



Sunday, July 20, 2025
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme
**UNDIVIDED ATTENTION
ON THE ONE THING NEEDED**

We think we need a lot of different things, but Jesus says we only need one. Only His Gospel can create and sustain the faith that makes you God's dear child and heir of His everlasting kingdom. If you didn't have water, you would die in a few days; without oxygen, in a few minutes. But without Jesus speaking to us through his Word, there is no hope for everlasting life. We literally need the gospel more than water or oxygen. So, let us listen to Jesus speak, giving him our undivided attention.

Order of Service

(Gathering Rite of the Word & Service of Word and Sacrament)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**



Bless-ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath-ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and



hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,



Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

(Psalm 119:97-99,103)

All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -
shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;
You must work all good with - in us.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's



ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;



Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust. Con - fi - dent of our sal -



ra - tion!
va - tion. While we here be - low must wan - der,



Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading

Genesis 18:1–14

With his gracious visit and gracious words, the Lord gives Sarah exactly what she needs most—a strengthened faith in God’s promise of a child.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he was sitting by the door to his tent during the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up, and he saw three men standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and he bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I have now found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by. ⁴Now let me get a little water so that all of you can wash your feet and rest under the tree. ⁵Let me get some bread so that you can refresh yourselves. After that you may go your way. That is why you have come to your servant.”

They said, “Yes, do as you have said.”

⁶Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quickly prepare twenty quarts of fine flour, knead it, and make some loaves of bread.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, brought a good, tender calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to prepare it. ⁸He took cheese curds, milk, and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them. He stood beside them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They asked him, “Where is Sarah, your wife?”

He said, “She is over there in the tent.”

¹⁰One of the men said, “I will certainly return to you when this season comes around next year. Then Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Sarah was listening to this from the tent door, which was behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well into old age. Sarah was past the age for childbearing. ¹²Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, will I have pleasure, since my lord is also old?”

¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really give birth to a child though I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything impossible for the LORD? At the set time next year I will return to you, and Sarah will have a son.”

119B Teach Me, O LORD

Psalm 119B

Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

Tone

Teach me, LORD, the way of / your decrees,
that I may follow it / to the end.

Give me understanding, so that I may / keep your law
and obey it with / all my heart.

Direct me in the path of / your commands,
for there I / find delight. *Refrain*

Turn my eyes away from / worthless things;
preserve my life according / to your word.
Fulfill your promise to your / servant,
so that you / may be feared.
How I long for your / precepts!
In your righteousness pre- / serve my life.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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Second Reading

Colossians 1:1–14

Through the gospel Christ gives us what we need—a faith which bears fruits in our individual lives and in his wider church.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. ⁸He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

¹³The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Verse of the Day

John 20:31



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

One sister served Jesus, which was lovely. The other sister wanted to be served by Jesus, which is the one thing needed.

³⁸As they went on their way, Jesus came into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who was sitting at the Lord's feet and was listening to his word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with all her serving. She came over and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me."

⁴¹The Lord answered and told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but one thing is needed. In fact, Mary has chosen that better part, which will not be taken away from her."





hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all
les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -
wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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Sermon

Luke 10:38-42

Just stop, sit, and listen to Jesus!

- 1) 1. Leave your cares and worries behind.
2. Listen attentively to His Word.
3. Apply His peace to your life.

Prayer of the Church

O Lord, light of the world and saving strength of your people, we thank you for the gift of your Word. Implant it in the hearts of your people, so that, set free from the power of Satan and the fear of death, we may live to serve and honor you.

Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may grow richly in divine knowledge and spiritual understanding. Bless the proclamation of your Word everywhere, so that hearts may be turned from the darkness of spiritual ignorance, falsehood, and despair to the light of knowledge, truth, and life. Be with our missionaries in our own and distant lands. Protect them, encourage them, and crown their labors with success.

Let your Word shine in our homes, that parents and children may dwell together in love and serve one another in kindness and humility. Watch over the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, and the weary. Preserve those who are in any danger of body or soul. Supply us by the grace of Jesus with the Spirit's power, that we may ever be comforted by your truth and sustained by your love.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

For these and all the other things you know we need, we confidently ask in the name of him who gave himself for us that we might live through him, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

The Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.
He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

After Distribution



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

868 By Faith

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1 By faith we see the hand of God
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. Refrain
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4

Refrain



We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our
 eyes on him, our soul's re-ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the
 work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

- 4 By faith the church was called to go
 in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
 to deliver captives and to preach good news
 in ev'ry corner of the earth. (Refrain)
- 5 By faith this mountain shall be moved
 and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
 for we know in Christ all things are possible
 for all who call upon his name. (Refrain)

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

July 27 – Mark // August 3 – Thomas

Church Picnic and Friendship Sunday

August 10, 2025 - *Invite your friends!*

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (20) 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
3:00 pm Communion Service in Poltimore

Pastor will be at Synod Convention from July 21-25

Th (24) 5:30 pm Online Youth Confirmation (*tentative*)

Fr (25) 6:30 pm Friday Fellowship

Su (27) 9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Evangelism Meeting

Tu (29) 7:00 pm Council Meeting

We (30) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)

Th (31) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (1) 4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)

Sa (2) 11:00 am Communicating Christ (Youth)

Su (3) 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
3:00 pm Communion Service in Poltimore



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