SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025

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SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Annapolis, Maryland

The Holy Spirt gathers us once again on this Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

The Holy Spirt gathers | Summer Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Pastor

In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

1 John 1:8 but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:13-14

GATHERING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

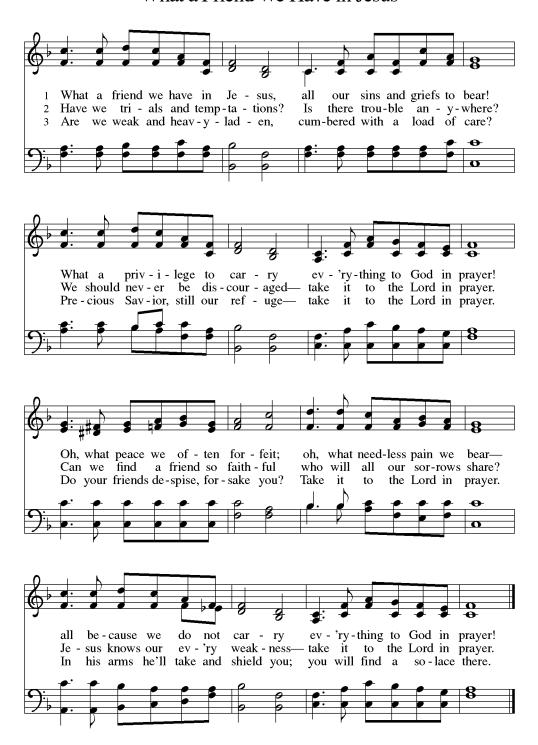
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Greeting - Pastor

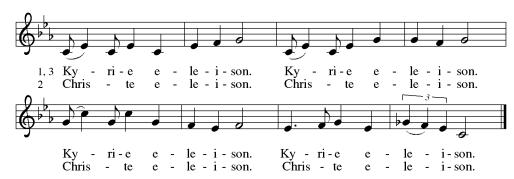
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



We ask for God's KYRIE ELW 151

mercy Luke 17:13; 18-39, Psalm 123:3



This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Assisting Minister

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

This reading is typically from the Hebrew Scriptures, which Jesus often quoted.

THE FIRST LESSON - Lector

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." ²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Psalms are the hymnbooks of the children of Israel

THE PSALM (All Sing Together)

Psalm 138



L = Ladies

M = Men

A = All

- M ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart; before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.
- A ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- bove all things.

- L ³ When I called, you ¹ answered me; you increased my ¹ strength within me.
- A ⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD, when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.
- M ⁵ They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD, that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.
- A ⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly, perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.
- L ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you [†] keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right [†] hand shall save me.
- A ⁸You will make good your pur- ¹ pose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ¹ of your hands.

THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

Colossians 2:6-15[16-19]

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism. you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [16 Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. (Please stand as you are able)

This reading bears witness to the early church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - Pastor

Luke 11:1-13

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke the eleventh chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6:68

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)

"Viva Vox," the Living Word of God interpreted. (Romans 10:14-17)

SERMON - Pastor

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

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Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



- for give," you taught us, Lord, to 1 "For - give our sins as we pray;
- can your par don reach and bless the blaz ing light your cross re veals the un - for - giv - ing How heart
- truth we dim ly
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with in our souls and bid re-sent-ment cease;



but you a - lone can that broods on wrongs and grant us grace to will not let old live the words we say. bit - ter - ness de - part? how tri - fling oth - ers' then, by your mer - cy great our debt debts to us; how to rec - on-ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-1987, alt. Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844 Text © Oxford University Press 1969. Ancient church councils adopted the summary of the church's faith in the Nicene, Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Assisting Minister

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. (I Timothy 2:1-2; I Thessalonians 5:17;

Acts 2:42)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Assisting Minister

To the words "God of grace," the congregation responds "hear our prayer."

Extending God's word of peace to others. (Romans 16:16; Matthew 5:23-24)

SHARING OF THE PEACE - Pastor

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

THE OFFERING (Please be seated)

2 Corinthians 9:7-9

We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need. Please visit www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Prayer (Men's Choir)

- Victor Johnson

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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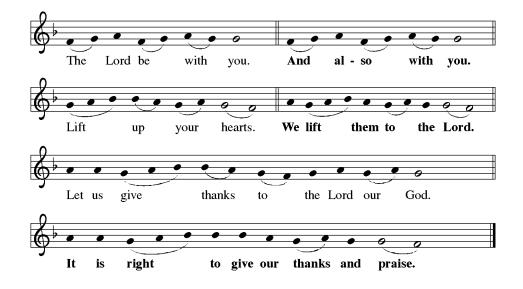
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OFFERING PRAYER - Assisting Minister

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. (Psalm 15:1)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please stand as you are able) - Pastor



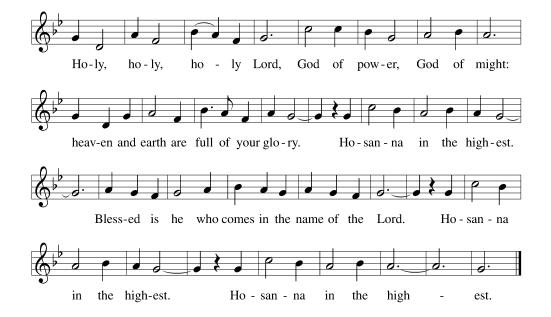
Preface - Pastor

It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus is the hymn of praise that

never ceases before God. (Isaiah 6:3)

THE SANCTUS



In these words—Jesus institutes the sacrament for the church Matthew 26:26-28;

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - Pastor

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. (Luke 11:2-4; Matthew 6:9-13)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Pastor

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. (Please be seated)

Our invitation to Christ's Table (adapted from Iona Community, Scotland)

Our invitation to **INVITATION** - Pastor

This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor. It is a table of communion with the earth.

So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

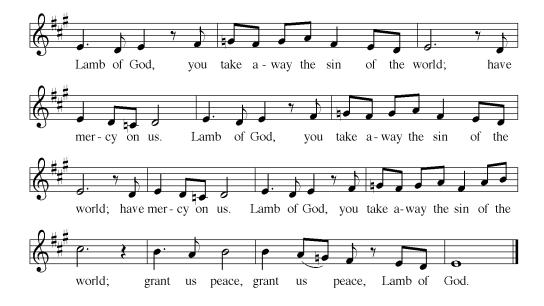
Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

Come, those of you who depend on this sacrament for your life, and those of you for whom it is a new and strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come!

As John the Baptist pointed to Jesus, he said these words.

(John 1:29)

THE AGNUS DEI



***Blue Communion Cards- Please remember to fill in a blue communion card each week. You can hand your blue communion cards to an usher as you come up for communion.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away

communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come, Let Us Eat Lord, Be Glorified **ELW 491 FIW 744**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Please stand as you are able) - Pastor

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Assisting Minister

Mothering God,

you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

A personal blessing | **BENEDICTION** - Pastor from God in the name of the Triune God.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

 ⊕ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

On our way rejoicing. (Colossians 3:16; Philippians 4:4)

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing RECESSIONAL HYMN

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We go forth to bless the world

DISMISSAL - Assisting Minister

Luke 7:50;

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

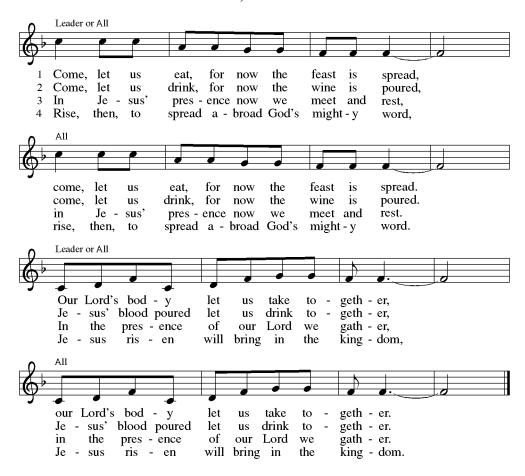
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Romans 10:12-13

Recessional on "Nun Danket"

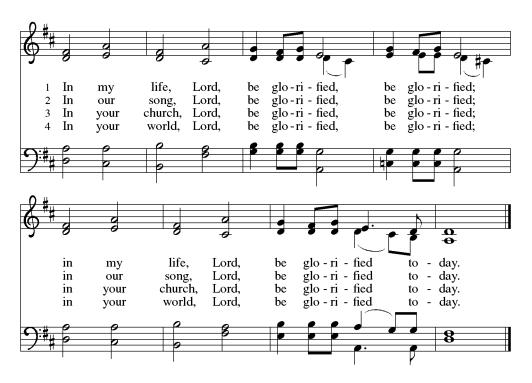
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Come, Let Us Eat

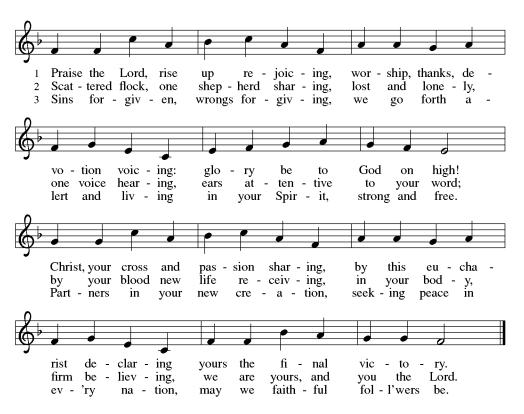


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Lord, Be Glorified



Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



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St. Martin's Lutheran Church

IF YOU CAN NOT-ATTEND ALL 4 DAYS- NO WORRIES-JUST LET US KNOW WHAT DAYS YOU CAN ATTEND AND WE WILL PRORATE-YOUR COST.



WHAT DAYS YOU AND AUGUST 11th-14th WE WILL PROPATE AUGUST 16-8pm



St. Martin's Church warmly invites all our families- kids, youth, adults, married, single, and everyone in between—to be part of our Intergenerational Church Camp!

Each evening begins with a delicious catered dinner from favorites like Papa John's, Chipotle, Mission BBQ, and Chick-fil-A, followed by fun "get to know you" activities that help us connect as a community.

Then, gather with Pastor Micah for a time of meaningful learning, and enjoy a variety of engaging experiences including service projects, creative art activities, and exciting games.

Cost is based on the number of family members attending—please see the registration form for details.

We can't wait to grow, serve, and have fun together with you!

If you have any questions, please <u>contact Laura Albanese</u>, <u>Director of Youth and Family Ministry</u>. lalbanese@stmartinsonline.org

Use the QR to Register or email Laura Albanese





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Lector	Sandy Ourisson
	Melissa Steffens
	Larry Day
	Kim Rosekrans
Ushers	Sarah Gatchel
Altar Set Up	Allison Poltorak
Communion Cleanup	Sarah and John Gatchel

Interested in Giving? Scan the QR Code



Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, July 30 2025

7:00 am Men's Bible Study (Double T)

Thursday, July 31, 2025

11:30 am Women's Bible Study (Double T)

Sunday, August 3, 2025

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

REMINDER:

The men's and women's bathrooms closest to the church office are under construction. The single stall bathroom next to the school office is operational. Also, the changing table that was in the women's bathroom has been moved to the women's bathroom by the gym.

Want to schedule a meeting with Pastor Micah?

Scan the QR code below to schedule through his online calendar!



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