

July 20, 2025

"Busyness" Luke 10:38-42

Key Verse: "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but only one thing is needed." (Luke 10:41-42a)

Doing

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" (Luke 10:38-40)

But Martha was distracted with much serving. (Luke 8:40 – ESV)

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. ²In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves. (Psalm 127:1-2)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Matt. 6:25-27)

Abiding

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. (Luke 8:35)

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5 ESV)

30 Days of Prayer

6:30am on weekdays 8:00am on weekends Grace Library

We continue to meet daily for this season of intensive prayer with many people praying in person every day and others praying on their own. It's not too late for you to join us in the Grace Library at 6:30am on weekdays and 8:00am on weekends. If you would like to follow along on your own, we are using the Daily Moravian Texts which you can find online, via the app, or you can pick up a book on Sunday. You may also want to check out the resource guide for more ideas on how to pray during this 30 Days of Prayer campaign.

Serve City Night at Adventure Playground

Friday, August 8 4:00 – 7:00pm 7111 Talbert Ave, HB

As a thank you for our support with Love HB, the City has offered us a private event at Adventure Playground for all the churches of Serve City! Invite your friends and neighbors to come enjoy a fun-filled evening at Adventure Playground, including a hot dog dinner! Admission is free, but we encourage all participants to bring a donation of new socks, underwear, or a backpack to benefit the Oak View community. To sign up, please visit www.servecityhb.com/upcoming-events

Texas Flood Relief

In the early morning hours of July 4, 2025, torrential rains in the Hill Country of Texas unleashed a catastrophic flash flood along the Guadalupe River. One of our LCMC sister churches, Zion Lutheran in Kerrville, is organizing to assist their community as it begins to recover. In addition to praying for the families and victims of this tragic event, Zion is collecting gift cards to stores such as HEB, Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe's, as well as fast food restaurants to assist those displaced. Gift cards can be sent to: Zion Lutheran Church, 624 Barnett St., Kerrville, TX 78028.

You can also donate to the Texas Flood Disaster Fund through the LCMC Texas District. Make checks payable to LCMC Texas District and mail to: LCMC Texas District, PO Box 58, Hondo, TX 78861. Please write "Flood Recovery" on the memo line. Thank you for your care and support.