

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 5, 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,

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
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2 Corinthians
13:13-14

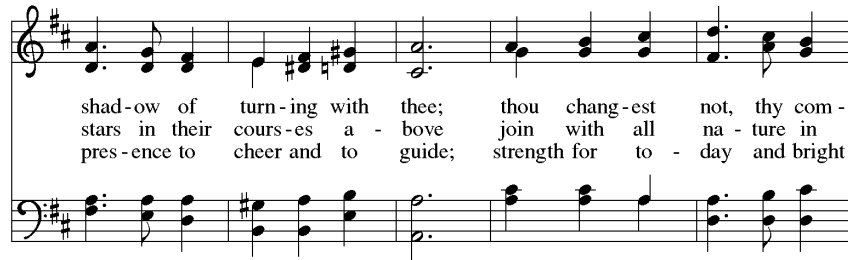
GREETING - Pastor

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.**

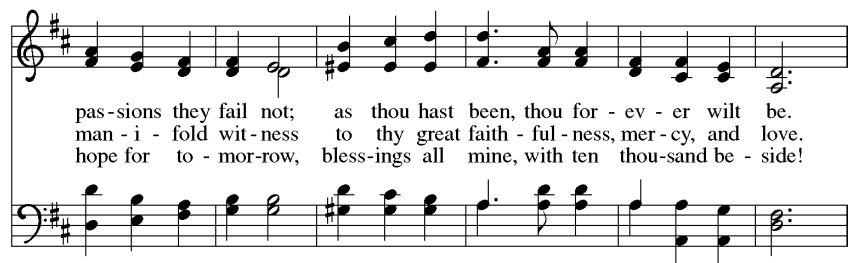
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of 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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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)

Lamentations 3:19-26

L = Ladies

M = Men

A = All



M ¹⁹ The thought of my affliction [|] and my homelessness
is worm- [|] wood and gall!

A ²⁰ My soul continually [|] thinks of it
and is bowed [|] down within me. R

L ²¹ But this I [|] call to mind,
and therefore [|] I have hope:

A ²² The steadfast love of the LORD [|] never ceases,
God's mercies never come [|] to an end; R

M ²³ they are new [|] every morning;
great [|] is your faithfulness.

A ²⁴ "You are all that I have," [|] says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in [|] you, O LORD."

L ²⁵ You are good to those who [|] wait for you,
to all that [|] search for you.

A ²⁶ It is good that one [|] should wait quietly
for the salvation [|] of the LORD. R

This reading bears witness to the early church.

THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

Luke 17:5-10

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6:68

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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*

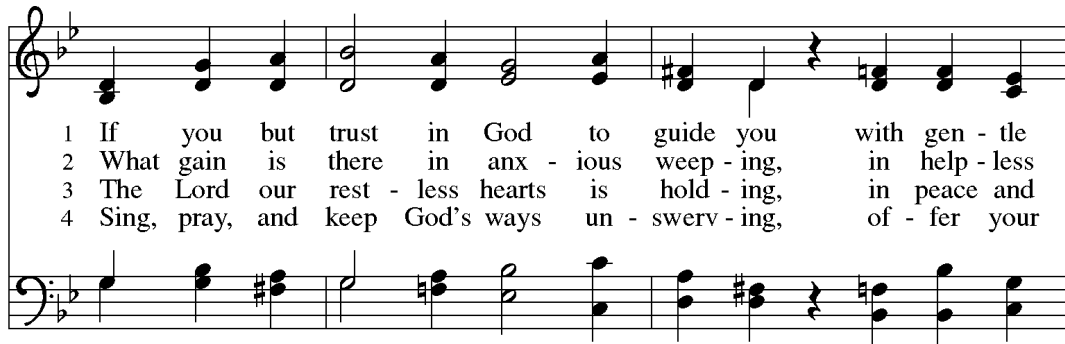
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HYMN OF THE DAY

If You But Trust in God to Guide You
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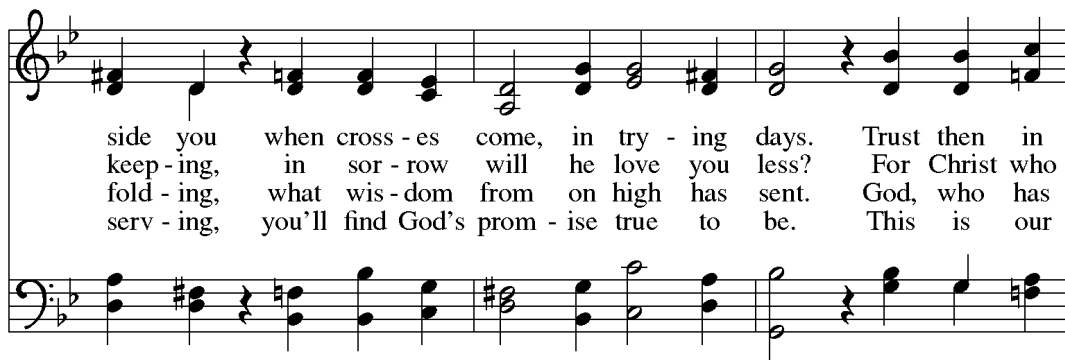
If You But Trust in God to Guide You



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.

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 "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*

TEMPLE TALK

THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

1 Corinthians 16:1-2
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

Lord, I Believe in You (Credo)

- Gordon Young

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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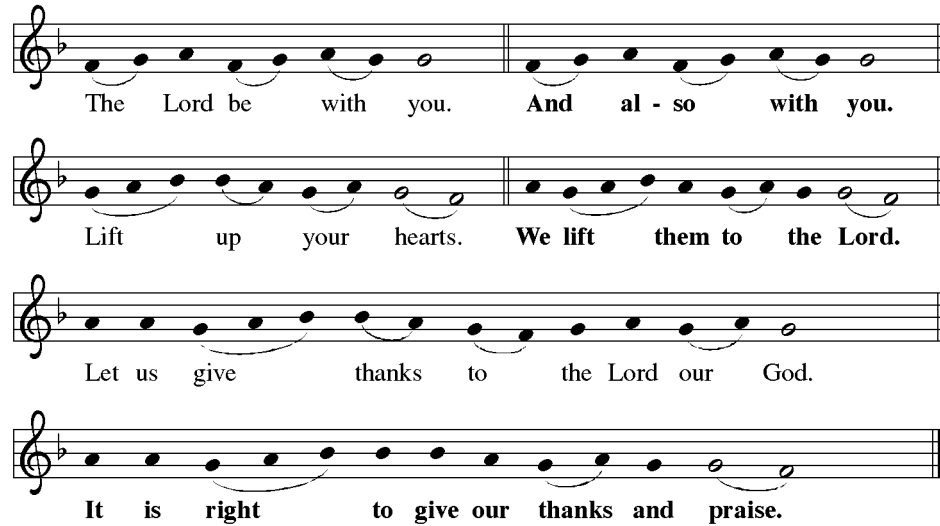
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices,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

Generous Spirit, your gifts abound! You created each of us with something to share and form us into community together. We lift before you the gifts of bread and wine, the offerings we bring, and these prayer shawls and baptismal blankets, that all may become signs of your presence and channels of your love. 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*

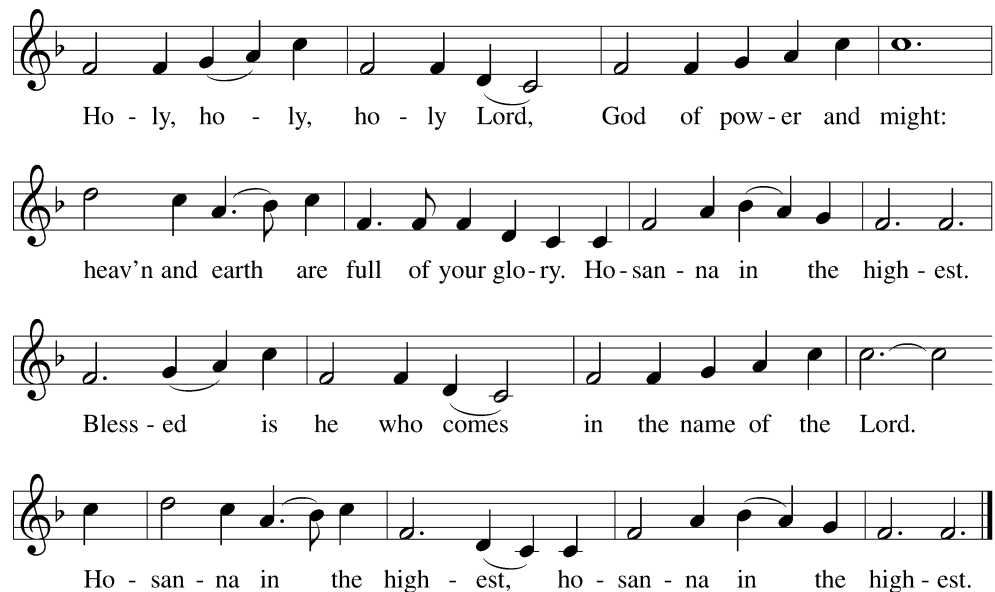


PREFACE - *Pastor*

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)

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.

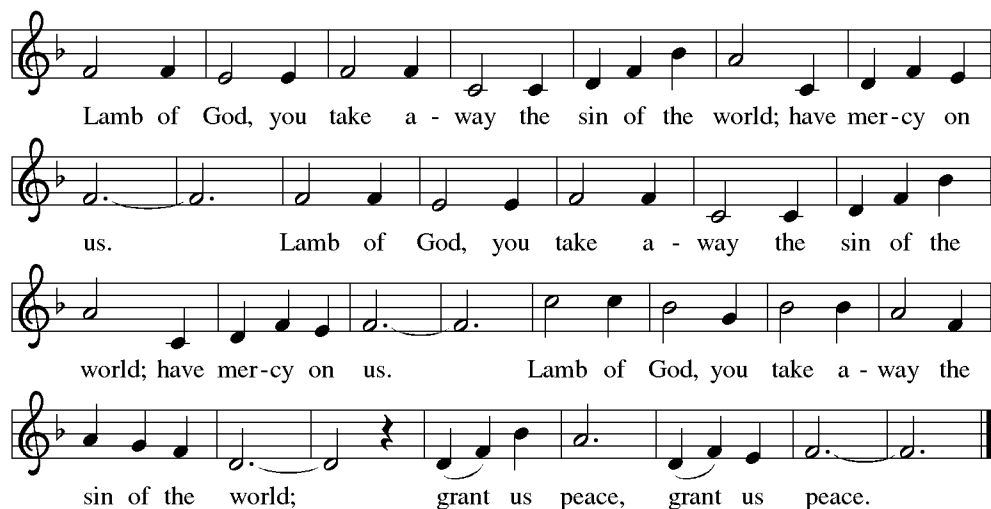
So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

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

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
My Faith Looks Up to Thee**
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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, \dagger and Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you,
now and forever.
Amen.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW 812

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

Gavotte

- F.J. Gossec

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

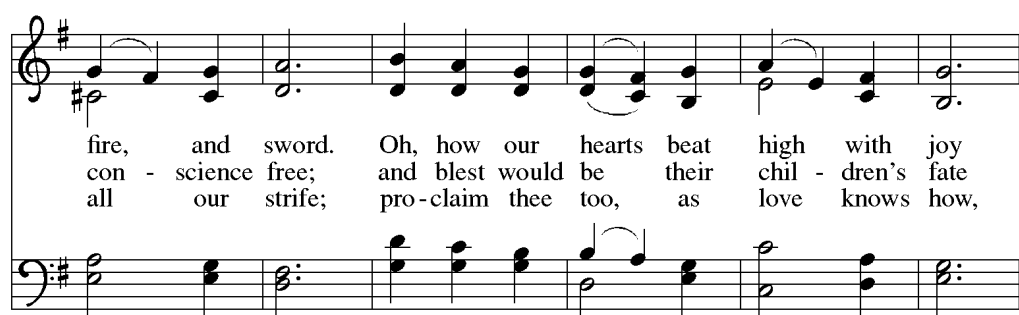
guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyr's, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

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



Tuesday, October 21st 7pm CYBER SAFETY- CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Today's kids are more connected than ever, and with that comes new opportunities to learn, share, as well as responsibilities. As parents and caring adults, we can help them use technology in safe and positive ways.

Join Deputy State Attorney Brian Marsh as he offers practical guidance and encouragement for promoting cyber safety and social media responsibility in our children.

Use the QR code or [click here](#) to sign up. Childcare is available with advance request.

This is a joint school and church event. Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

**Questions or for more information contact: Laura Albanese Director of Youth, Family, and Congregational Ministry
lalbanese@stmartinsonline.org**



Apocalypse Now: A Study on the Book of Revelation

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, & 22 | 6:30–8:00 pm | Sanctuary

Revelation is one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible—full of beasts, battles, and strange images. But what if it isn't really about predicting the end of the world?

Join us for a three-week study on the Book of Revelation:

October 8 – Seeing the Unseen: Explore Revelation's unforgettable imagery and how it has shaped everything from the *Left Behind* series to *The Lord of the Rings*.

October 15 – Echoes of the Old Testament: Discover Revelation's deep roots in the prophets, especially Ezekiel.

October 22 – The Cross at the Center: See how the whole book points not to fear of the future, but to the hope of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection revealed to us now.

Sign-up: Please sign up on the clipboard in the back or by emailing Pastor Micah so that materials can be shared with you in advance.

All are welcome—bring your questions, curiosity, and imagination!



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:
swedskimail@gmail.com*

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Marlys Sandve McDevitt
Assisting Minister	Mel Tuckfield
Communion Assistants	Judy Houston Glenn Hollenbeck
Lector	David Ehemann
Ushers	Larry Day John and Betty Knupp Molly Michaelson
Communion Cleanup	Sandy Ourisson Carolyn Goldberg



Prayer Shawl Blessing – Sunday Oct 5, 2025

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.

Opportunities This Week

Monday, October 6, 2025

10:00 am Flying Quilters
(Fellowship)

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

6:30 pm New Members Class
(Fellowship)

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:00 am Men’s Bible Study
(Double T)

6:30 pm Bible Study
(Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 9, 2025

9:00 am LMS Clothes Sorting
(Narthex)

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

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Sunday Forum
(Art Room)

10:00 am Polka Mass (Sanctuary)

11:15 am Oktoberfest (Courtyard)

October Sunday Forum: Romans and the Reformation

Interested in Giving? Scan the QR Code



Join us on Sundays, October 12, 19, and 26, during the 9:00 a.m. hour between services, as we explore the deep connections between Paul’s letter to the Romans and the Reformation. Together we’ll look at how Paul’s words shaped Martin Luther’s theology and sparked a movement that continues to call the church to renewal and reform today.

Want to schedule a meeting with
Pastor Micah?

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

