

### Genesis 18:1-14 (ESV)

18 And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>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 earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" <sup>14</sup>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."

### Colossians 1:21-29 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>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, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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, <sup>25</sup>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, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

### Luke 10:38-42 (ESV)

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>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." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

LUKE 10:42 ESV

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July 20, 2025

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**As We Gather** ~ *The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed.* “The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre” (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is “too hard for the LORD” (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus “entered a village” and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). “Martha was distracted with much serving” because she was “anxious and troubled about many things” (Luke 10:40–41), but her sister Mary “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching” (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but “one thing is necessary” for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent “to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints” (Col. 1:25–26). We are grateful for Pastor William Hessler as he leads us in worship and shares his message with us this morning.

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<b>Pastor</b>	William Hessler
<b>Organist</b>	Carolyn Laurenz
<b>Elders</b>	Paul Bohn and Dick Bluemer
<b>AV</b>	Pam Gilbert
<b>Ushers</b>	Dale Rohde and Kevin Ross
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Connie Richardson

**Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 61 Needed for *The Lord’s Work* at Zion \$4,316 ~ Received for the Lord’s Work \$2,108; Capital Projects \$25.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** July 21- Daniel Berger; July 22- Ella Kocsis, Linda Laurenz; July 23- Ashley Coulter, Chris Farrar, July 24- Jim Willman; July 25- Alayna Beyerdsdorf, Sydney Grossman, Summer Little; July 26-Holley Hanson, Wesley Northrup, Pat Schullo (her 84<sup>th</sup>), Bobbie White.



**Coffee Hour** ~ Please note that a volunteer is need for the third Sunday of each month to set up for coffee hour. Please see Lynn Tessin or Lois Tessin to volunteer.

**Merrill Farm Fest/Hemlock Sawdust Days** ~ We are looking to freshen up Zion’s float for the upcoming community parades (August and September). We are asking for volunteers to help refresh/repair the churches on the float. Participating in these parades is a great way to remind the community that we are here! If you have some time and are willing to help out please contact Lynn Tessin.

