



# One Thing *is* Needful

*Luke 10:38-42*

**Sixth Sunday in Pentecost**  
**July 20th, 2025**

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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*8 am and 11 am Worship Service*

## **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 manifold concerns and burdens of this mortal life. But from another perspective, it is not one more thing but one thing only. In the Gospel for today, we see the contrast between the many things occupying the attention and creating stress upon Martha and the one thing needful, which her sister, Mary, has 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.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

**LSB 901 (vs. 1-4)**

Open now thy gates of beauty;  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heav’n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou;  
Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;  
Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
Howsoever temptations thicken;  
May Thy Word still o’er me shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in all strife.

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## **Invocation**

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

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Son of God, Eternal Savior

**LSB 842 (vs. 1)**

Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

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## Service of the Word

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

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.

**Amen.**

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<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.

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### **Apostles' Creed**

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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.

### **Thy Word Is a Lamp**

**LSB 973**

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end. Refrain

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;  
And I will love You to the end. Refrain

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### **Message**

***Pastor Dana Allen Brones***

### **Prayers of the Church**

# **Service of the Sacrament**

## **Preface**

**LSB 194**

The Lord be with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is meet and right so to do.*

## **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **Sanctus**

**LSB 195**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna. hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He  
That cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## **The Words of Our Lord**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the ☩ Lord be with you always.  
*Amen.*

## **Agnus Dei**

**LSB 198**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

## **I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

**LSB 618**

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain.

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain.

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain.

Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain.

What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain.

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## Dismissal

### Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

O God, by the patient suffering of Your only-begotten Son, You have beaten down the pride of the old enemy. Now help us, we humbly pray, rightly to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has of His goodness borne for our sake that following His blessed example we may bear with all patience all that is adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

### Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

#### How Firm a Foundation

***LSB 575 (vs. 1-4)***

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

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**Holy Communion**

**Distribution Song(s)**

**Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing of God's People (Benediction)**

**Closing Song of Praise**

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