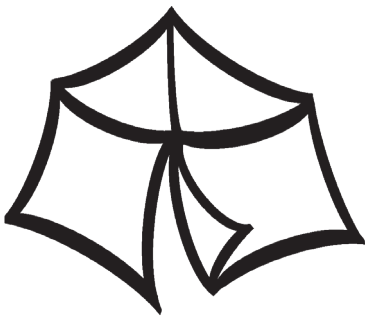


Pentecost 6

July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11 (Year C)



Martha is as busy as any person can be, tending to the household chores and working hard to serve Jesus a meal. We don't know if she enjoys her work, only that she is sorely anxious over it and resentful of her sister's attention to Jesus. What Martha considers idleness, Jesus renames "the good portion." Our Lord calls us to seek his face, then sit at his feet, and to be fully present with him as he is fully present.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a (10b-14) **Abraham Receives Three Visitors**
Soon after Abraham and all his male kindred were circumcised according to the covenant God made with them, he was visited by three men who stood at his doorway. Abraham quickly made the men welcome and fed them. A promise was made in that meeting that Sarah would have a son in the next year.

Psalm 27: (1-6) 7-14 **Seek My Face**
The Lord said to the psalmist, "Seek my face." In response, the poet asks God to teach him His ways, and to lead him in all goodness and mercy.

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:21-29 **Holy and Blameless Before Christ**
St. Paul reminded the Colossians that once they were captive to sin and evil deeds that kept them alienated from God. Through the death of Christ they have been made holy and above reproach before God. The mystery of God's love for all humanity has been revealed in Christ so that God may be fully known in all the world.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:38-42 **One Thing is Necessary**
St. Luke recalled the account of Jesus' visit to the home of Martha and Mary. Martha pleaded with Jesus to have Mary assist her in all of her household duties, as her sister was sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to him speak. Jesus gently corrected Martha and pointed out that Mary was doing the one thing that is necessary — sitting and learning from her Lord. Martha is anxious and distracted by the jobs that consume her time. Nothing can take Jesus away from those who sit at his feet.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles' Creed.
- * Today is the commemoration of Bartolome de las Casas (c.1484-1566), missionary and protector of the Native Americans. From Spain, de las Casas was of the Order of Dominican Friars. By the time he was 18, he had already made a trip to the Americas. It was on that first trip that he saw the injustices waged against the Native Americans. His faith urged him to return with a catechism he penned specifically for those he met in the New World. For more information, see: www.lascasas.org/manissues.htm

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
When Peace Like a River	346	---	763	785	224	224
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	294	---	575	596	192	192
When Morning Gilds the Skies	545	---	807	853	---	---
All Things Bright and Beautiful	---	767	---	---	4	4
Be Thou My Vision	---	776	---	793	230	230
I Love to Tell the Story	390	---	---	661	265	265
Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways	480	---	707	772	235	235
Day By Day	---	746	---	790	210	210
Dearest Jesus, at Your Word	248	---	---	520	203	203
Give Me Jesus (In the Morning ...)	---	777	---	770	214	214

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:
My Faith Looks Trustingly (CCLI# 43334)
I Love To Tell The Story (CCLI# 29413)
Good Soil (CCLI# 806698)
Never Once (CCLI # 5997055)
Set a Fire (CCLI# 5911299)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.