



# Sixth Sunday

after Pentecost



***Welcome to  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Child Development Center and Pre-School***  
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July 20, 2025

# ONE THING

LUKE 10:38-42



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Faith  
is not hoping  
**God** can  
it is knowing  
He **Will**



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WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US

# CONCLAVE



Pastor's Study on Hollywood and the Church begins with viewing the Conclave today and July 27 at 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room.

The movie is two hours long and viewed in two parts.

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# TEXAS FLOODS

**Your gift to Lutheran World Relief can deliver urgently needed support and care to neighbors affected by flooding.**

**[lwr.org/HelpTexas](https://lwr.org/HelpTexas)**



Thank you for sharing God's love with your neighbors when and where they need it most.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**



# St. Paul Lutheran Church Community Service



St. Paul will be serving at Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry and anyone who can help would be greatly appreciated. If anyone needs community service, this is a great opportunity.

For any questions please contact Don Artieschoufsky.  
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*When:*

*Saturday August 2, 2025; 7:30 am – 10:30 am*

*Where:*

*Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry at 121 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Taylor TX*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**



**Gathering Song**

**“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”**

**Hymn # 817**

**<sup>1</sup> You have come down to the  
lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the  
wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.  
[Refrain]**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain]

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my  
eyes,  
kindly smiling, you've called out my  
name.**

Hymn # 817



**[Refrain Cont]**

**On the sand I've abandoned my  
small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**Hymn # 817**

**2 You know full well what I have,  
Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for  
conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will  
for working.**

Hymn # 817

**[Refrain]**

[Refrain]

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my  
eyes,  
kindly smiling, you've called out my  
name.**

Hymn # 817



**[Refrain Cont]**

**On the sand I've abandoned my  
small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**Hymn # 817**

**<sup>3</sup> You need my hands, my  
exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the  
weary,  
a love that's willing to go on  
loving.**

**[Refrain]**

Hymn # 817

[Refrain]

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my  
eyes,  
kindly smiling, you've called out my  
name.**

Hymn # 817

**[Refrain Cont]**

**On the sand I've abandoned my  
small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**Hymn # 817**

**Final You who have fished other  
waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are  
yearning;  
O loving Friend, you have come  
to call me.**

**Hymn # 817**

**[Refrain]**



[Refrain]

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my  
eyes,  
kindly smiling, you've called out my  
name.**

Hymn # 817

**[Refrain Cont]**

**On the sand I've abandoned my  
small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**Hymn # 817**

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.**

## **Kyrie**

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*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*

***Lord, have mercy.***

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

***Lord, have mercy***



*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord*  
***A-men.***

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

***This is the feast of victory  
for our God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia***

***(sung twice)***

***Worthy is Christ,  
the Lamb who was slain  
whose blood set us free  
to be people of God***

***Power, riches, wisdom, and  
strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory  
are his***

***This is the feast of victory  
for our God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia***

*(sung twice)*

***Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all  
creation:***



***Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever.  
Amen.***

***This is the feast of victory  
for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia***

*(sung twice)*

***For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia.***

***This is the feast of victory  
for our God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia***

*(sung twice)*

## **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.**

# **WORD**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a**

*The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.*



<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.**

# PSALM: 15

*LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)*

<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**

*This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

<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.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

***Alleluia.***

***Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal Life.***

***Alleluia.***

# GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to  
Luke 10:38-42

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

*During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.*

<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.**



# **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley



## **Hymn of the Day**

**“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”**

**Hymn # 971**

***From ASC Supplement***

**<sup>1</sup> Come and seek the ways of  
Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was  
new.**

Hymn # 971

**Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.**

**Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.**

Hymn # 971

**<sup>2</sup> Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the marketplace.**

**Hear the Word made flesh  
among us,  
full of glory, truth , and grace.**

Hymn # 971



**When the word takes root and  
ripens,  
peace and righteousness  
embrace**

Hymn # 971

**Final Sister Wisdom, come, assist  
us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.**

Hymn # 971

**Spirit guide and close  
companion, bring to light our  
sacred worth.**

**Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and Earth.**

Hymn # 971

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

## **CREED**

*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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*



Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices.

Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair and we remember our friends and family members before you. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for Carmen in Nepal, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Family of Faith in Traverse City, Michigan. Loving God, you send out your people to make disciples of all nations, to baptize, and to teach the faith. We pray for this work throughout the Texas District of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Bless and prosper the work of our District staff as they support your mission: Bryce Formwalt, Aubrey Hamann, and Doris Engelhardt. Today we also pray for St. John Lutheran Church in Boerne, Texas and their pastors, Eric Waters and Robert Weber. By your Holy Spirit, give them the strength of faith to answer your call to make disciples. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders, our students, teachers and school administrators.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**



**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Amen.**

## 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***

It is indeed right, our duty and our  
joy...

...we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of power and might,  
heaven 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.***

# **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

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

# **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.**

## **COMMUNION**

*Holy Communion is offered both in the center aisle  
line and at the altar rail.*

***Lamb of God Pg. 174***

***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.***



*Holy Communion is offered both in the center aisle line and at the altar rail.*

# **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and  
mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you  
peace.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Song**

**“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”**

**Hymn # 538**

**<sup>1</sup> The Lord now sends us forth  
with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth  
a better place to live.**

*(sung twice)*

Hymn # 538

**Final The angels are not sent  
into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant  
to do in Jesus' name;**

Hymn # 538



**that falls to you and me  
and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray,  
to do your will today**

Hymn # 538

**The angels are not sent  
into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant  
to do in Jesus' name;**

Hymn # 538

**that falls to you and me  
and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray,  
to do your will today.**

Hymn # 538

# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape. In the foreground, a river flows through a valley, surrounded by dense trees and fields. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a dramatic sky with purple and orange clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The entire image is framed by a thick orange border.

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