



UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

On the One Thing Needed

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Trinity Lutheran Church Faith-Filled; Family Focused

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Trinity Lutheran Church is a family because God welcomed us into his family. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the family of God.

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Most would agree with Jesus' teaching that "Few things are needed" (Luke 10:42). We understand that people often confuse their wants with needs. We might want many things; but in reality, we only need a few things. So, we would agree with Jesus. "Few things are needed." However, Jesus said more. "Few things are needed—or indeed *only one*." Now we might object. There seems to be more than one true need. We need water, food, clothing, shelter, friendship, etc. Yet, what Jesus said is true. Because only one thing—the gospel—can create and sustain the faith that makes one God's dear child and an heir of the 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 eternal life in heaven. We literally need the gospel more than water or oxygen. So, let us listen to Jesus speak, giving him our undivided attention. May God bless your worship.

Serving in Worship

Preacher
Organist

Pastor Matthew Langebartels
Hannah Langebartels

† Order of Service †

Greeting and welcome.

Hymn

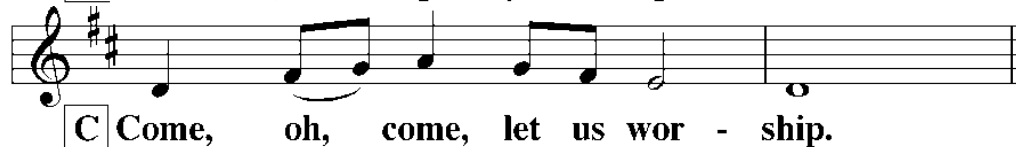
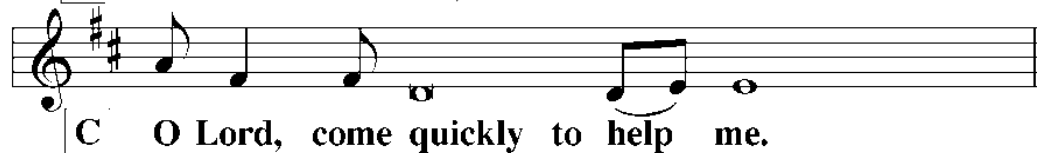
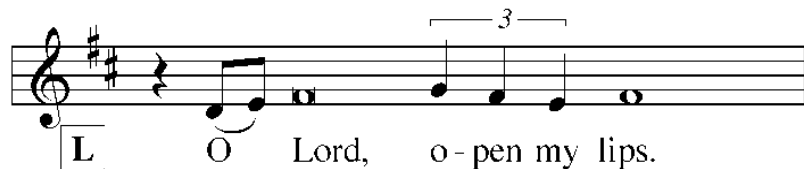
633, *Speak, O Lord*

- 1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy Word;
take your truth, plant it deep in us,
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.
- 2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
let their truth prevail over unbelief.
- 3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,
truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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Please stand.

Pastor will sing the "L" parts and the congregation the "C" parts



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Let us Go to the
House of the Lord

①
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain
you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock and you shep - herd.

Please be seated.

The Word

Children's Message

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come forward and participate in the devotion.

First Lesson

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 near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119, Thy Word Is a Lamp

First Refrain and verses sung by a soloist

Refrain: 2 times: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
 And a light unto my path.

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: 2 times: **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**
 And a light unto my path.

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: 2 times: **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**
 And a light unto my path.

Second Lesson

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 God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:
Grace and peace to you 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 of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Lesson

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 Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But 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, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

645, One Thing's Needful

- 1 One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure
teach me highly to regard.
All else, though it first give pleasure,
is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
no true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
This one thing is needful; all others are vain—
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.
- 2 How were Mary's thoughts devoted
her eternal joy to find
as intent each word she noted,
at her Savior's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
while hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!
All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord
and found her contentment in hearing his Word.
- 3 Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,
Jesus, is revealed in you.
Let me find in you my pleasure;
make my will and actions true,
humility there and simplicity reigning,
in paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,
the blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.

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Sermon

Luke 10:38-42

Do I have your attention?

1. Distracted by Good

2. Devoted to Great

Hymn

913, *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*
A soloist sings v.1

- 1 **Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry,
come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's grace.**
- 2 In the pastures of God's goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.
- 3 Come, then, children, with your burdens—
life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—
he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.

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Retirement of Beth Henry

Brothers and sisters, after many years of faithful service, Beth Henry is retiring from the public ministry of the gospel. Compelled by the love of Christ, she has labored in the Lord's harvest field and built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. She searched the Scriptures for guidance and strength and faithfully proclaimed the law and the gospel to us and all she served.

At the close of her ministry, we praise God for guiding and guarding her throughout her years of service. We remember how the Lord has blessed the church through his ministry, for the Bible urges us "to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

In Holy Baptism, the Lord Jesus Christ received you as a member of his holy church and made you an heir of salvation. Through his Word, he strengthened your faith and created in you a desire to serve in the ministry of the gospel. Throughout your ministry, the Lord kept his promise to strengthen and guide you as you served his people. We praise God for your faithful service and we thank you for your ministry among us.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for all the blessings you have given your church through the ministry of your servant, Beth Henry. Continue to pour out on her the gift of your grace that by her example of faithful devotion to your Word she may be a blessing to many. If it is your will, allow time for rest and relaxation. Keep her and her family safe in your care and watch over them, body and soul. As she remembers that her labors were not in vain, grant her contentment and peace. For past blessings and future glory, lift her eyes to the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Please stand.

Pastor will sing the "L" parts and the congregation the "C" parts

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Church

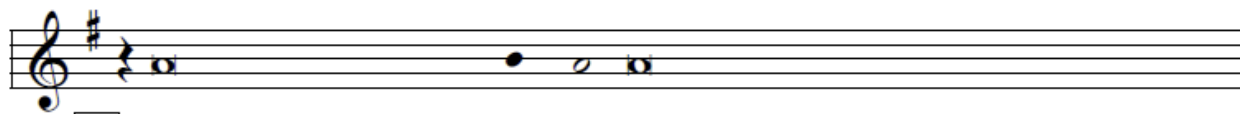
Lord's Prayer

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.

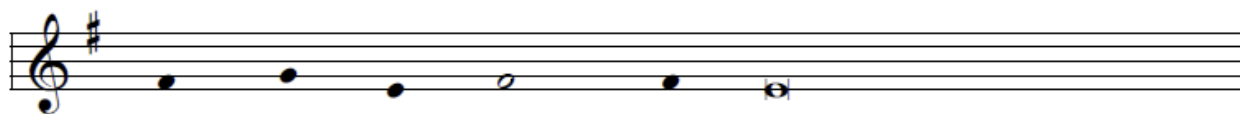
Prayer for Grace



L O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have



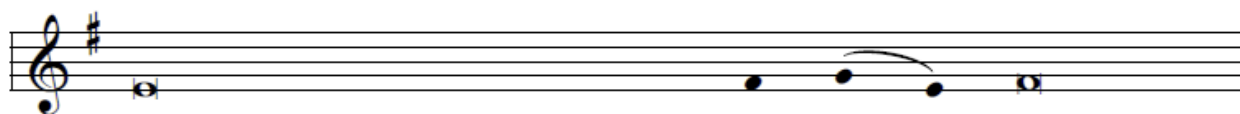
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with



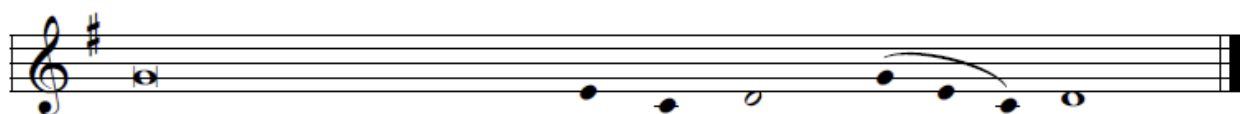
your might - y power, and grant that this day we neither



fall into sin nor run into an-y kind of danger; and in



all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight,



through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C** A - men.



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Blessing

[L] The Lord bless and keep you.

[C] A - men.

[L] The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.

[C] A - men.

[L] The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

[C] A - men.

Please be seated.

Hymn

640, God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
we keep its teachings pure
throughout all generations.

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Announcements

WELS Connection will be shown this morning.

Next Sunday is our church picnic. Worship will be at the park in Pound a little west on Q and just north of Hillside Church. Please bring a side dish or dessert. The church is providing fried chicken, and mashed potatoes.

VBS Starts on Monday - Get registered for an Australian Adventure!

Ladies Night Out – Tuesday, Aug 12th starting at 5pm at Robin Sager's, 12963 S. White Potato Lake Rd. All ladies are invited to enjoy food, drinks, and conversation along with a 6pm pontoon ride on the lake. RSVP to Robin (920-591-0289) or Hannah (414-758-8607) so we know how many to plan for.

Fall Classes – If you have taken the BIC, please sign up for either Evangelism which will be Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. starting September 7th or Connecting Sinai to Calvary which will be Wednesdays at 6 p.m. starting September 3rd. Both are about 10 weeks long.

REFORMATION/GERMANY TOUR - You are invited to join a 12 day (April 20-May1,2026) tour of Germany emphasizing sites of the Reformation. Places like Wittenberg, Worms, Wartburg, Eisleben, Erfurt are included. Non religious sites include Berlin, Mainz, Rothenburg, Rhine River cruise etc.. There is an optional 3 day extension to Munich, Oberammergau, Neushwanstein Castle etc. The tour, will be hosted by retired pastor Eugene Kock who has been to Germany many times. For more information contact: pastorkock@yahoo.com.

WELS is having an Anniversary offering, celebrating 175 years of God's blessings, to support Home Missions, World Missions, and Ministerial Education. If you desire to participate brochures are available in the Information Rack.

Attendance 7-13: 120
Offering 7-13: \$ 4,053.31
General Fund Balance as of 7-13: \$55,051.92

This week at Trinity...

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
WELS Connection 8:15 Sunday School & Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service After Church Retirement & cake reception for Beth Henry	VBS 8-11:30 am	VBS 8-11:30 am	VBS 8-11:30 am	VBS 8-11:30 am	VBS 8-11:30 am	