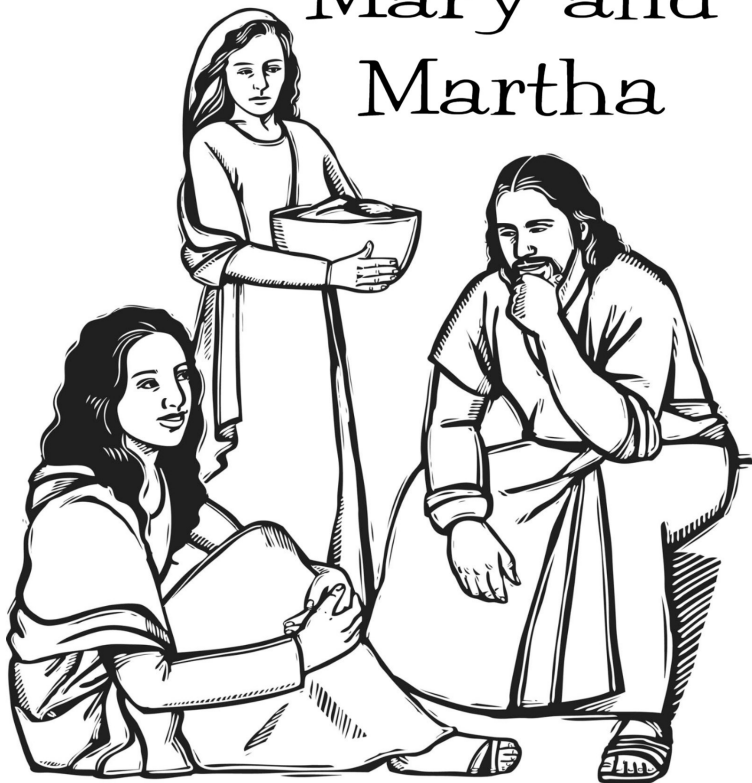


SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 20, 2025

# Mary and Martha



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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*please stand in body or spirit*

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.**

Opening Hymn

"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

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## Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“All Glory Be to God on High”

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1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be

3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -

name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will break forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,

liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.

God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**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.**

*please be seated*

### First Reading

Genesis 18:1 - 10a

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, 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> 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." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <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 your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsive Reading

Psalms 15

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

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

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

<sup>4</sup> **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.**

<sup>5</sup> 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

<sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been 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> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Jennifer Rehmer

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Luke 10:38 - 42

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> 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." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Hymn of the Day

"Give Me Jesus"

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Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*please be seated*

Offering

*please stand in body or spirit*

Offertory

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... 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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*please be seated*

## HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

## Communion Hymns

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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"Day by Day"

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*please stand in body or spirit*

### Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and offered signs of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Holy Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”  
(also on next page)

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# "NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



**Welcome:** Welcome to worship this midsummer day! May faith and hope grow in you, as crops and flowers and fruits ripen all around us these days.

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** "Unspoken prayer concerns", Susan Kyle, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Harold Brown (father of Donnie Brown), Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Ashley Campbell, David Woolery (friend of Jerry & Melisa Balke), Susan Canfield, Les Bruns, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Mike Hinkel, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Liz Smart, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



## YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

**Offering:** Thank you, St. Paul's, for your ongoing generosity in sharing your time, talents, and treasures. The staff and leaders of the church work hard to be good stewards of your gifts and offerings. At the end of June we are halfway through the budget year. Our budgeted expenses are on track, however our budgeted offering income is behind nearly \$23,000. The major expenses and projects that we've undertaken over the past few months have been entirely covered by insurance money we received due to our claim, so this budget shortfall is truly our everyday operating expenses. At this time of year we historically run a little behind, but this is a little more than usual. We wanted to make you aware of this and hope that you might consider helping us get closer to our budget. Thanks again for your ongoing support!

**Float Work:** Float work to start...let's "hit the ground running" as the time is short!! Calling on all pleaters, fluffers, stuffers, and frame builders! For the present time, we will meet on **Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays** at 5:00 p.m. in the in the Gathering Space. Dennis is constructing the "little blue truck" at his home. However, guys (builders) will need to help with work on the frame. Many hands will make the project run smoothly. Thanks!!



**Free Yoga Class:** Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.

**Undies Sunday:** On the weekends of **July 20th and 27th**, we are seeking financial donations that will go towards the purchase of new undergarments for children who come to the Back-to-School Clothing Sale on August 2nd. This new practice of purchasing bulk underwear allows for a more equitable distribution to those attending. Thank you for your support!



**Mid-MO Bible Camp:** This year's Mid-MO Bible Camp will begin **today** - Thursday, **July 24th**, at the usual place, Camp Rising Sun in Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Adult volunteers during the week - for a couple hours or a couple days - are always welcomed and needed! Talk to Pastor Stephen if you have any questions!



**One Stitch at a Time:** The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **July 21st** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Come join us!

**Circle:** Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **July 21st** at 7:00pm at the home of Rhonda Schlesselman.



**Newsletter:** The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 23rd** at 3:00pm.

**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **July 24th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



**Planning:** Worship & Music committee will meet on Thursday, **July 24th** at 1:30pm.

**Baptismal Grace:** Korbett William Dieckman will be washed clean in the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, **July 27th**. We welcome him into the fellowship of faith that we all share through baptismal grace of God. Korbett is the son of Nicholas and Adrienn Dieckman and was born on May 10th.



**Volunteering:** This year we will be sorting and arranging clothing all week, Monday through Friday, **July 28 - August 1**, in preparation for the Clothing Sale on August 2. Volunteers are welcome to stop by any day, starting at 9:00am, to offer some time sorting. We will also need volunteers the day of the sale to assist shoppers and straighten up the clothing tables.



**Meeting:** The Evangelism committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 30th** at 7:00pm.

**Clothing Donations:** We will once again open the church building throughout the summer for gently used clothing donations for the Back-to-School Clothing Sale on **August 2nd**. The building will be open during office hours or during other church activities. You can leave your clothing donation in the Fellowship Hall.



**Openings:** Little Blessings Day Care currently has openings for toddlers (age 2 and above). We have experienced some attrition in our numbers due to a child moving from the area and children who are moving to preschool (R-I School) or kindergarten in the fall. Children will need to have a physical and a current immunization record to enroll. For questions or to enroll, please contact Barbara Metscher (660-668-3537 Ext. 2) or Janice Gerken.

**Enrollment:** Additionally, "Little Blessings" Preschool is enrolling three-and four-year-olds for preschool in the fall. Children must be three by July 1st. A physical and a current immunization record is also required. Our preschool will be in session each Tuesday and Wednesday morning beginning on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, continuing throughout the 2025-26 school year. For questions or wishing to enroll, please contact Rhonda Schlesselman (660-669-3823) or Janice Gerken.



~ \* ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ \* ~

**Birthday Blessings:** Birthday Blessings is a not-for-profit organization that supports foster children in Benton and Pettis Counties. They provide birthday and Christmas gifts for foster youth among other support. From **July 1-31**, they are collecting new gifts for this Christmas for foster children to get ahead of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. A collection box has been set up in the link area. The gifts will benefit foster children in Missouri, and specifically Benton and Pettis Counties. Please consider purchasing a gift for a foster child and leaving it in the box. There is a QR code on the box with a link to Birthday Blessings for more information on this group and suggested gift ideas.



**Support Group:** The Care Connection for Aging Services will host a Dementia Caregivers Support Group on Tuesday, **July 22nd** from 1:00pm until 2:00pm in the Cole Camp Senior Center.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Celebrate the ending of summer with us! The Youth Group of Holy Cross will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, **August 3rd** from 6:00-8:00pm on the church lawn. A light supper of hot dogs, juicy burger, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, watermelon, desserts & ice cream will be served. During the supper, a free-will donation will be collected for youth group activities and servant events. Beginning around 7:00pm there will be a pie & dessert auction with limited offerings so come prepared to bid. A portion of the proceeds from the auction will be given to the Lutheran School Association's Playground Fund. More detailed information about the event can be found on Holy Cross's Facebook page. Please make plans to attend this fun filled evening of food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone!



**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, July 20:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Bible Camp Begins
<b>Monday, July 21:</b>	9:00am	Sewing
	5:00pm	Float Work
	6:30pm	Yoga
	7:00pm	Esther Circle
<b>Wednesday, July 23:</b>	3:00pm	Sunbeam
	5:00pm	Float Work
<b>Thursday, July 24:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
	1:30pm	Worship & Music
	5:00pm	Float Work
<b>Saturday, July 26:</b>	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
<b>Sunday, July 27:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Baptism of Korbett Dieckman



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

August 2 ..... Back-to-School Clothing Sale

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers .....	The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister .....	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist.....	Lois Viebrock
Pianist .....	Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians.....	Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild .....	Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers.....	Melinda Strathman, Head Usher
.....	Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 20, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants .....	Luther League
Reader.....	Luke Goosen
Children's Sermon .....	Jennifer Rehmer
Acolytes.....	Ben Goosen & Jace Tinney
Flowers .....	Carolyn Eickhoff



## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 27, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Sandy Schlesselman
Communion Assistants .....	Jake & Sara Jackson
Reader.....	Tiffinay Nash
Children's Sermon .....	Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes.....	Grady Elliott & Charlotte Zeller
Flowers .....	Melisa Balke