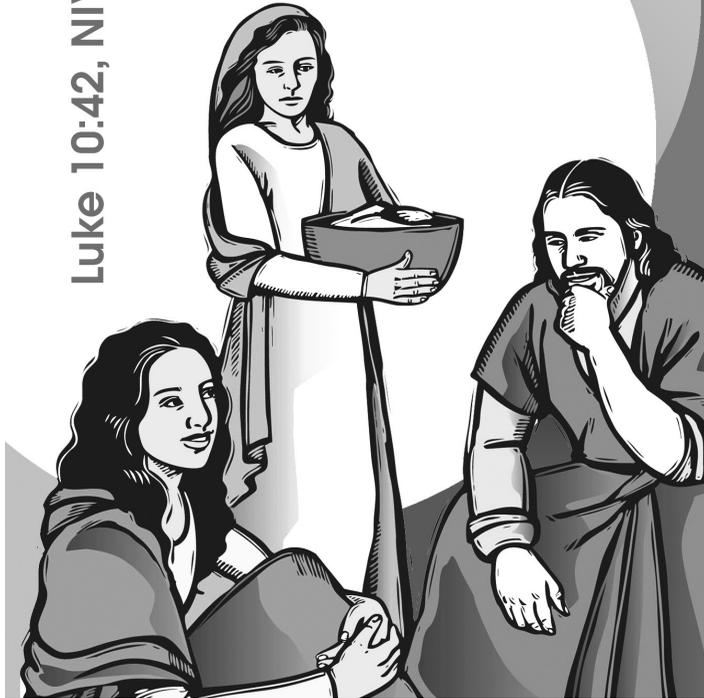


**“Mary has chosen  
what is better ...”**

**Luke 10:42, NIV**



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☞ WELCOME ☞

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

☞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ☞

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN 43 vv1-4, 7

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

C: [sing, p. 42] **O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to his promise, is slow to anger and abounding in unwavering love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Glory to God in the Highest*)

P: Glory be to God in the highest.

C: [sing p. 44] **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended!**

**To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;**

**God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again;**

**O thank Him for His Goodness!**

## THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT (Prayer of the Day)

C: **Heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us the knowledge of Your Word. Keep us steadfast in this knowledge so we may obtain eternal life. Provide us always with pastors who faithfully preach Your Word, without offense or false doctrine. Defend us from all false teachings, and protect us from false teachers who distort Your Word, coming in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

## READINGS — Christian Worship 3-Year Series (All readings from the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

### *The Old Testament — Jeremiah 23: 1-6*

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I

have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will live in safety.  
This is the name by which he will be called:  
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

### *The Epistle — Ephesians 2: 13-22*

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### *The Holy Gospel — Mark 6: 30-34*

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many

who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

#### RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

#### THE CREED

P: Having heard God's Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ,**

**His 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 into hell;**

**The third day he rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.**

C: [sing, p. 46} **Amen.**

#### HYMN 230

*Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

#### THE SERMON

*"It's Still #1"*

Luke 10: 38-42

HYMN VERSE

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate're the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

HYMN 234

*We Have a Sure Prophetic Word*

THE COLLECT

P: Let us give thanks and pray:

We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our

sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name.

C: [sing p. 58] **Amen.**

#### THE BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: [sing p. 59] **Amen, amen, amen.**

#### HYMN 581

*Draw Us to Thee*

#### CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death.  
Amen.

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Organist: Darek Hartwig



July 22-28

Katy Hougan  
Sarah Hougan

## ☞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☞

### LAST WEEK

28 people, out of love for their Savior, offered \$1,300 of which \$50 was for Missions.

### THANK YOU

We want to thank each and everyone who was involved in helping in any way with our special Service today. Thank you for making the outdoor Service possible with the moving of things. Thanks too, to all who were/are involved with the picnic which is to follow. All are invited to join the meal and to fellowship with one another. Again...thank you.

### PRAYERS

You are encouraged to keep the following members of our congregation in your prayers... members who are confined to nursing homes, sick or something other: Beverly Boyd, Eileen Brekken, Boyd Daley, Betty Gulseth, Charlotte Nelson, Eunice Phillips, and Lois Pieper. If you know of others who might be added to this list, please inform Pastor Kock.

### FORUM

The Church Council has scheduled an "open forum" for Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting is to give everyone an opportunity to express themselves regarding what their hopes, wishes, desires, etc. are for a new pastor. Your input is being sought.

### BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AUXILIARY

The Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will hold its annual ice cream social on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church, 406 W. Cottage Grove Road in Cottage Grove at 2:00 p.m. Bethany student Paul Gullixson, son of Pastor Ted and Diane Gullixson, will provide musical entertainment. A Bethany representative will be present to answer questions and give an update of the college. Bring the whole family for an enjoyable (and yummy!!) Sunday afternoon outing!!

### ELS PICTORAL HISTORY

A pictoral history has been published in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reorganization of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. This volume includes more than 400 photographs from the history of the synod. This who we are. This is what we look like. Here are the wonders which God has done. Books are \$20 plus \$5 shipping. Orders may be sent to: Bethany Bookstore, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato, MN 56001.

### JUST A THOUGHT

"Brush up on your Bible, it prevents Truth decay."