

JULY 20, 2025  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking† faith home

*Listening to Jesus is an act of love.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed
Monday	Genesis 18:1-10a	A son is promised
Tuesday	Colossians 1:15-28	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:10-21	The Lord speaks to Samuel
Thursday	Proverbs 12:15-22	Speak the truth
Friday	James 1:19-27	Hearing and doing the word
Saturday	Psalms 15	Worshiping the Lord
Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her."*

**Luke 10:41-42 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you are the source of all that is good and holy; give us faith to trust you with all our hearts through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for the food that gives us strength and your word of promise that gives us hope and courage, we give you thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a servant's heart.



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Listen to the Word*



## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How have you shown hospitality to someone?
- If Jesus came to visit you, what would you do?

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Luke 10:38-42.

The familiar story of Mary and Martha can be unsettling. Mary can appear to be a bit lazy. She is gladly listening to Jesus but seems to be ignoring her sister, Martha, who is providing Jesus proper hospitality, an important, caring practice in the Bible. This story follows on the heels of the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) where someone took the initiative to act with loving service. These two stories are linked to point out that service to others is important, and that service is best done with the message of Christ in our hearts. Service that is done in faith is not distracted but energized by Jesus' message. It is neither loving service or attention to Jesus but loving service that is motivated by the message of Jesus. It is essential to our lives of faith and love, to listen to Jesus. This results in lives of service that will not be a distraction but will be acts of love through Jesus.

*Discuss:* How does listening to Jesus motivate you to care for others?

*Pray:* **Loving God, help us to center our lives on your strength and wisdom so that we may serve you as we love others through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you show hospitality to another person?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Even when we are busy, we need to take time to listen to Jesus, as Mary did. If you're not in the practice of taking a few moments each day to hear God speak to you, consider setting time aside to do so. Turn off all electronics and other distracting noises. Take a few deep breaths and relax. Sit quietly for a few minutes.

*Finish with this prayer:* **Lord help me not to be worried or distracted by many things and listen to you. Amen.**



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