

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Pastor

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Merciful and loving God,
we are a stubborn people.

1 John 1:8

We neglect the poor and the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the stranger.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we fall short, God's love never fails.
Jesus Christ came into the world to bring us back to God.
You who were lost are found,
you who were bound are free.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

The Head That Once Was Crowned

ELW 432

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(vs. 1, 4, 5 & 6)

2 Corinthians
13:13-14

GREETING - Pastor

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

The Head That Once Was Crowned

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,
 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
 to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
 they reign with him above;
 their profit and their joy to know
 the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
 though shame and death to him;
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,
 their everlasting theme!

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Leader
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader All
To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader Leader
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

This prayer "collects"
the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Assisting Minister

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *(Please see baptism bulletin insert)*

THE FIRST LESSON - Lector

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

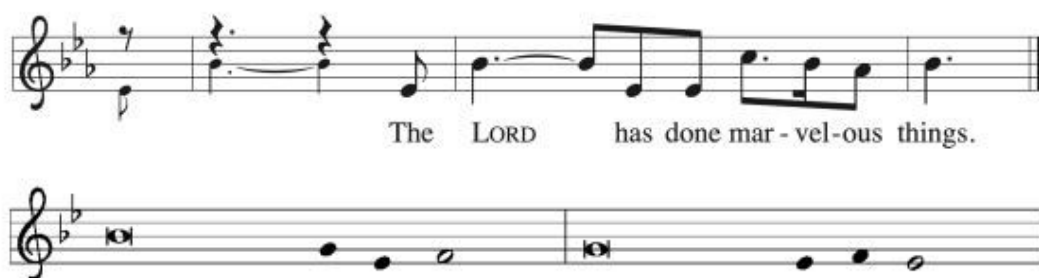
THE PSALM (All Sing Together)

Psalm 98:1-4

L = Ladies

M = Men

A = All



M ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

A ² O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations. R

L ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

A ⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing. R

This reading bears witness to the early church.

THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 175



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

John 6:68

THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

Luke 15:1-10

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

(*Organ & Trumpet Arrangement by Adedotun Olayemi,*

Trumpet: Mary Grace Rosekrans)

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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*

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

2 Corinthians 9:7-9

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

Lift High the Cross
- Choir, Trumpet & Organ
(Trumpet: Mary Grace Rosekrans)

Arr. by Donald Busarow

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

ELW 692

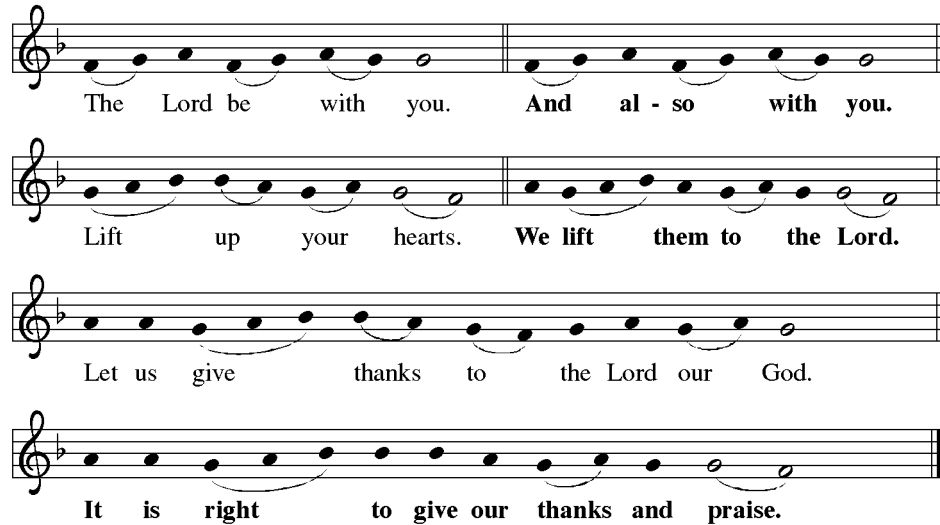
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all, our congregation, our community, and our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

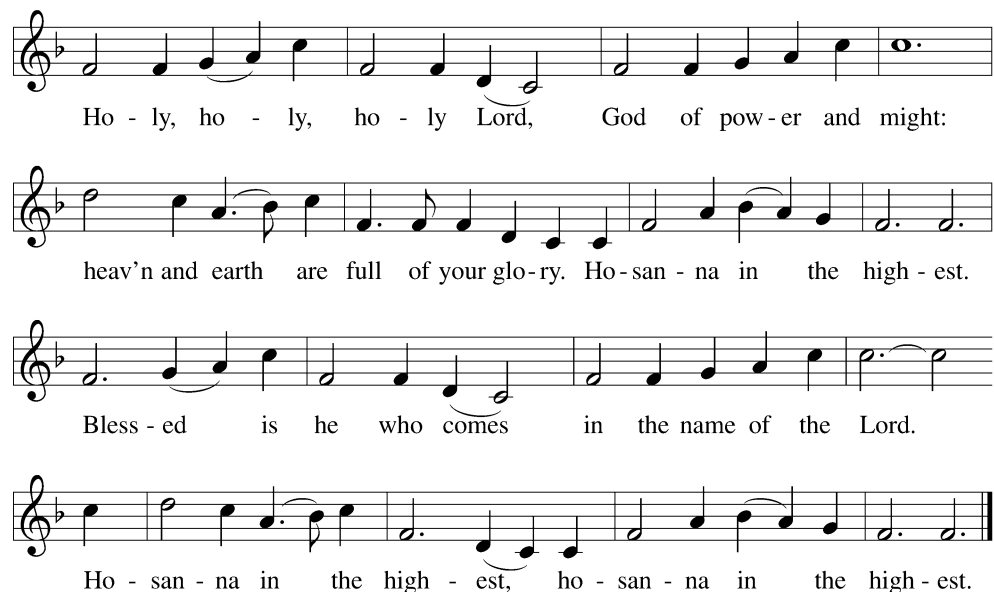
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 and might:

heav'n 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.

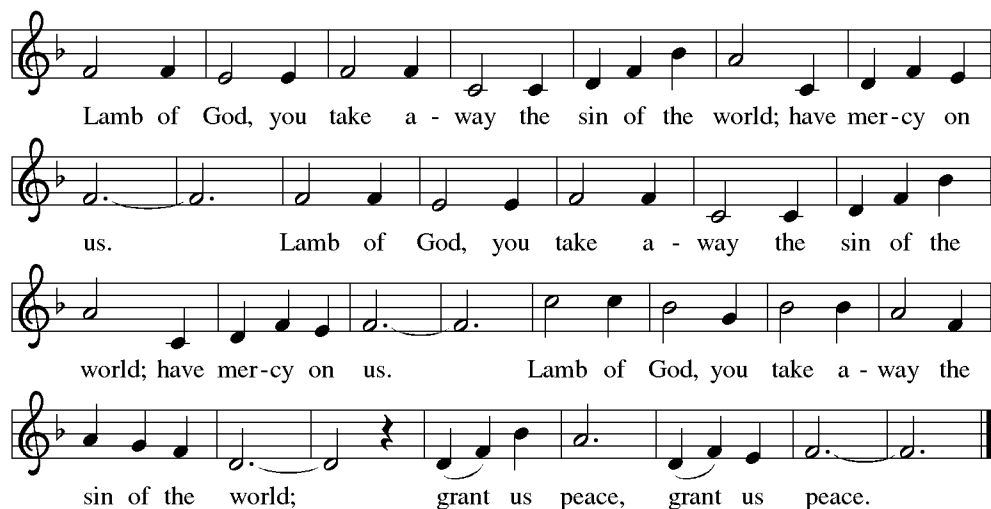
So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

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.

*****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 **Beneath the Cross of Jesus** *(Next Page)* **ELW 338**
 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High **ELW 857**
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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*

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

A personal blessing
from God in the name
of the Triune God.
(Numbers 6:24-26)

BENEDICTION - *Pastor*

The God of righteousness,
who lifts up the lowly and sets captives free,
who feeds the hungry and brings hope to the weary,
the God of all, Father, Son, ✝ and Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you,
now and forever.

Amen.

On our way rejoicing.
*(Colossians 3:16;
Philippians 4:4)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** **ELW 803**
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We go forth to bless
the world
*Luke 7:50;
Romans 10:12-13*

DISMISSAL - *Assisting Minister*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

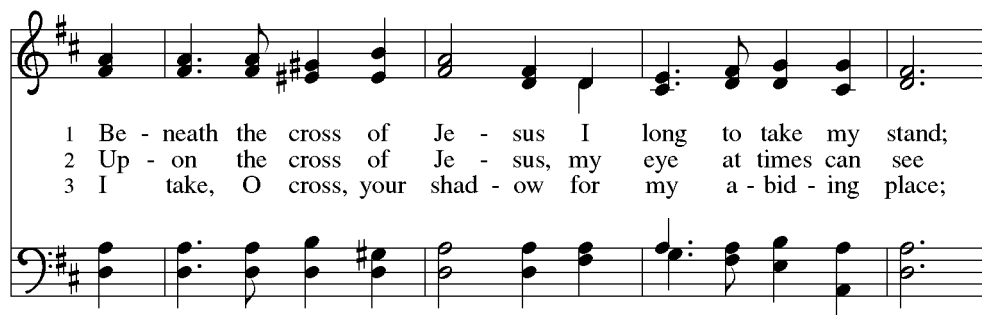
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Fanfare and Scherzo* - *Christopher Tambling*

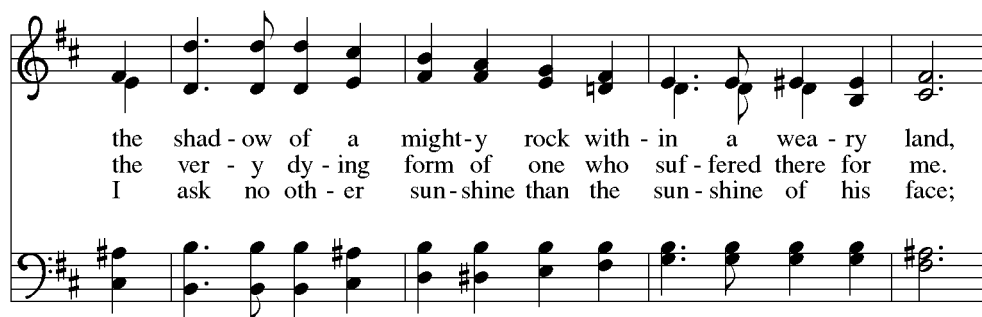
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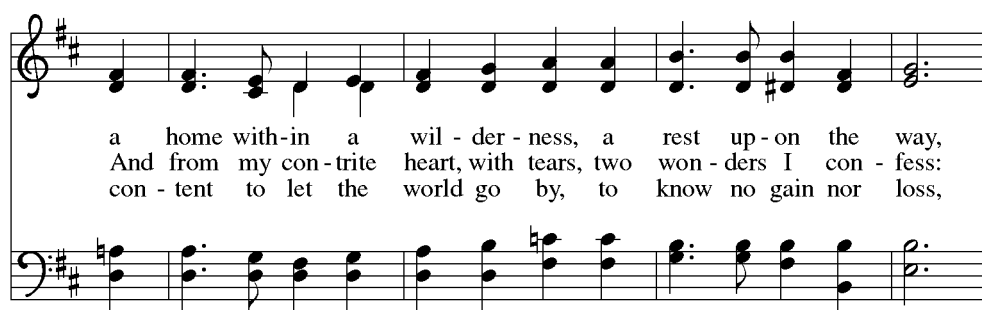
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



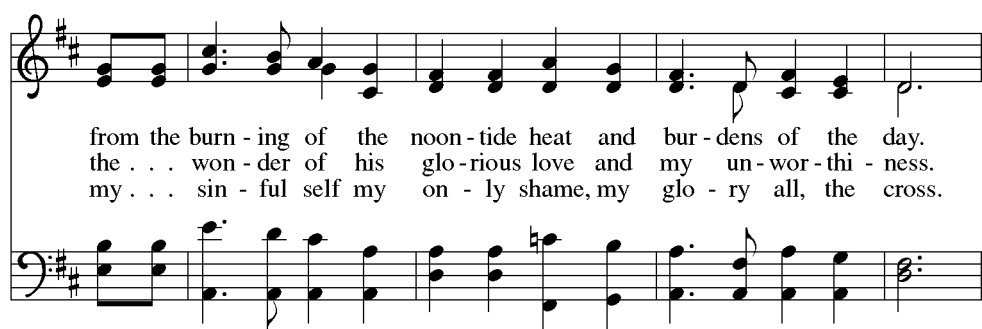
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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 srpastor@stmartinonline.org.

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



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.

September 21st 9am

Sunday Forum

Guest Speaker:

Jessa Coutler,

**Executive Director of Annapolis Immigration
Justice Network**

**Come learn AIJN's mission, how they are
helping in our community and ways you can
help.**



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.

📅 Dates: September 10, 17, & 24

📅 Time: 6:30–8:00pm

📅 Location: Sanctuary

Sunday
SCHOOL

CALLING ALL PRE-K- 5TH GRADERS

SUNDAY | **SEPTEMBER 21ST**
9AM

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST DAY OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL

FELLOWSHIP HALL

HELP US PREPARE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS YEAR BY
FILLING OUT OUR REGISTRATION FORM.
FORMS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 7TH AT THE
SPIRIT OF ST. MARTIN'S MEAL PACKING EVENT.

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Mel Tuckfield
Communion Assistants	Judy Houston Linda Wetz
Lector	Steve Raabe
Ushers	Larry Day Rosa Ruhf Dave Ehemann Melissa Steffens
Communion Cleanup	Cathy and Dick Jones Alan Bitonti



Interested in Giving? Scan the QR Code

Opportunities This Week

Monday, September 15, 2025

6:00 pm CPR & Narcan Training
(Fellowship)

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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

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

Thursday, September 18, 2025

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

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Sunday School
(Fellowship)

Sunday Forum
(Art Room)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 am Confirmation Class
(Lounge)



There will be a brief congregational meeting **today 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!



Save the Date!



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

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