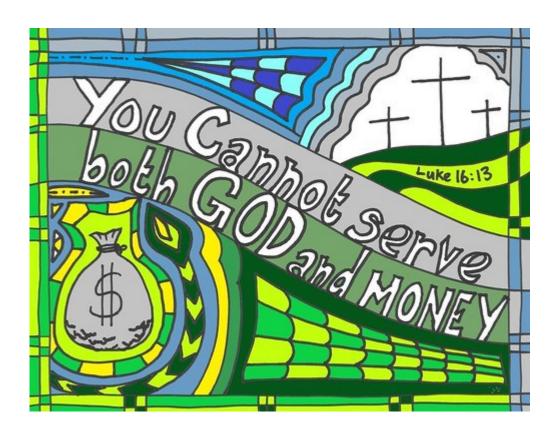
# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**SEPTEMBER 21, 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**

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

Amen.

PRELUDE

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.

We neglect the poor and the needy.

1 John 1:8 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,

vou who were bound are free.

In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

#### GATHERING HYMN

As Saints of Old

**ELW 695** 

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#### **GREETING** - Pastor

2 Corinthians 13:13-14

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.

## As Saints of Old



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This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY -** Assisting Minister

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

#### THE FIRST LESSON - Lector

Amos 8:4-7

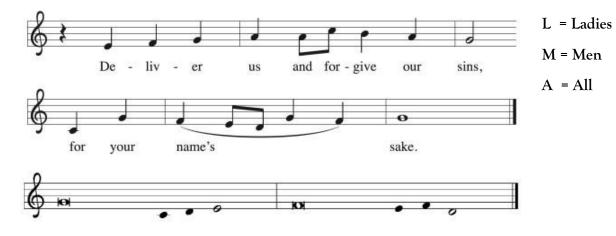
<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup> saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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)





- M <sup>1</sup>O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your <sup>|</sup> holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a <sup>|</sup> heap of rubble.
- A <sup>2</sup> They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds <sup>1</sup> of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts <sup>1</sup> of the field.
- L <sup>3</sup> They have shed their blood like water on every side <sup>1</sup> of Jerusalem, and there was no one to <sup>1</sup> bury them.
- A <sup>4</sup>We have become a reproach <sup>1</sup> to our neighbors, an object of scorn and derision to <sup>1</sup> those around us. R
- M <sup>5</sup> How long will you be an- | gry, O LORD? Will your fury blaze like | fire forever?
- A <sup>6</sup> Pour out your wrath upon the nations who <sup>1</sup> have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called up- <sup>1</sup> on your name.
- L <sup>7</sup> For they have de- | voured Jacob and made his dwell- | ing a ruin.
- A <sup>8</sup> Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be <sup>1</sup> swift to meet us; for we have been brought <sup>1</sup> very low.
- M <sup>9</sup>Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory <sup>1</sup> of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, <sup>1</sup> for your name's sake. **R**

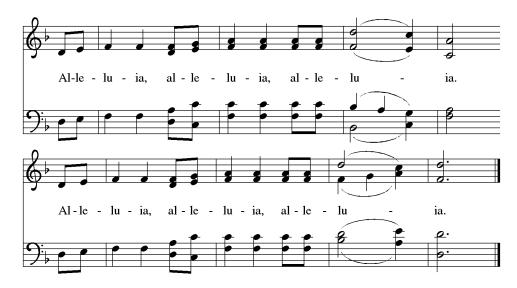
This reading bears witness to the early church.

#### THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

# 1 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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



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

John 6:68

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON - Pastor

Luke 16:1-13

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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)

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Let Streams of Living Justice

**ELW 710** 

## Let Streams of Living Justice



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Ancient church councils adopted the summary of the church's faith in the Nicene, Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds.

# **CONFESSION OF FAITH** - Assisting Minister

## **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. (I Timothy 2:1-2; I Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 2:42)

Extending God's word

of peace to others. (Romans 16:16;

Matthew 5:23-24)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Assisting Minister

To the words "God of grace," the congregation responds "receive our prayer."

**SHARING OF THE PEACE - Pastor** 

TEMPLE TALK

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

God's Work, Our Hands: Working Together "Text by Wayne L. Wold"

#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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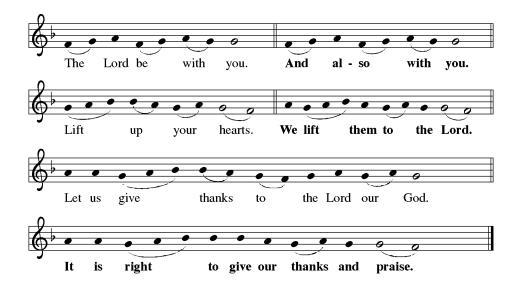


# **OFFERING PRAYER** - Assisting Minister

Generous Spirit, your gifts abound! You created each of us with something to share and form us into community together. As we gather now around your table, renew in us your call to serve one another and all the world with what you have given to us, through our savior, Jesus Christ. **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

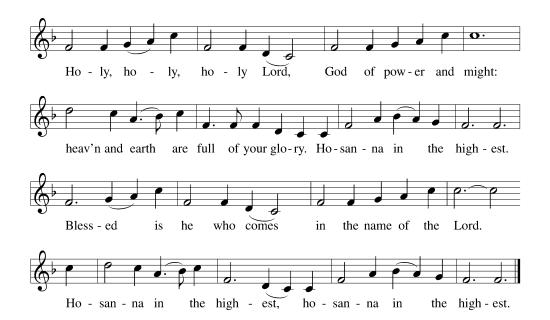


#### **Preface** - Pastor

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.

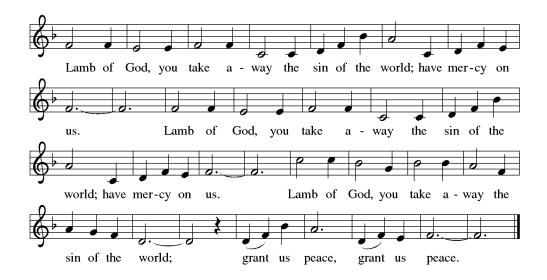
Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

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 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ELW 678 Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 583

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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.

now and

Amen.

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

We go forth to bless the world

*Luke 7:50; Romans 10:12-13* 

RECESSIONAL HYMN (Next Page)

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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**DISMISSAL** - Assisting Minister

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

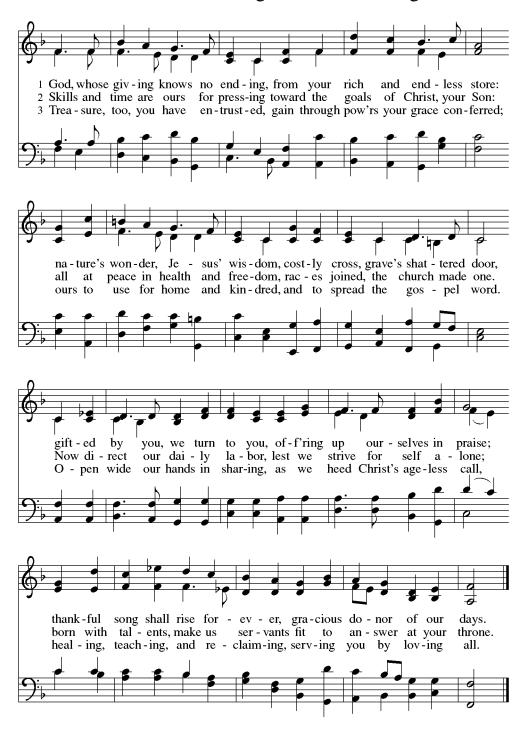
Postlude on St. Columbia

- Christopher Tambling

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## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



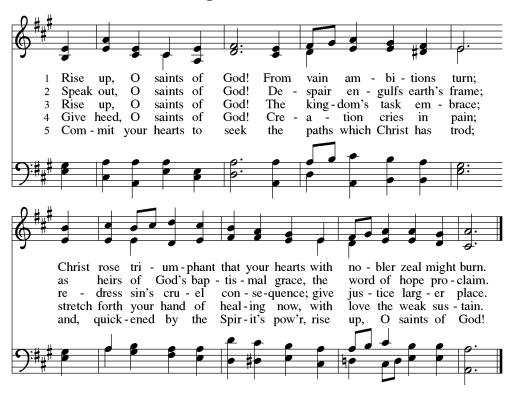
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#### Take My Life, That I May Be Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad



- y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo
- que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo
- 4 Que mi tiempo todo\_esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

# Rise Up, O Saints of God!



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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! Questions? please contact Pastor Micah at <a href="mailto:srpastor@stmartinsonline.org">srpastor@stmartinsonline.org</a>.

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

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## **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 interpreta-

tion. 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: <a href="mailto:srpastor@stmartinsonline.org">srpastor@stmartinsonline.org</a>.

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

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#### Flu and Covid Shots



Sunday, October 5th, our friend and Pharmacist, Theresa, will be here, once again, to administer flu and covid shots - between services (9 a.m.) in Chaplain Paula's office.

Please sign up on the registration sheet in the Narthex today.

#### The Pumpkins Are Coming!



Help Needed!

The Lighthouse Shelter pumpkin patch will return to St. Martin's on September 27th. St. Martin's is responsible for staffing the pumpkin patch on opening day. Typically, we have done two shifts from 10-2 and 2-6, but if you would like to help staff the patch for a few hours anytime from 10-6, please contact:

Barbara Freeman, tombarb.freeman@verizon.net, or Sara Wetz, slwetz@verizon.net.

Thanks for your help!



St. Martin's Annual Polka Mass & Oktoberfest

Sunday October 12, 2025

Volunteers needed!

Kitchen Help, Set-Up, Clean-Up, Grillers, Servers, Decorators, and Cupcake or Cookie Bakers

See sign-up sheets on table in the narthex

<u>Questions? Email Rita Moday at:</u> swedskimail@gmail.com

| Serving in Worship Today   |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Preacher & Celebrant       | Pastor Micah Krey  |
| Director of Music Ministry | Adedotun Olayemi   |
| Media Technician           | Sara Wetz  |
| Assisting Minister         | Linda Wetz   |
| Communion Assistants       | Ari Garcia<br>Eli Shenk  |
| Lector                     | Emily Sindt  |
| Ushers                     | Easton Roberts Max Albanese Maggie Albanese Lillian Albanese Emily Sindt |
| Communion Cleanup          | Michele and Randy Soileau  |

Want to schedule a meeting with Pastor Micah?

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



#### Opportunities This Week

Monday, September 22, 2025

**10:00 am** Flying Quilters (Fellowship)

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

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

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

Thursday, September 25, 2025

**11:30 am** Mid-Day Bible Study (Double T)

Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Sunday Forum

(Art Room)

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

## Sunday Forum - Sept. 28th at 9am



Mothers and Motherhood in The New Testament

Join us at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for this special Sunday forum presentation from Dr. Jen McNeel.



Interested in Giving? Scan the QR Code

