

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

PRELUDE

Prelude on Slane

- Christopher Tambling

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,

1 John 1:8

we are a stubborn people.

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
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God of Grace and God of Glory

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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.**

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector*

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

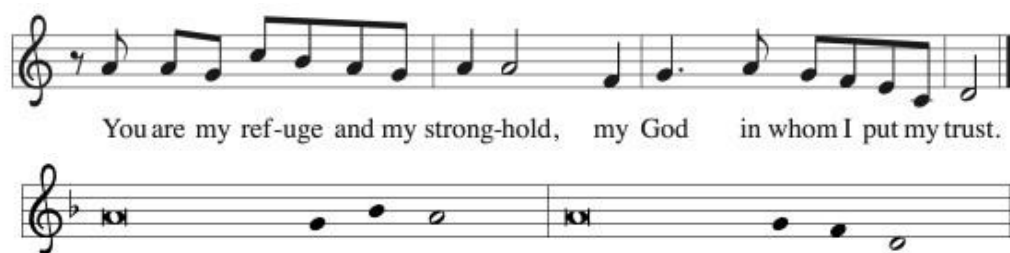
THE PSALM (All Sing Together)

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

L = Ladies

M = Men

A = All



- M ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of ¹ the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of ¹ the Almighty—
- A ² you will say to the LORD, “My refuge ¹ and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹ put my trust.”
- L ³ For God will rescue you from the snare ¹ of the hunter
and from the ¹ deadly plague.
- A ⁴ God’s wings will cover you, and you will find ref- ¹ uge beneath them;
God’s faithfulness will be your shield ¹ and defense. R
- M ⁵ You shall not fear any terror ¹ in the night,
nor the arrow that ¹ flies by day;
- A ⁶ nor the plague that stalks ¹ in the darkness,
nor the sickness that lays ¹ waste at noon.
- L ¹⁴ I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they ¹ know my name.
- A ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will ¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ¹ honor them.
- M ¹⁶ With long life will I ¹ satisfy them,
and show them ¹ my salvation. R

This reading bears witness to the early church.

THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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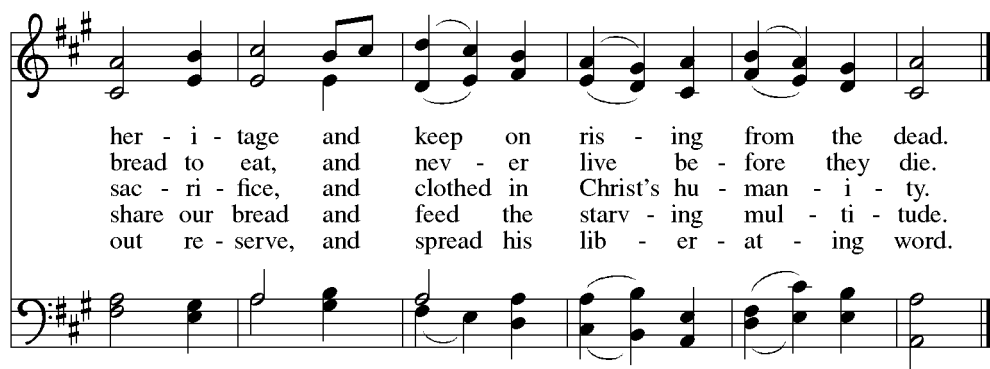
The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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

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

Extending God's word of peace to others. (Romans 16:16; Matthew 5:23-24)

1 Corinthians 16:1-2
2 Corinthians 9:7-9

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.

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

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

O Church of God

- by Eugene Butler

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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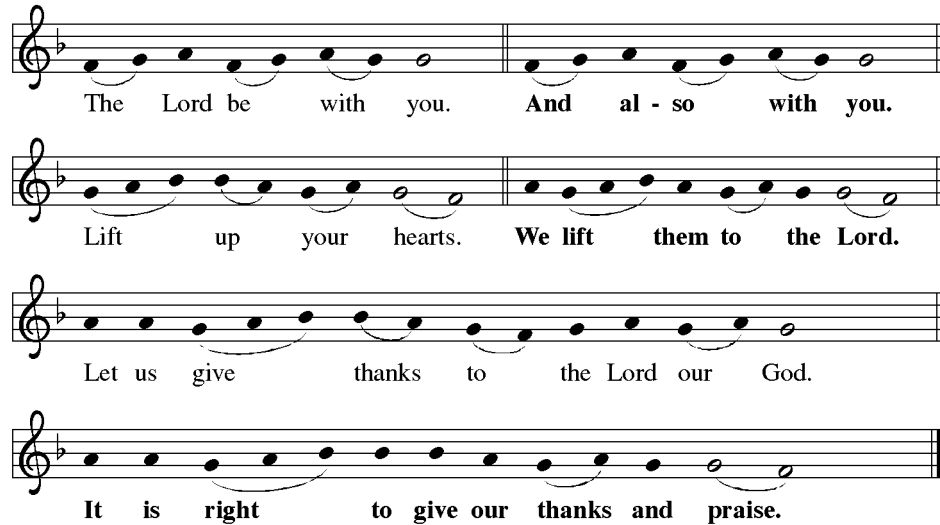
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voice-es,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

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*



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.

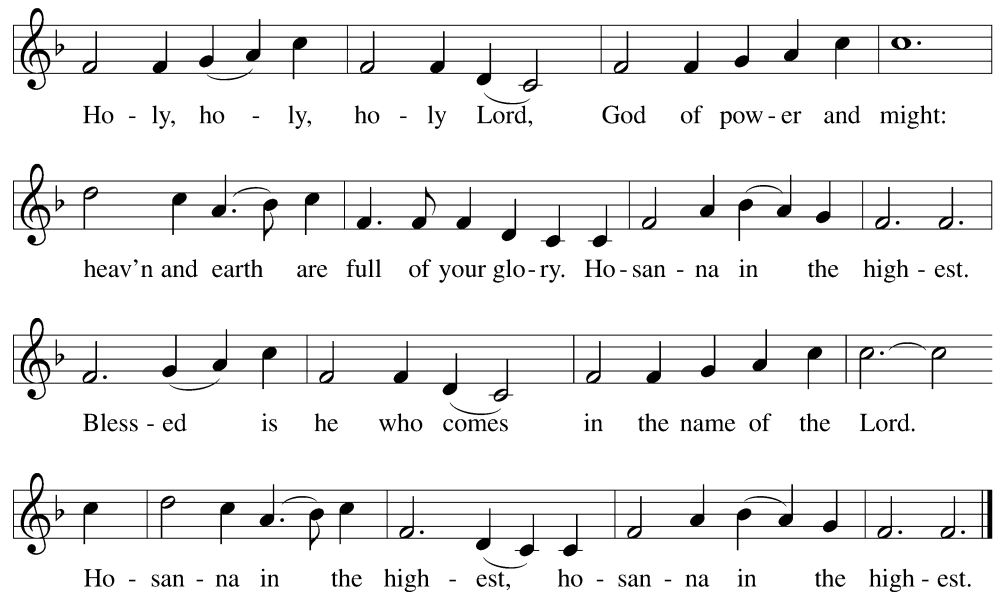
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

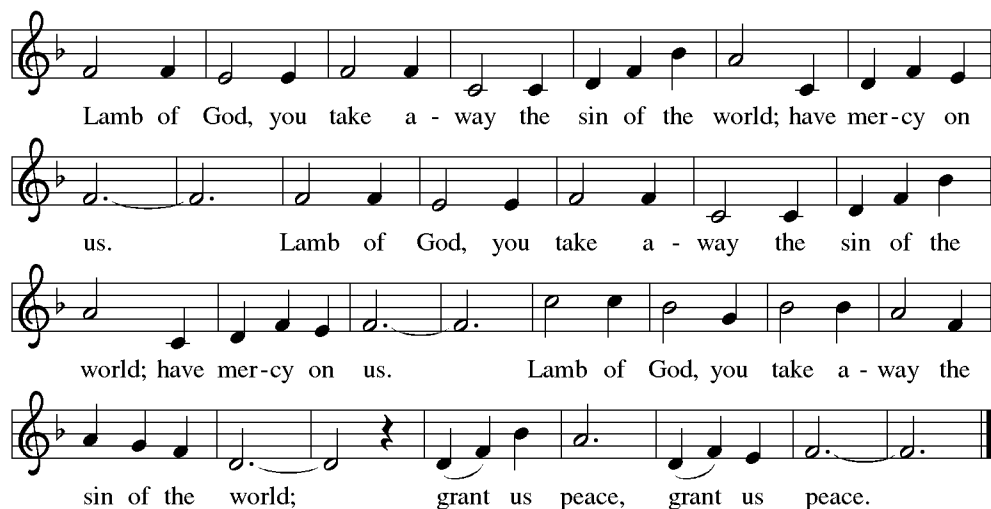
So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

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

**Gather Us In
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

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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

Canticle of the Turning

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*We go forth to bless the
world*

DISMISSAL - *Assisting Minister*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Luke 7:50;

Romans 10:12-13

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Song of Gratitude

- Harold K. Marks

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.


Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen



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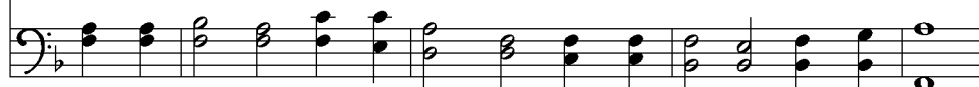
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service





1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,




who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.



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Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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@stmartinsonline.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

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.





*St. Martin's Annual
Polka Mass
& Oktoberfest*

Sunday October 12, 2025

Volunteers Still Needed! Please sign-up in the narthex if you
are able to help with:

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

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code below
or by signing up on the sheets in the narthex.



Questions? Email Rita Moday at:
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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	Cam Cloeter Linda Wetz
Lector	Sandy Ourisson
Ushers	Larry Day Linda Stazer Melissa Steffens Molly Michaelson
Altar Set-Up	Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck
Communion Cleanup	Judy Svoboda, Barb Freeman

Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

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

6:30 pm New Members Class
(Fellowship)

Thursday, October 2, 2025

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

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:00 am Garden Work Day
(Church Grounds)

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Pet Blessing
(Courtyard)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN TODAY

*To the glory of God, and in memory of grandparents,
Pierre and Marthe Massenet,
by Phil and Sandy Ourisson.*

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



Green Cards in the Offering Plate

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If you give electronically, we invite you to place a green card in the offering plate during worship. This simple act allows you to join in the offering moment with the whole congregation, honoring your gift as part of your worship and thanksgiving to God.

The green cards can be found in your bulletin this week and next. After that, they will be available in the pew rack in your pew.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our ministry here at St. Martin's!