NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2025

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SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Annapolis, Maryland The Holy Spirt gathers us once again on this Ninth 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,

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

The God of Abraham Praise

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GREETING - Pastor

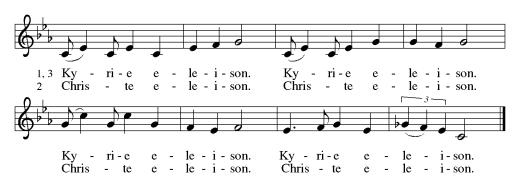
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

The God of Abraham Praise



- 5 Though nature's strength decay, and earth and hell withstand, to Canaan's bounds I urge my way at your command.
 The wat'ry deep I pass, with Jesus in my view, and through the howling wilderness my way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest; a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- Before the great Three-One the saints exulting stand and tell the wonders God has done through all their land.
 The list'ning spheres attend and swell the growing fame and sing the songs which never end, the wondrous name.
- 8 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high.
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
 I join the heav'nly lays:
 to you be glory, might divine,
 and endless praise!

We ask for God's mercy Luke 17:13; 18-39, Psalm 123:3



This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Assisting Minister

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

THE FIRST LESSON - Lector

GENESIS 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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 33:12-22



L = Ladies

M = Men

A = All

M ¹² Happy is the nation whose God ¹ is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to ¹ be God's heritage!

- Happy the people chosen to | be God's here A | 13 The LORD looks | down from heaven,
- and sees all | humankind.

 L | 14 God sits firmly en- | throned and watches all who dwell | on the earth.
- A ¹⁵ God fashions | all their hearts and observes | all their deeds.
- M $^{-16}$ A king is not saved by the size † of the army, nor are warriors rescued by † their great strength.
- A ¹⁷ The horse gives vain ¹ hope for victory; despite its great strength it ¹ cannot save.
- L ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ¹ you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your ¹ steadfast love,
- A ¹⁹ to deliver their ¹ lives from death, and to keep them alive in ¹ time of famine.
- M ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for ¹ you, O LORD, our helper ¹ and our shield.
- A 21 Surely, our heart rejoic- es in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
- L ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ¹ be upon us, even as we place our ¹ hope in you.

This reading bears witness to the early church.

THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the world of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

THE GOSPEL LESSON - Pastor

Luke 12:32-40

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

John 6:68 [Jesus said:] 32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes: truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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)

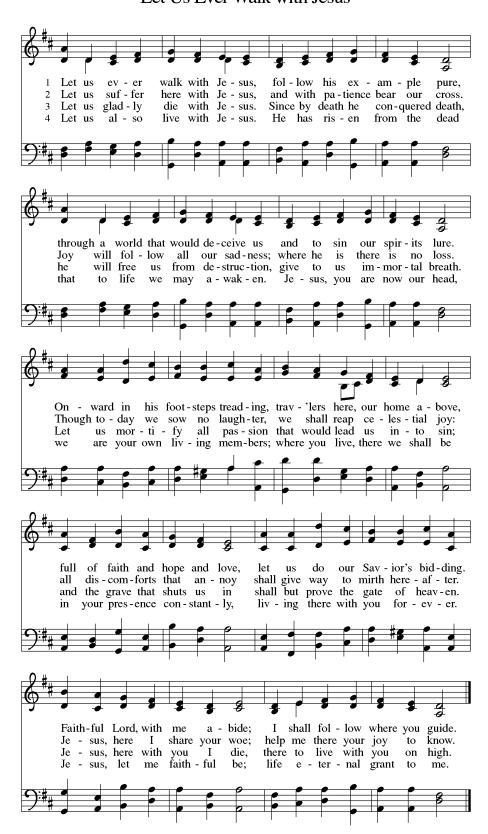
HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



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

2 Corinthians 9:7-9 We thank you for your

THE OFFERING (Please be seated)

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

It is Good to Sing Praise (Ladies'/Women's Choir)

- Mary Ellen Kerrick

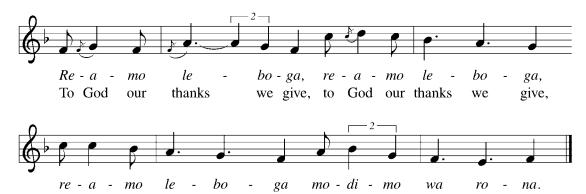
OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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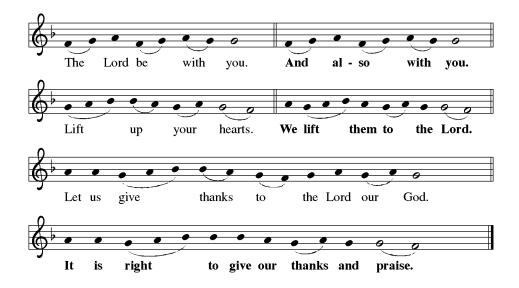
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OFFERING PRAYER - Assisting Minister

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



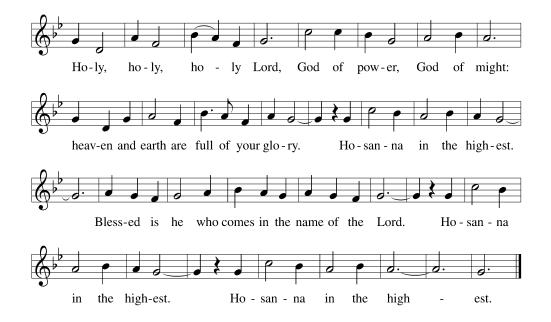
Preface - Pastor

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)

e 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.

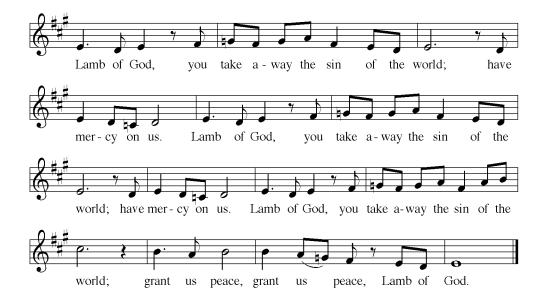
Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

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

O Master, Let Me Walk with You The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 818 ELW 502

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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 from God in the name of the Triune God.

BENEDICTION - Pastor

(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)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past ELW 632

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We go forth to bless the world

DISMISSAL - Assisting Minister

Luke 7:50; Romans 10:12-13

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

- Arr. by Albert L. Travis

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

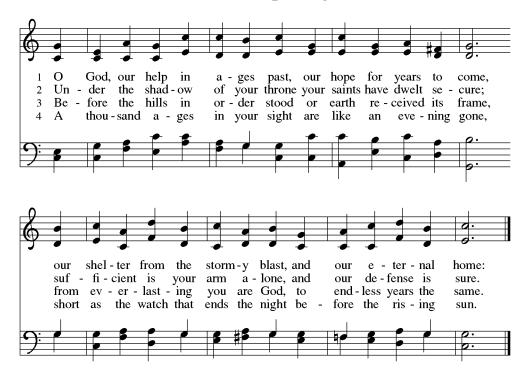
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

Church Directory Update



We are working on updating our church records. For the next four weeks, you will find two copies of the directory in the narthex after both services. Please take a look and find your entry and kindly review it. Once you have reviewed your information, place a check mark next to your entry.

Next to the directories, you will find a form that can be completed to update any of your

information. If you are unsure if we have the most current information, please fill out the form.

There will be a box to collect the forms. If you will not be in church during this time but would like to make sure our records are up to date, please reach out to the church office at church@stmartinsonline.org or 410-263-4723, and we will help you get your information updated.





Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Mel Tuckfield
	Judy Houston
Communion Assistants	Glenn Hollenbeck
Lector	David Ehemann
	Larry Day
	Martha Hollenbeck
Ushers	John and Betty Knupp
Communion Cleanup	Sandy Ourisson

Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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

Thursday, August 14, 2025

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

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Sunday Forum (Fellowship)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

The Flower Arrangement is Given Today

To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Karl, husband, father and grandfather.

We give thanks for his birth.

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.

We appreciate your patience during our remodeling.

Want to schedule a meeting with Pastor Micah?
Scan the QR code below to schedule through his online calendar!



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