

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 24, 2025

10AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

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 ✠ 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.

1 John 1:8

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

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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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.**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.

Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

KYRIE

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

This prayer "collects"
 the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Assisting Minister

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we can not by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

THE FIRST LESSON - Lector**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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 103:1-8



L = Ladies

M = Men

A = All

M ¹ Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's ¹ holy name.

A ² Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and forget not ¹ all God's benefits—

L ³ who forgives ¹ all your sins
and heals all ¹ your diseases;

A ⁴ who redeems your life ¹ from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast ¹ love and mercy;

M ⁵ who satisfies your desires ¹ with good things
so that your youth is renewed ¹ like an eagle's.

A ⁶ O LORD, you provide ¹ vindication
and justice for all who ¹ are oppressed.

L ⁷ You made known your ¹ ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- ¹ dren of Israel.

A ⁸ LORD, you are full of compas- ¹ sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.

This reading bears witness to the early church.

THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 13:10-17

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Luke the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6:68 ¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by 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

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

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Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a

of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,
 mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,

formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain

found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they
 plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
 joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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.
(1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1
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

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 *Shepherd of my Heart - Words & Music by Dick Tunne and Mark Baldwin (Soprano: Nancy Cloeter)*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,

re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

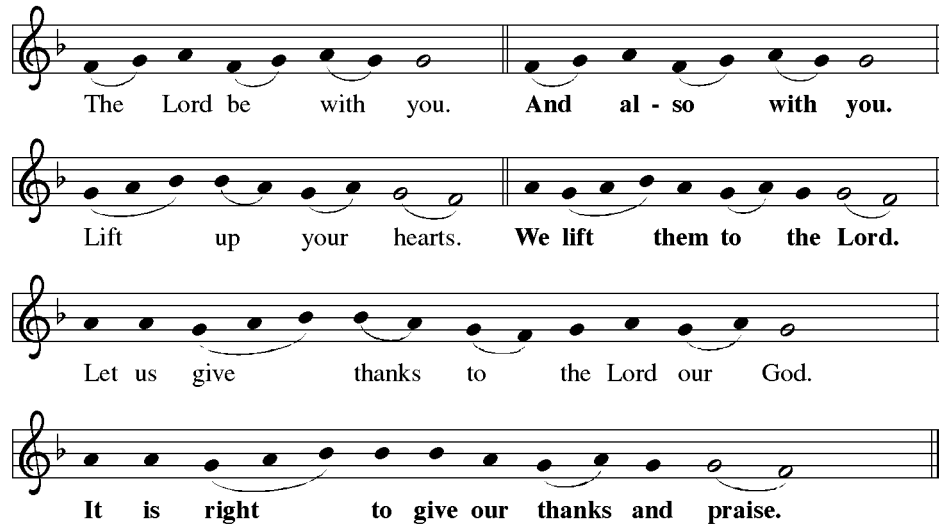
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Music: REAMO LEBOGA, Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe
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OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

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*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

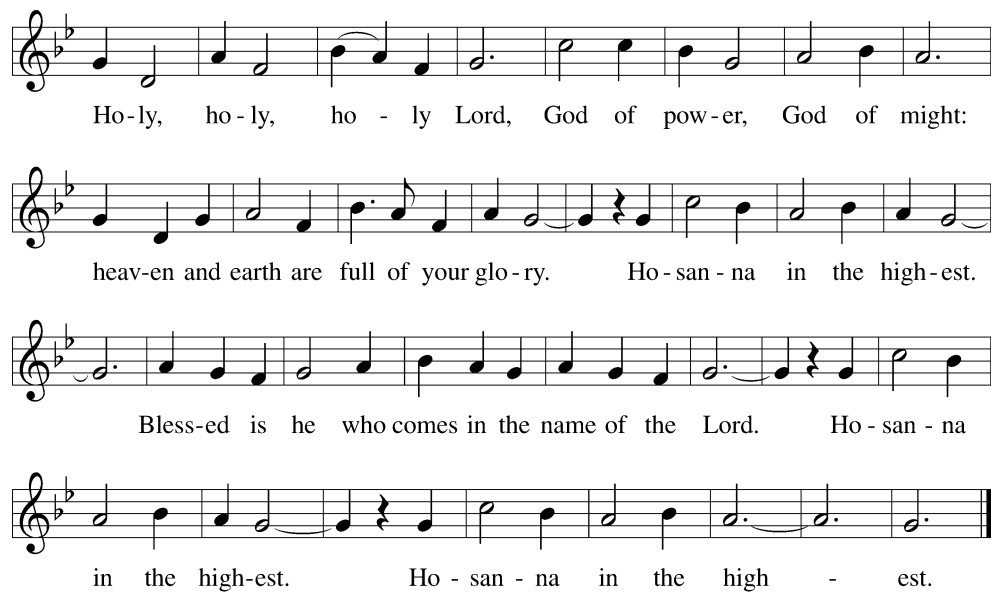
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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)

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.

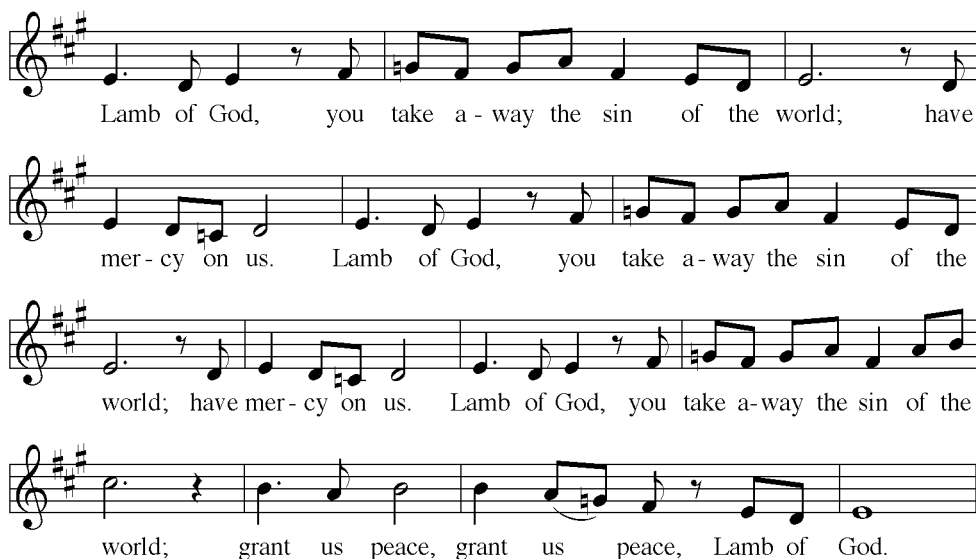
So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

***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 *Carry Me Home - arr. by Jean Anne Shafferman.
(Bob Drumm)*

COMMUNION HYMNS **Here Is Bread** **ELW 483**
(Music Not Available Due to Copyright)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing **ELW 886**
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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.
(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
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*We go forth to bless
the world*

DISMISSAL - Assisting Minister

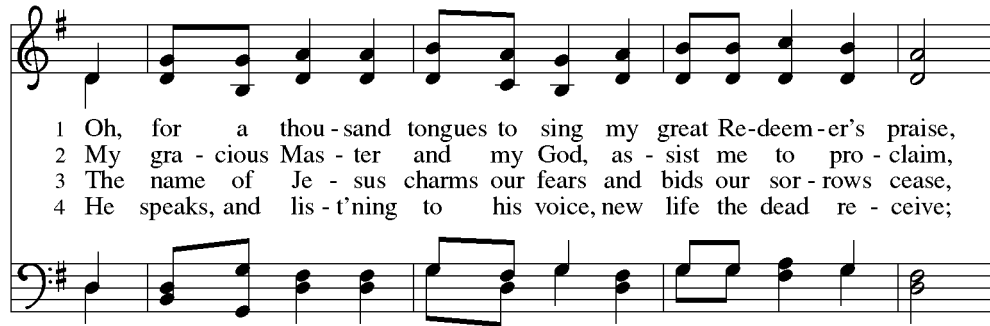
*Luke 7:50;
Romans 10:12-13*
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

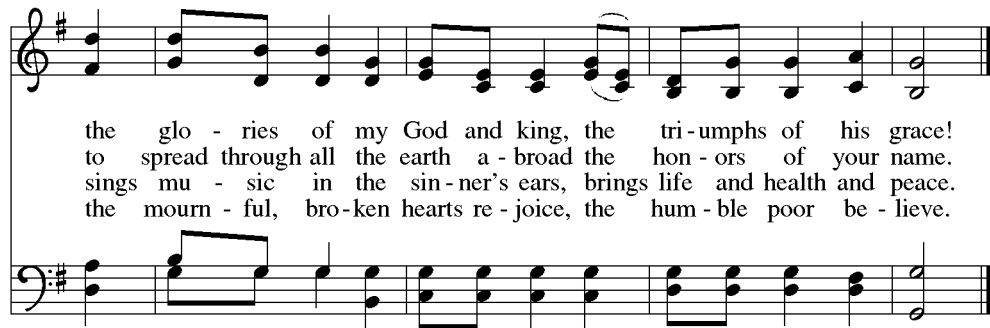
O God, thou art the Father - David Paxton

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;

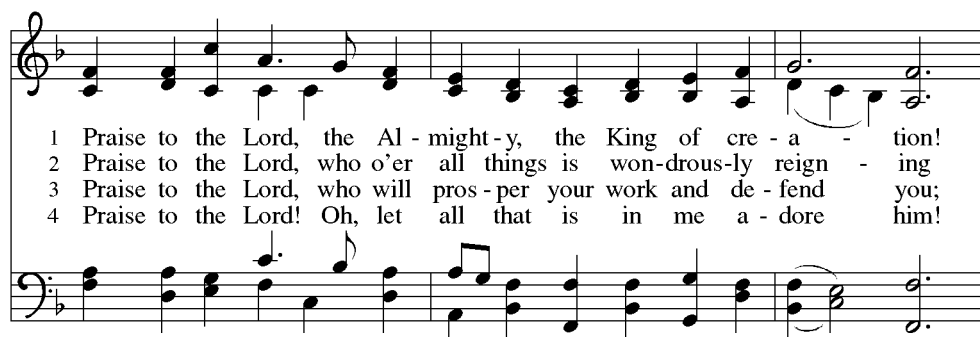


the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

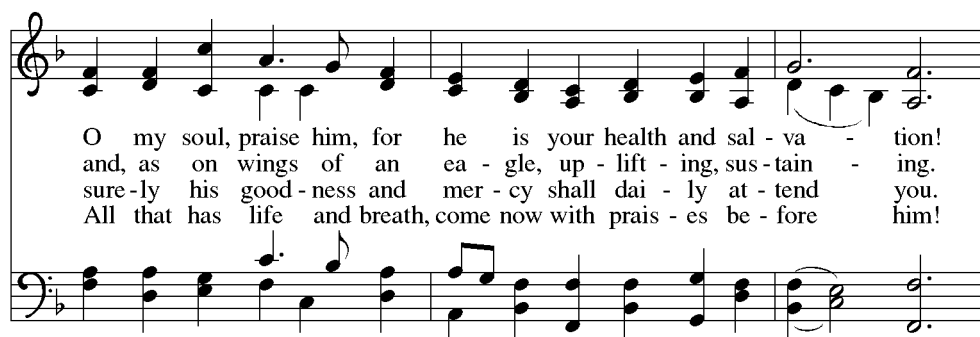
5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



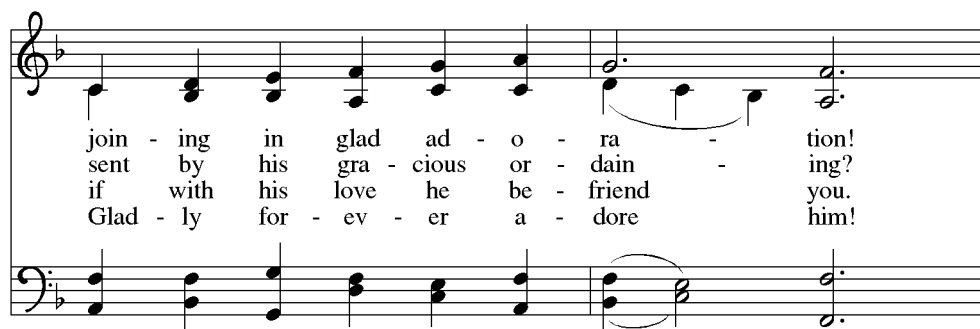
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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 information updated.

New Member Informational Gatherings

Are you curious about becoming part of our St. Martin's family? We'd love to have you join us for a series of gatherings designed to help you get to know our church, our community, and one another.



Each gathering will focus on a different part of our life together at St. Martin's. We encourage you to come to all three if you are able, but even if you can only make one or two, you are warmly welcome!

Gathering Times (Fellowship Hall):

- Wednesday, October 1 • 6:30–8:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 7 • 6:30–8:00 pm
- Saturday, October 11 • 10:00–11:30 am

New Member Welcome Sunday: October 19 at the 8:00 am and/or 10:00 am service

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Micah at srpastor@stmartinsonline.org.

Worship Leader Training



Do you feel called to serve in worship? Whether you are brand new or have served before, we invite you to join us for a time of training and renewal.

This training is for all who serve (or would like to serve) as Assisting Ministers, Ushers, Communion Assistants, and Lectors. We'll review the heart of these ministries, walk through the practical details, and share a few upcoming changes to how we serve together.

When: Sunday, September 14 • 9:00–9:45 am (immediately following the 8:00 am service)

Where: Sanctuary

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can email Pastor Micah at srpastor@stmartinsonline.org.



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
YOUTHDIRSTMARTINS@GMAIL.COM.



Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Cam Cloeter
Communion Assistants	Kim Rosekrans Judy Houston
Lector	David Ehemann
Ushers	Sarah Gatchel John Knupp Linda Stazer Molly Michaelson
Communion Cleanup	Sarah and John Gatchel

Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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

Thursday, August 28, 2025

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

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Welcome Back!

Teachers have returned to the building last week, and students will return tomorrow, Monday, August 25.

As we welcome back the teachers and students, please remember that if you come to the building during the school day and are in the school area, that you will need to wear a church volunteer badge. This will identify you to the school staff so they don't question who you are and why you are in the building. Also, if you come in to the building through the school entrance, you will need to get a sticker to wear from the school secretary. Again this identifies that you have permission to be in the building.

This is a part of the security protocol for the school and the children. Questions? please direct them to: Linda Wetz, Director of Operations at: buildingmanager@stmartinsonline.org 410-271-8989.

Bathroom Update:

Renovations are completed to the two bathrooms on the main floor closest to the church office. We passed inspection last Friday, and the bathrooms are now available to be used. **Thank you** for your patience with this project over the summer. We now have some bright, newly updated bathrooms.

Any feedback is welcome. Please share that with - Linda Wetz, Director of Operations. buildingmanager@stmartinsonline.org 410-271-8989.

Want to schedule a meeting with
Pastor Micah?

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



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