

Peace  
through  
**Jesus**  
Know it. Live it. Share it.

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### Prayer

One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure  
Teach me highly to regard.  
All else, though it first give pleasure,  
Is a yoke the 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.  
(*Christian Worship* 290:1)

## The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 29, 2007

**Worship Focus:** *How necessary for us God's Word is!*

**Order of Service:** *Morning Worship – III* (handout)

**Hymns:** 242, 290, 184, 186

### God's Word

**First Lesson** Genesis 18:1-14

God's Word of promise gave Abraham the faith and hope to expect a son from his wife Sarah, even though that was physically impossible.

**Psalms 119a**, p. 109

How wonderful is God's Word, which the psalmist refers to as the law, statutes, precepts, decrees, and commands of the Lord!

**Second Lesson** Colossians 1:21-29

God's Word changed the Colossians from God's enemies. Paul continued to proclaim God's Word of truth, and so also do we.

**Gospel** Luke 10:38-42

Choose the one thing needed.

### Sermon Text

**Luke 10:38-42**

### *Only One Thing Is Needed*

1. What are the stresses of life that you feel?
2. Why is *adding* God's Word to our schedule *not* the same as considering it the one thing that is needed?
3. How could our trying to serve Jesus get in the way of the one thing that we need?
4. Why is his Word the one thing that is needed?

### This Week's Kingdom Work

Wed. 7:30pm Worship: *How necessary for us God's Word is!*  
Sun. 9:00am Worship and Communion: *Pray with boldness*

### News & Notes

**Schedule change:** On Sunday, August 12, our worship time will be 10:30am instead of 9:00am. Pastor Fleischman (589-4662 home, 589-1840 church) will be filling in for Pastor Bitter (920-583-3008) who will be visiting family from August 11 to August 18.

**Website:** Check out our new website for St. John's at <http://stjohnslutheran.freehostia.com>. Let Pastor Bitter know if you have any suggestions.

**After Church Social:** If you want to provide refreshments for after Sunday worship, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**July Ushers:** Barry Nelson (capt.), Jason Brown, Jeff Flaten, Ryan Flaten, Dick Lubenow, Eric Zeltwanger

**July Cleaners:** Dick & Judy Lubenow; Tom & Elaine Mohr

**Greeters for August 5:** Fran & Sandy Spencer

**WELS NEWS:** The 59<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the WELS begins tomorrow, July 29. 385 voting delegates: 191 laymen, 114 pastors and 80 male teachers, representing all 12 synod districts nationwide, along with 48 advisory delegates, will gather at Martin Luther College in New Ulm.

Three main issues face the delegates: 1) the election of a new president, 2) a budget proposal from the Synodical Council calling for the closure of Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) in Saginaw, Mich., and 3) a recommendation for synod restructuring. For more information, contact: WELS Communication Services 414-256-3210 [csc@sab.wels.net](mailto:csc@sab.wels.net). Please keep our synod in your prayers.