

*My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*



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FOCUS Our prayers are filled with “just one more thing” that we ask of God. Crowded into the prayers of God’s people are the manifold concerns and burdens of this mortal life. But from another perspective, it is not one more thing but one thing only. In the Gospel for today, we see the contrast between the many things occupying the attention and creating stress upon Martha and the one thing needful, which her sister, Mary, has recognized. It is this one thing to which we are called today, and it is the key to finding our way through the stresses, burdens, and concerns that complicate our lives of faith.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *“How Firm a Foundation”*

LSB 728

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
2. “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
4. “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5. "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
L If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
L Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
L Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

HYMN of PRAISE

"Gloria in Excelsis"

1. To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2. To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—
3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 18:1-14

And the Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant.⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree,⁵ while I bring a morsel of 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."⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes."⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly.⁸ 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.⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent."¹⁰ The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening

at the tent door behind him.¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah.¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

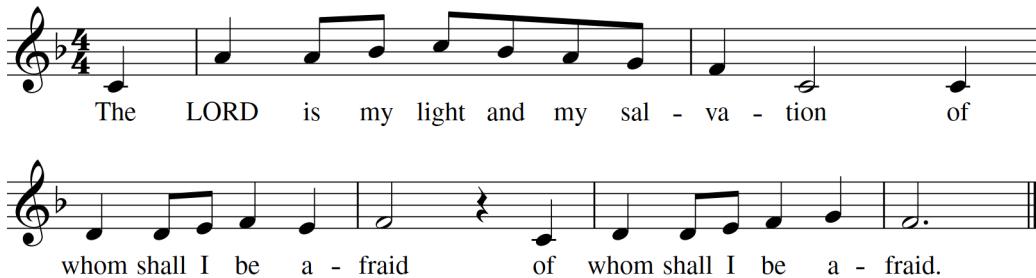
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 7, 9-10, 13-14 (NIV)

*Soloist/Choir: The LORD is my light and my salvation –
of whom shall I be afraid, of whom shall I be afraid.*

Refrain (ALL):



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion of
whom shall I be a - fraid of whom shall I be a - fraid.

Soloist/Choir:

Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

*Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. REFRAIN*

Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. REFRAIN

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:21-29

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,²³ if indeed you continue in the faith,

stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.²⁷ 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.²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN of the DAY

"One Thing's Needful"

LSB 536

Soloist/

Choir: 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!

ALL: 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.

ALL: 3. Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, is revealed in You.
Let me find in You my pleasure, And my wayward will subdue,
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.

ALL: 4. Nothing have I, Christ, to offer, You alone, my highest good.
Nothing have I, Lord, to proffer But Your crimson-colored blood.
Your death on the cross has death wholly defeated
And thereby my righteousness fully completed;
Salvation's white raiments I there did obtain,
And in them in glory with You I shall reign.

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SERMON

“The Good Portion”

Rev. Timothy D. Smith

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life [†] of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER of the CHURCH

Timothy 2:1-4

- L** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, grant us the wisdom of faith to choose the one thing needful amid all that competes for our attention and loyalty. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- L** Lord God, be among Your Church as it gathers anywhere around Word and Sacrament. Bless Your Church and give Your people courage and opportunity to spread the news of Christ's death for our sins and His resurrection on the third day for our salvation. Be with us as a congregation today, Lord, as we meet and seek to call a Senior Pastor. By Your Holy Spirit, make us of one mind so that in all things we glorify You. Continue to prepare the heart of the one You have chosen to serve with us here. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- L** Almighty and most gracious God, we give thanks that You send Your people into the world as true and faithful servants. Be with the students of our Appalachian Servant Event Team who departed this past Friday. Use the gifts you have given them as they seek to serve You in North Carolina. Give Mr. Stengl, Lily and Kiel the direction, aid, and counsel of Your Holy Spirit, that through their labors Your church may be extended, sustained, and equipped for every good work and built up into Him who is the Head, Jesus Christ. Lord in Your mercy...
C hear our prayer.
- L** Lord God, Your compassion continually reaches into the lives of Your people. Visit with lovingkindness all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. afflictions of any kind especially... Comfort and heal them according to Your will. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of Your salvation. Lord in Your mercy...
C hear our prayer.

- L** Merciful Father, bless our Communion this day upon the body and blood of Christ, that we may approach the Lord's Table with faith and depart united, rejoicing in the blessed grace of this Sacrament, Lord in Your mercy...
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

The LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

GATHERING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

MISSION STATEMENT: *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

VISION STATEMENT: *To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS of INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a-way;
 You take the sin of the world a-way;
 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Christ,
 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 Have mer-cy on peace, O Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Now the Silence”

LSB 910

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Psalm 27:1

L Let us pray. Lord Jesus, we thank You for the healing and strength You have given us today through Your Word and Sacrament. In the days to come, help us to live in the light of Your Word and truth. Teach us to say with confidence, *“The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?”* We ask it in Your precious name.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

LSB 919, v.1,2,4,6

1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.
4. Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.
6. Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

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POSTLUDE

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KEYBOARDIST: *Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*

MUSICIANS: *7:30am—Matthew Hoehne, soloist; 9am—Sanctuary Choir*

ELDERS: *7:30am— ; 9am—*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL/BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER—

5pm Saturday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the SLC. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the SLC or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the SLC.
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **RESTROOMS**—Are located on the right, just as you enter the building from the courtyard. Handicapped restrooms are located straight in from the courtyard, just outside the Trinity Childcare classroom.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

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