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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**

**O God beyond All Praising**

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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.**

## O God beyond All Praising

1 O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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

## KYRIE

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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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

## THE FIRST LESSON - Lector

**Proverbs 25:6-7a**

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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 112

L = Ladies

M = Men

A = All



- M <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup> God's commandments!
- A <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup> in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup> will be blessed.**
- L <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup> in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup> last forever.
- A <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup> for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**
- M <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup> ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup> fairs with justice.
- A <sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- <sup>1</sup> er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup> ing remembrance.**
- L <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup> evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- A <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup> will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- <sup>1</sup> on their enemies.**
- M <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup> head with honor.
- A <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and <sup>1</sup> pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed will perish.**

This reading bears  
witness to the early  
church.

## THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

## Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 6:68

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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)*

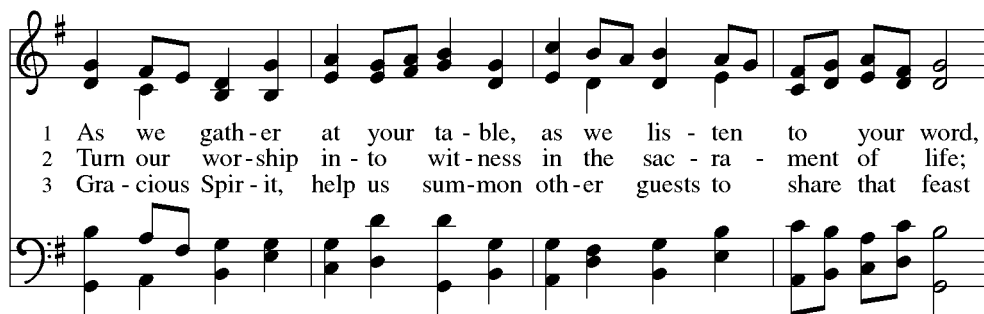
### HYMN OF THE DAY

**As We Gather at Your Table**

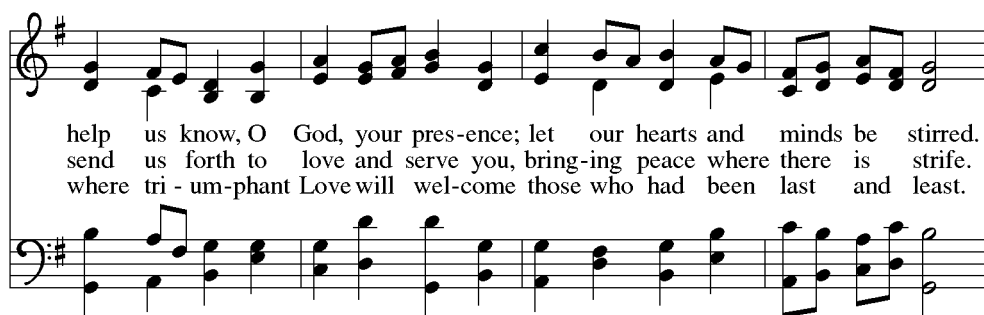
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## As We Gather at Your Table



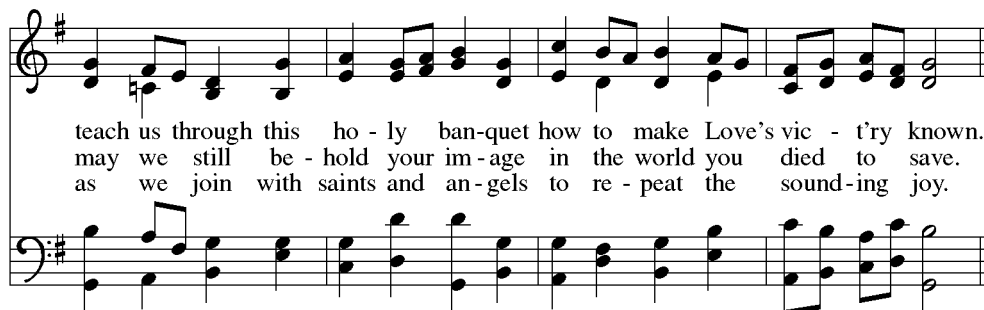
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phante Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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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.  
(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](http://www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving)

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Song of Gentleness - Douglas E. Wagner*  
*(Duet: Aderomola Olayemi, Irewamide Olayemi)*

## 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.

Text: Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936  
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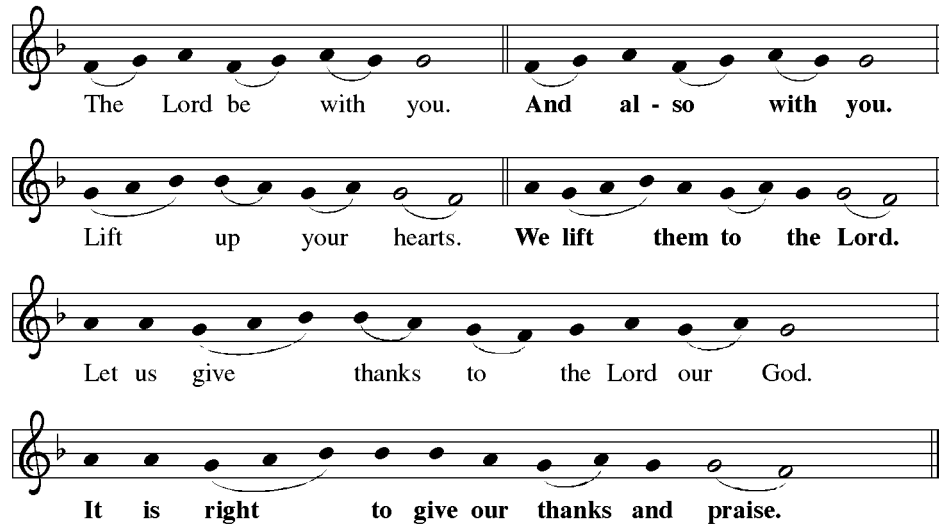


## OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

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.

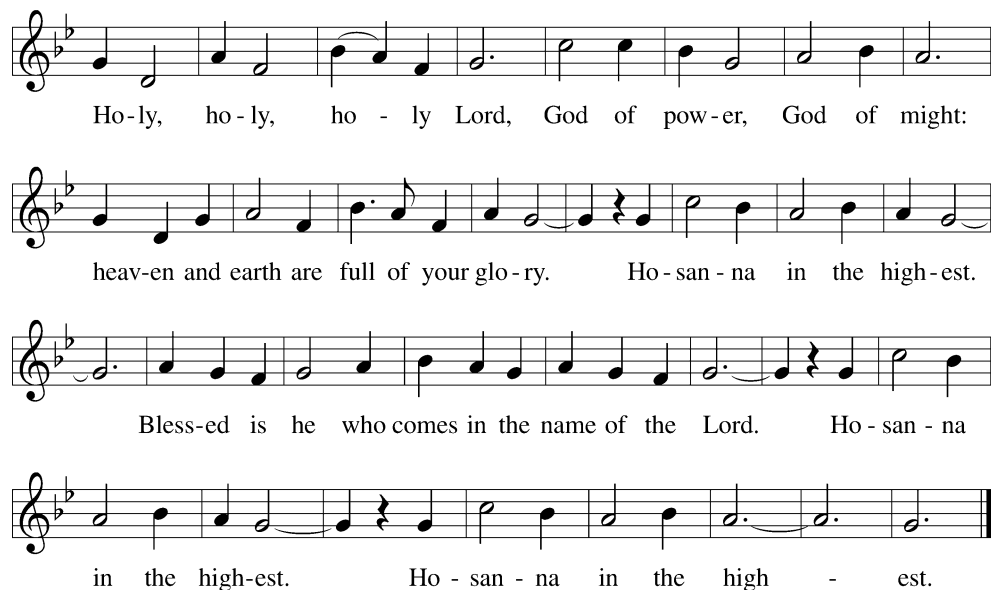
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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.

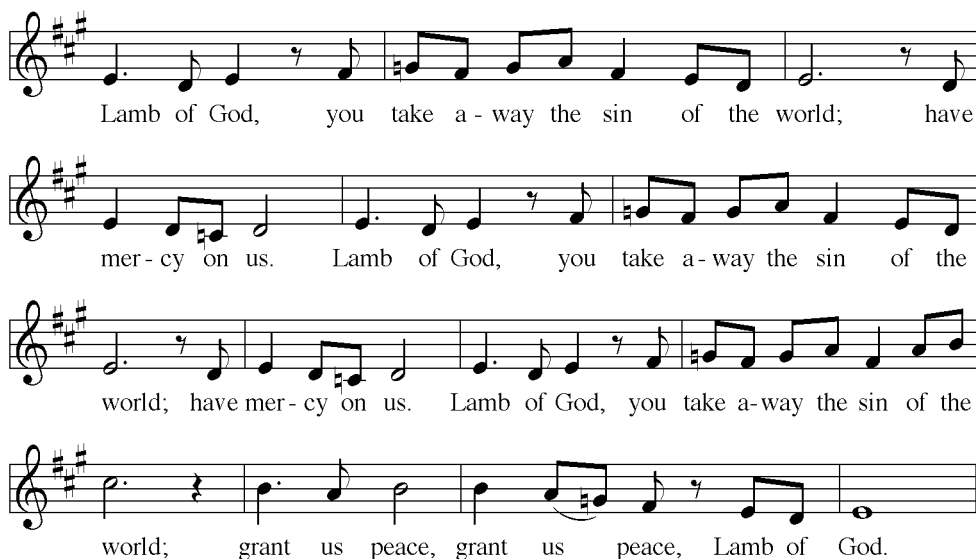
So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

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 HYMNS**

**Now We Join in Celebration  
God Is Here!**  
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ELW 526**

**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**

**If You But Trust in God to Guide You**  
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**ELW 769**

*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**

*Jubilate*

*- Fela Sowande*

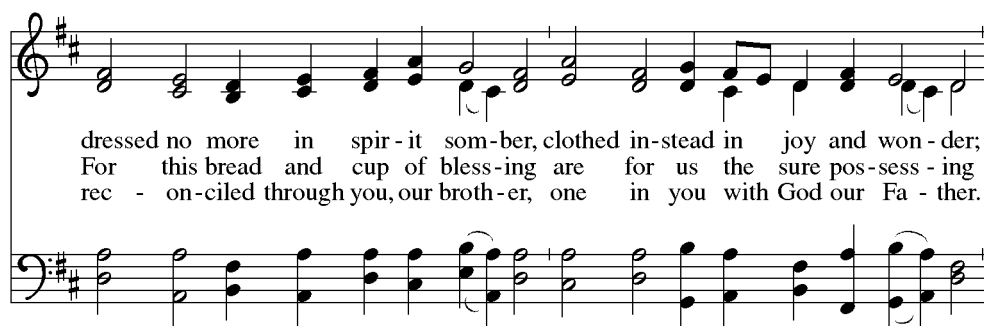
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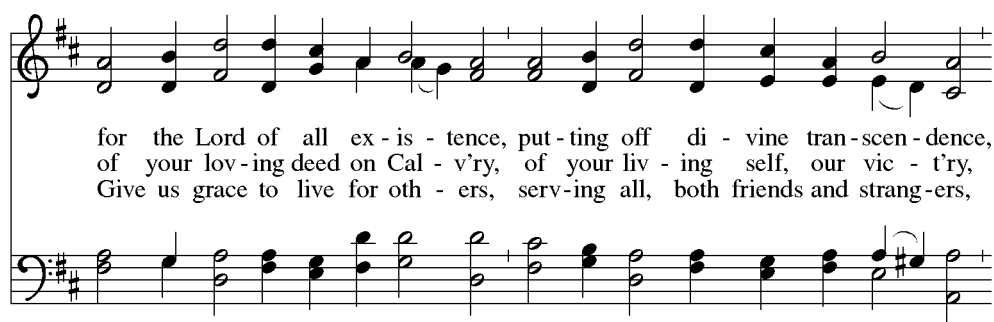
## Now We Join in Celebration



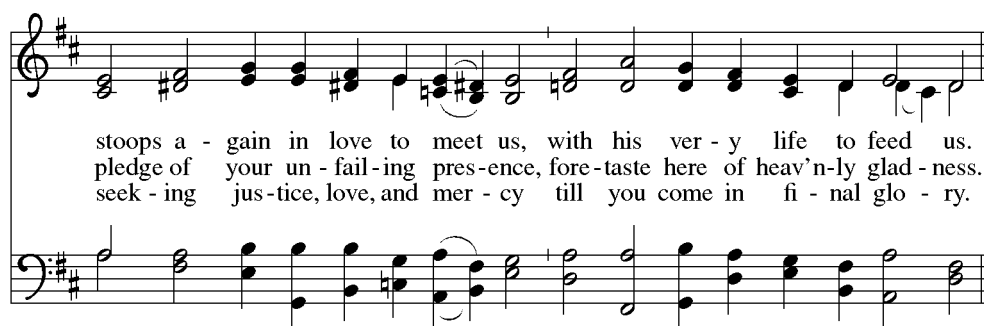
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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# God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

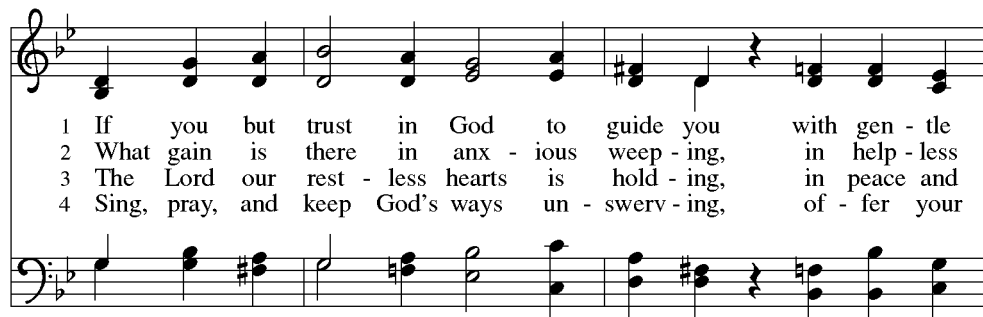
what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## If You But Trust in God to Guide You



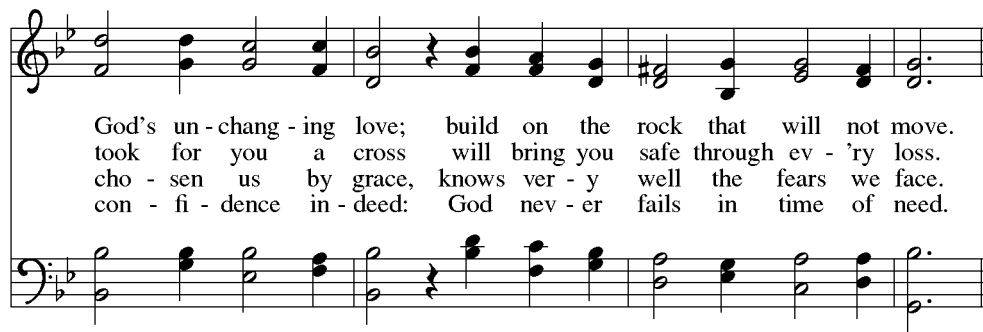
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

## 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](mailto:church@stmartinsonline.org) or 410-263-4723, and we will help you get your information updated.

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## 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](mailto:srpastor@stmartinsonline.org).

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:YOUTHDIRSTMARTINS@GMAIL.COM).





Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Marlys Sandve McDevitt
Communion Assistants	Chaplain Paula Thistle Cam Cloeter
Lector	David Ehemann
Ushers	Sandy Ourisson Kim Rosekrans Dave Mattingley Molly Michaelson
Altar Set-Up	Judy Houston, Deb Mangin
Communion Cleanup	Carolyn and Tony Anzalone

### THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN TODAY

*To the glory of God, and in loving memory of  
Art Lohsen,  
beloved husband, father, and grandfather  
by Jo Ann Lohsen*

### **Bible Study: Lost in Translation**

St. Martin's has recently begun using the **NRSV Updated Edition (NRSVUE)** in our Sunday bulletins. But why was an update needed? Why are there so many English versions of the Bible in the first place? And how is it that, nearly 2,000 years after the earliest manuscripts, we're still finding new ways to translate scripture?

Join Pastor Micah for a 3-week study on **translation as interpretation**. Each week we'll look at familiar passages in different versions of the Bible and talk about how language, culture, theology, and history shape what we read today.

**Please bring your favorite Bible** — any translation/edition!

**Please sign up in advance** so Pastor Micah can send you background materials and scripture passages before each session. You can sign up on the clipboard in the narthex or by emailing Pastor Micah at: [srpastor@stmartinsonline.org](mailto:srpastor@stmartinsonline.org).

You can attend one, two, or all three sessions — each evening will stand on its own and offer something new.

☐ Dates: September 10, 17, & 24

☐ Time: 6:30–8:00pm

☐ Location: Sanctuary

### Opportunities This Week

**Monday, September 1, 2025**

\*\*\*Church Office Closed\*\*\*

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

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

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

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

**Friday, September 5, 2025**

**12:30 pm** Red Cross Blood Drive  
(Fellowship)

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

**8:00 am** Worship (Sanctuary)

**10:00 am** Worship (Sanctuary)

**11:15 am** Spirit of St. Martin's -  
Meal Packing & Lunch Event (Gym)



**September 14<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service**

There will be a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday, September**

**14th, following the 10:00 a.m. service.** The agenda includes approval of the School Budget and the election of a new youth representative to the Congregation Council.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Want to schedule a meeting with Pastor Micah?

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



Interested in Giving? Scan the QR Code

