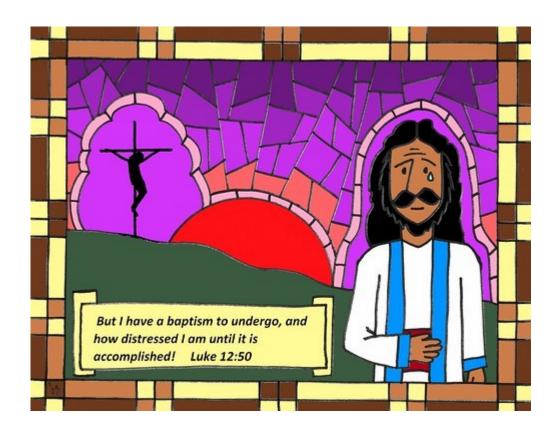
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17, 2025

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SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Annapolis, Maryland

The Holy Spirt gathers us once again on this Tenth 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

Let the Whole Creation Cry

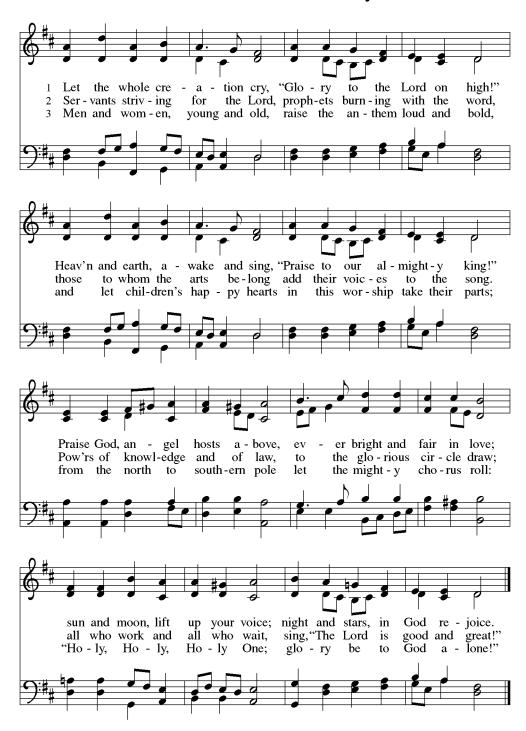
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GREETING - Pastor

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.

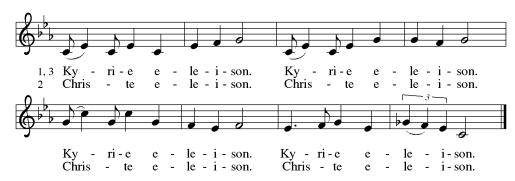
Let the Whole Creation Cry



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

We ask for God's



This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Assisting Minister

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, 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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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 82



M = Men

A = All

L = Ladies

M ¹God stands to charge the divine coun- [|] cil assembled, giving judgment in the midst [|] of the gods:

- A ² "How long will you | judge unjustly, and show favor | to the wicked?
- L ³ Save the weak ¹ and the orphan; defend the hum- ¹ ble and needy;
- A ⁴ rescue the weak ¹ and the poor; deliver them from the power ¹ of the wicked.
- M ⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- ¹ bout in darkness; all the foundations of the ¹ earth are shaken.
- A ⁶Now I say to you, ¹ You are gods, and all of you children of ¹ the Most High;
- L ⁷ nevertheless, you shall ¹ die like mortals, and fall like ¹ any prince.'"
- A ⁸ Arise, O God, and ¹ rule the earth, for you shall take all nations ¹ for your own.

THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of 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 12:49-56

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

John 6:68 [Jesus said:] 49 "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

If God My Lord Be for Me

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If God My Lord Be for Me



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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 "Hear us, O God," the congregation responds "your mercy is great."

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 W/2 +h as

THE OFFERING (Please be seated)

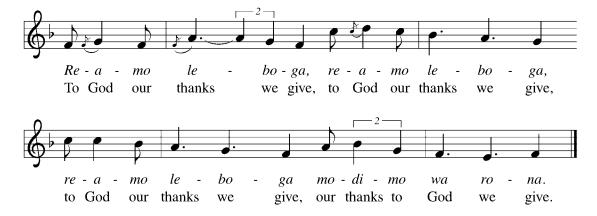
We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. 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

Love, love, love! That's what it's all about!
- Family presentation

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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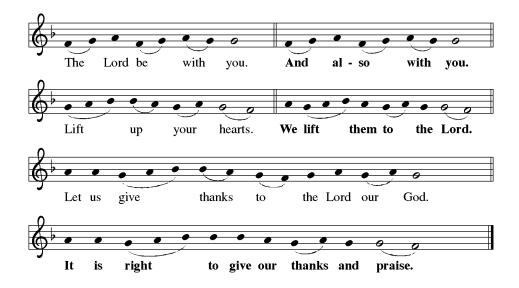
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OFFERING PRAYER - Assisting Minister

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



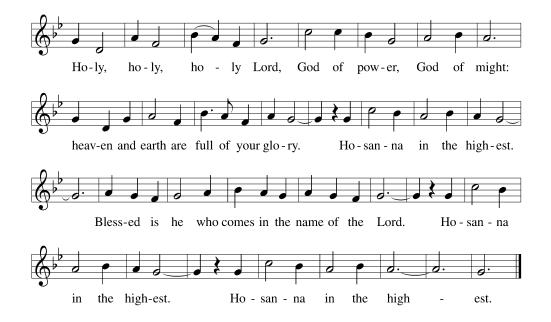
Preface - Pastor

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.

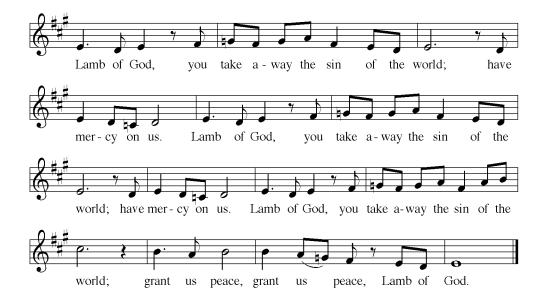
Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

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 MUSIC

Bless the Lord

- Matt Redman

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(Guitar - Jack Shenk, Drums - Gary Shenk)

Mozart, Sonata for Bassoon and Cello, K. 292

I. Allegro II. Andante

(Remy Taghavi, bassoon; Madeline Fayette, cello)

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.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

A personal blessing | **BENEDICTION** - Pastor

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)

We go forth to bless the world

Luke 7:50;

Romans 10:12-13

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

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DISMISSAL - Assisting Minister

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Clara Schumann, Romances for Bassoon and Piano

II. Allegretto

III. Leidenschaftlich Schnell

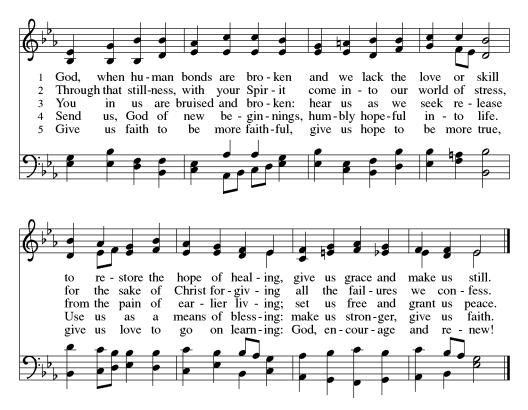
(Remy Taghavi, bassoon; Miles Fellenberg, piano)

Chopin, Cello Sonata

III. Largo

(Madeline Fayette, cello; Miles Fellenberg, piano)

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



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AMERICAN CONNECTIONS SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 3PM, ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - \$30

OF LOVE AND LONGING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 7:30PM, ST. MARTIN'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - \$30

STEAMPUNK: BRUCE, CLEARFIELD, & BACH FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 7:30PM, ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - \$30

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Church Directory Update

We are working on updating our church records. During the month of August, 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





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th THE SPIRIT OF ST. MARTIN'S

CHURCH AND SCHOOL FAMILIES—
COME TOGETHER TO KICK OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR!
JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP, SERVE OUR WORLD IN NEED, AND SHARE A DAY
FILLED WITH FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

10am WORSHIP AND TEACHER BLESSING

11:15am 15,000+ MEAL PACKING EVENT WITH RISE AGAINST HUNGER

We will work side by side, young and old, school families, church families, to pack rice, beans and soy bags that will be shipped across the world to those in need.

12:15pm - Lunch, Fellowship and Fun

HAMBUGERS, VEGGIE BURGERS, HOT DOGS, WATERMELON, DRINKS AND ICE CREAM BAR WILL BE PROVIDED. ADDITIONAL SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS WELCOME BUT NOT REQUIRED.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP US WITH THE FOOD COUNT AND HOW MANY WILL BE PACKING FOOD QUESTIONS: EMAIL LAURA ALBANESE, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY AT <u>YOUTHDIRSTMARTINS@GMAIL.COM.</u>



Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Bob Drumm
	Mel Tuckfield
Communion Assistants	Judy Houston
Lector	Sandy Ourisson
	Larry Day
	Kim Rosekrans
	David Ehemann
Ushers	Melissa Steffens
Communion Cleanup	Tom and Barb Freeman

Interested in Giving? Scan the QR Code



Opportunities This Week

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

7:30 pm **ACMF Concert** (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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

Thursday, August 21, 2025

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

Friday, August 22, 2025

ACMF Concert 7:30 pm (Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 23, 2025

7:30 pm **ACMF Concert** (Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Sunday Forum (Fellowship)

Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am

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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