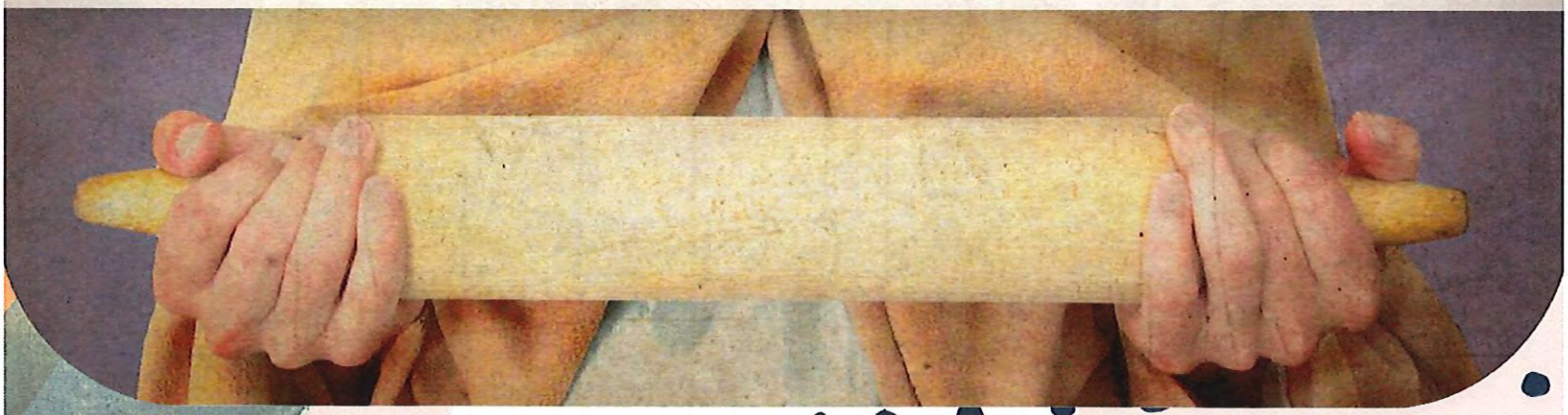
MARY & MARTHA

LUKE 10:42

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?



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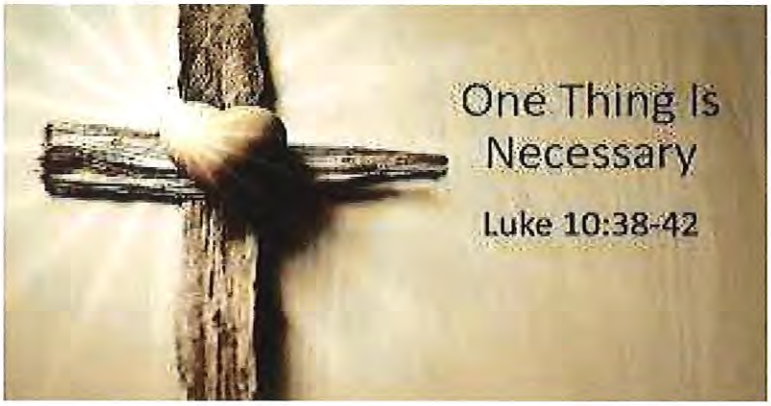

WELCOME!

Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honored to have you here. We hope that our worship time together will be meaningful to you and bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please fill out a pink attendance form and place it in the offering plate during the offering.
A friendly reminder ...please silence your cell phone.

If you are unable to join us in person, please join us on Zoom!
Sunday Service is live streamed every week at 9:00AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827
Password: 1966

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The story of Mary and Martha in the Bible shows us two different approaches to following Jesus. In Luke 10:38-42, Martha works hard to welcome Jesus to her home. Her sister, Mary of Bethany, simply sits at his feet and listens. Both Mary and Martha serve, yet Mary understands the priority and necessity of choosing to abide with Christ. Sitting at the feet of Jesus prevents Mary's service from becoming distracted and unhealthy.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism**.**

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

(#834 in the Hymnal)

INVOCATION:

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!

THE KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

(Pages 149 & 150 of the hymnal)

ML: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

ALL: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation, blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Lord be with you
C: and also, with you!

P: Let us pray

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Deacon: Word of God! Word of Life!
All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

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All: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: (ELW p. 151)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke Chapter 10 beginning at the 38th verse. This can be found on page 1028 in the pew Bible.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated.

SERMON: Rev. Wayne Plumstead

"Martha's Mistake"

'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'" – Luke 10:38-42

HYMN OF THE DAY: Please *stand if you are able.*

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

(#676 in the hymnal)

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:

D: Hear us O God,
C: Your mercy is great!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ

COLLECTION of TITHES & OFFERING

Please be seated as the gifts of the Lord are gathered

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: *Please stand if you are able.*

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

"Lamb of God"

(Page 154 in the front of the hymnal)

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, please come to the altar for a blessing. The wine and grape juice are administered by the individual glass. If you are unable to come to the table, speak with an usher and communion will be brought to you.

During Communion, please join us in singing

"Be Thou My Vision"

(#793 in the hymnal)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

Blessing:

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

"We Are Marching in the Light"

(#866 in the hymnal)

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

A: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Altar flowers this week are dedicated to the glory and honor of God and as a gift to the church in honor of Memorial Day from Linda Opdyke.

May 21st Linda Guarino
May 26th Gary and Donna Young
May 28th Sean and Sandra Boero
May 29th Dutch Wolfgang
May 30th Jill Jandris

Open Door
PREGNANCY & RESOURCE CENTER

Fundraiser! The baby bottle campaign will run from Mother's Day, May 11th through Father's Day June 15th. Take a bottle from the basket in the hall, fill with loose change, bills or a check, return the bottle to church on June 15th.

THE WEEK AHEAD

May 18th, 2025 to May 24th, 2025

Sunday 25th	9:00 AM 11AM-1:00PM	**LCHS** Worship/Fellowship Reverend Wayne Plumstead JCI Worship/Fellowship
Monday 26th OFFICE CLOSED	10:30AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00PM	Al-Anon Meeting Room 6/7 YMCA COUNSELING Room 4 JCI Prayer Session Boy Scouts 11/12
Tuesday 27th	7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Al- Anon Meeting AA Meeting
Wednesday 28th	7:00 PM	JCI Bible Study
Thursday 29th	7:30PM	AA Meeting Room 11/12
Friday 30th	10:00am 2:00pm – 8:00pm	AA Meeting Room 11/12 YMCA COUNSELING Room 4

WEEKLY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	May 25th 2025	June 1st 2025
Pastor	Rev. Wayne Plumstead	Rev. Jeffery Eaton
Lector	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
Communion Assistant	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
Ushers	Lou Padula	Lou Padula
	Pat Padula	Pat Padula
Acolyte		
Sound Booth	Trish and Izzy Martinez	Victoria Cambridge
Altar Guild	Carol Paonessa	Denise Ross
Keyboardist	Daniel Sullivan	Wayzeta Strouse
Music Leaders	Ben, Sue	Ben, Sue
Greeters		
Sunday AM Fellowship	Denise Ross	Carol and Tom Paonessa
Set up/Make Coffee	Denise Ross	Carol and Tom Paonessa
Offering Counters	Trish Martinez Dianne Silva	Sue Chin Denise Ross

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

PRAYER LIST 5/25/25

~ Frances Amello
~ Arline Asterita
~ Chris Byron
~ The Congdon Family
~ Juliet D'Adamo
~ Christine Davis
~ Maureen Doheny
~ William Doheny
~ Stephen Donofrio
~ Doreen Gartelman
~ Ingie Gilluly
~ Jim Golkowski
~ Leslie Gyuro
~ Jerry Hanford
~ Carol Hemberger
~ Carol Martinek
~ Jack Masterson
~ Mimi Matey
~ Carol & Dave Opauski
~ The Plumstead Family
~ Kippy Ross
~ Patricia Schmelz
~ Prudence Simonds
~ Wayzeta Strouse
~ Vicki Thompson
~ Dawn Thumhart

Name to be added/removed_____

Your Name_____ Date_____

Phone number_____

If you have someone you would like on the list please fill out the above form, include your phone number and you will be contacted once a month to see if that person should remain on the list.

Need to add or remove a name? Please notify the church office.

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Worship with Communion Sunday's at 9:00am

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Our worship service is live-streamed every week on Zoom @ 9:00am.
If you are unable to join us in person, please join us on zoom!
Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827 Password: 1966

Please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship, bagels and coffee, in fellowship hall every Sunday following service!

CHURCHOFFICE HOURS

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Vice Pastor: Peter Hartney - pastor@stpaul-lutheranchurch.com

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are a Christian community. Committed to knowing God • to serving ALL people • to sharing the "Good News" of Jesus Christ!

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

10 And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Gospel Reading Luke 10:38-42

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one.[a] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."