

# **Pastor's Bible Study**

**July 19, 2025**

## **The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 11**

### **#902 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”**



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O ho - ly,  
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

### **Read Genesis 18:1-14**

1. What important events took place in the verses leading up to this text?
2. What do we know about the visitors who appear to Abraham?
3. What is significant about the way in which Abraham greets the three visitors?
4. Contrast this with the way Jesus is treated in Luke 7:44.
5. Describe the Lord's promise to Sarah. What does her reaction tell us?
6. How does the Lord respond to Sarah's unbelief?

**Read Luke 10:38-42**

7. What do we know about Jesus' relationship with Mary and Martha? See John 11:5.

8. What does verse 39 tell us about Mary?

9. In the ESV, verse 40 reads, "But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made." How would you describe Martha's state of mind in your own words?

10. What does Martha ask Jesus to do and what does her question imply?

11. Commenting on Jesus' response to Martha, Harold Buls wrote:

*When we try to serve Jesus without realizing that He must ever serve us first (Matthew 20:28), we end up as Martha and not as Mary.*

*When we try to serve Jesus but are not always first seeking His Kingdom and His Righteousness, (Matthew 6:33) then we begin to worry and fret about the very things which He will add without worry on our part.*

*Even when we are doing that which is pleasing to Him but are boasting in that rather than boasting and rejoicing that our names are written in heaven (Luke 10:17-20), we are wrong.*

12. In your mind, what is the application of this text?

**Devotional Thought**

In contrast with Jesus' demand for great works in the previous parable, the story of Mary and Martha shows the importance of faith and rest in Jesus and His Word. Today, we are often so distracted that we neglect what matters most: God's Word and Sacraments. What we can never earn for ourselves, no matter how much we scramble, God freely provides through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Prayer**

O Savior, bear my anxieties and remove my distractions, that I may receive Your good portion for me. Amen.