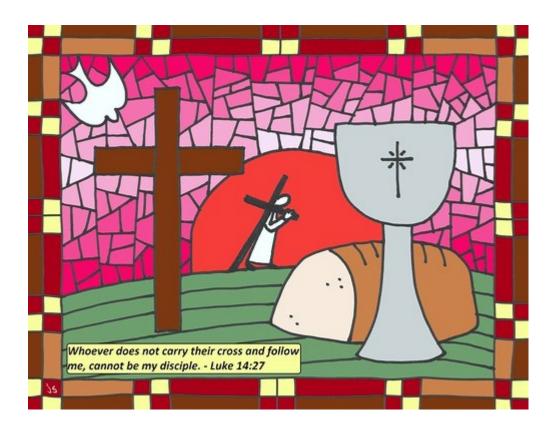
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Annapolis, Maryland

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.

PRELUDE

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**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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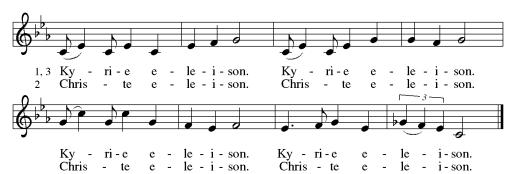
Greeting - Pastor

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.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915 mercy Luke 17:13; 18-39, Psalm 123:3



This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Assisting Minister

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF ST. MARTIN'S SCHOOL TEACHERS

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

THE FIRST LESSON - Lector

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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 139:1-6, 13-18



L = Ladies

M = Men

A = All

- M ¹ LORD, you have [|] searched me out; O LORD, you [|] have known me.
- A ²You know my sitting down and my ¹ rising up; you discern my thoughts ¹ from afar.
- L ³ You trace my journeys and my ¹ resting-places and are acquainted with ¹ all my ways.
- A ⁴Indeed, there is not a word ¹ on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it ¹ altogether.
- M ⁵ You encompass me, behind ¹ and before, and lay your ¹ hand upon me.
- A ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonder- ful for me; it is so high that I cannot at- tain to it.
- L ¹³ For you yourself created my ¹ inmost parts; you knit me together in my ¹ mother's womb.
- A ¹⁴I will thank you because I am mar- ¹ velously made; your works are wonderful, and I ¹ know it well.
- M ¹⁵ My body was not hid- den from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- A ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they ¹ came to be.
- L ¹⁷ How deep I find your ¹ thoughts, O God! How great is the ¹ sum of them!
- A ¹⁸ If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.

This reading bears witness to the early church.

THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Iesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8 For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Iesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but (Continued on Next Page) how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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.

John 6:68

THE GOSPEL LESSON - Pastor

Luke 14:25-33

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

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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)

"Viva Vox," the Living | **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 "receive 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

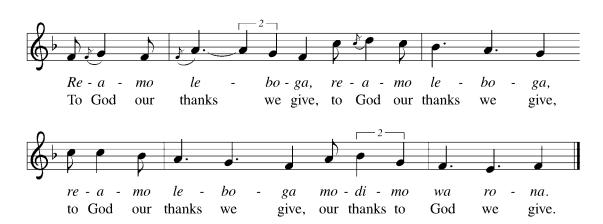
THE OFFERING (Please be seated)

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 Something Beautiful for God
(Duet: Kathy Nado and Chaplain Paula Thistle)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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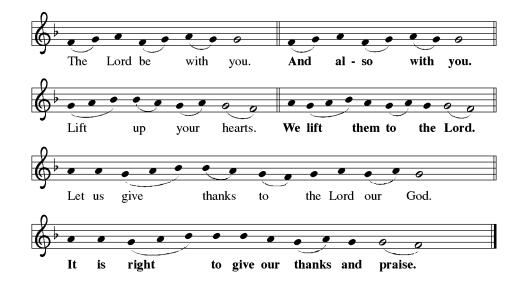
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OFFERING PRAYER - Assisting Minister

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. Bless these prayer shawls, that they may comfort with your love and care, 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

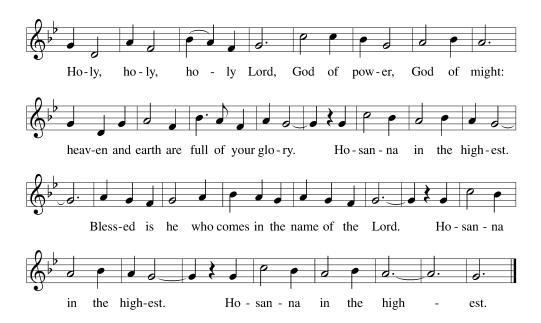


PREFACE - Pastor

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.

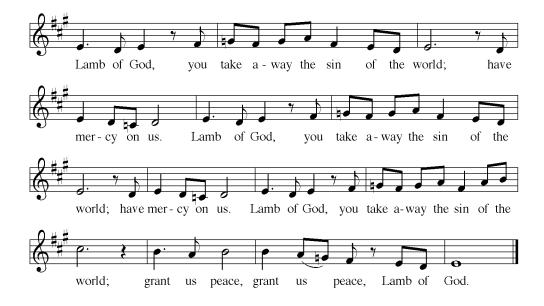
Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 810 ELW 798

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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)

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)

Philippians 4:4)
We go forth to bless

We go forth to bless the world

Luke 7:50;

Romans 10:12-13

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lift High the Cross

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DISMISSAL - Assisting Minister

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Processional on Lauda Anima

- Don Hustad

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O Jesus, I Have Promised



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Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



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Lift High the Cross



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Prayer Shawl Blessing



Prayer Shawls will be blessed today – those prepared by ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry during the past months. If you, your family, or a friend would like one of these, please see Dottie Hall in the Narthex after the service. These 'hugs from God' are sent out of the area also.

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! Questions?

please contact Pastor Micah at <u>srpastor@stmartinsonline.org</u>.

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

Worship Leader Training



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.



FREE Hands Only CPR and Narcan Administration Training!

We are partnering with the Annapolis Fire Department to provide free training in hands only CPR and Narcan Administration. Help our community battle the opioid epidemic by increasing education, awareness, and confidence in responding to emergencies through this training.

When: September 15, 6:00-7:30pm

Where: St. Martins Lutheran Church, Fellowship Rooms

Who: teens and adults in our church and school community - please feel free to share this invite with friends and neighbors!

Please note that childcare is being offered. Please indicate on the signup if you would like childcare. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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.

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

2 Dates: September 10, 17, & 24

☑ Time: 6:30–8:00pm☑ Location: Sanctuary



Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Chaplain Paula Thistle
Communion Assistants	Judy Houston Cam Cloeter
Lector	David Ehemann
Ushers	John and Betty Knupp Dave Mattingley Molly Michaelson
Altar Set-Up	Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck
Communion Cleanup	Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck



Interested in Giving? Scan the QR Code

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





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.

Opportunities This Week

Monday, September 8, 2025

10:00 am Flying Quilters (Fellowship)

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

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

6:30 pm Bible Study: Lost in Translation (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 11, 2025

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

Saturday, September 13, 2025

10:00 am Ladies Book Club (Fellowship)

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Worship Leader Training

(Sanctuary)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 am Congregational Meeting

(Sanctuary)

If you are attending the meal packing event today, please scan the QR code below, and be sure to sign the waiver form. - Thank you!





Save the Date!

The Polka Mass & Oktoberfest will be held on Sunday, October 12th

Volunteers are needed and sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex soon.