

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2026

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Annapolis, Maryland*

**PRELUDE**

*Come unto Him*

- J. H. Maunder  
Arr. by Benton Price

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Pastor**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.  
**Amen.**

1 John 1:8

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

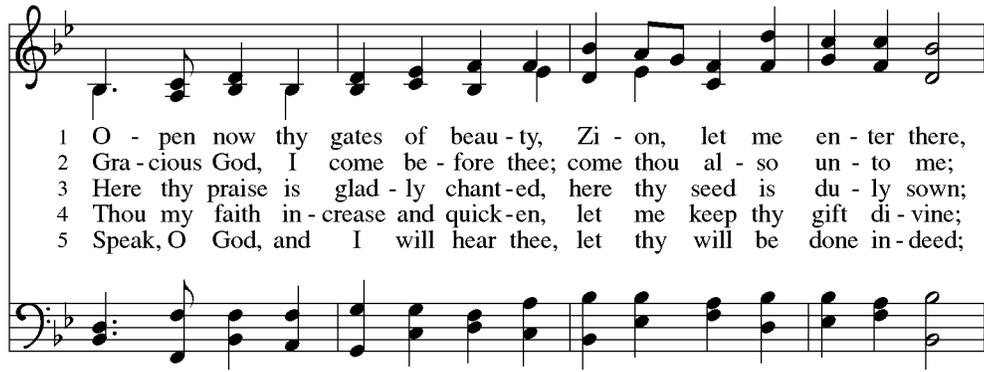
**GATHERING HYMN Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty ELW 533 (vs. 1,2,4,5)**

2 Corinthians  
13:13-14

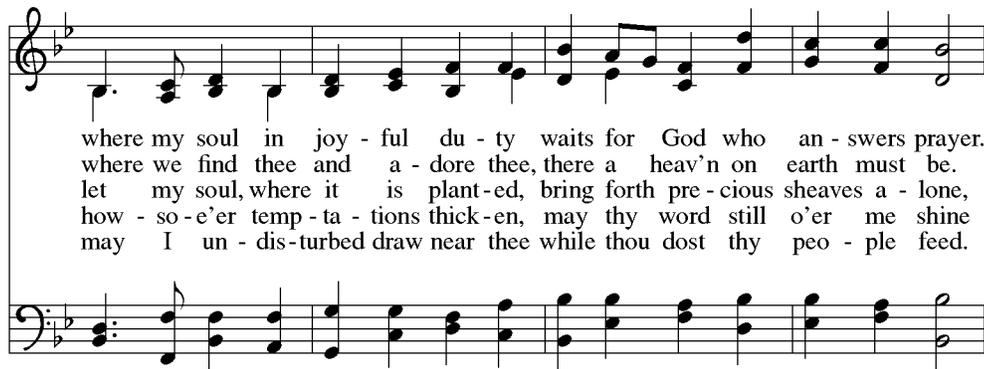
**GREETING - Pastor**

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.**

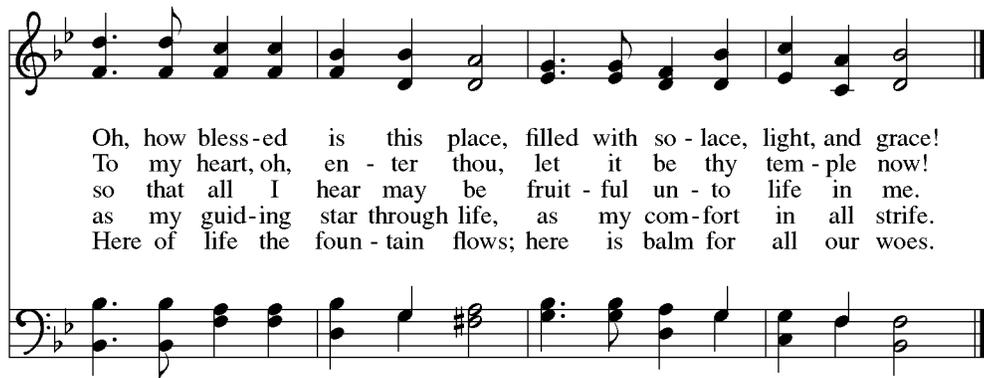
## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

The Kyrie is an ancient chant to begin Christian worship.

Kyrie eleison means Lord, have mercy.

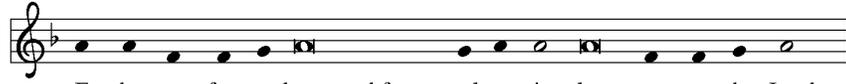
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY - Assisting Minister

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (Please be seated)



This reading bears witness to the early church.

## THE SECOND LESSON - *Lector*

**Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

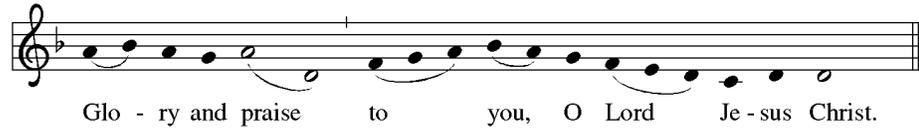
*(Please stand as you are able)*

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION

*(The Gospel is read from the icon depicting the text for the day)*

John 6:68



## THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

**John 4:5-42**

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They

were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

**ELW 611**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

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

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH - Assisting Minister**

### **The 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 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 "Hear us, O God," the congregation responds **"Your mercy is great."**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE - Pastor**

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

### **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](http://www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving) or by scanning the QR Code here:*

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

2 Corinthians 9:7-9



## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## OFFERTORY

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

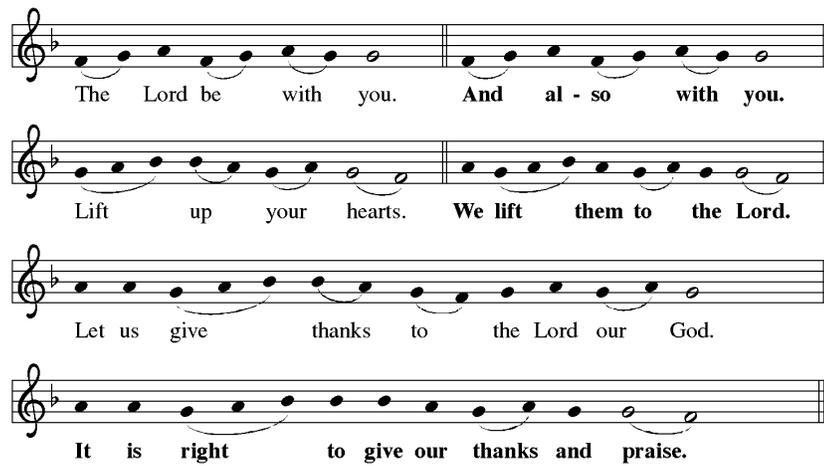
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERING PRAYER - Assisting Minister**

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. (Psalm 15:1)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - *Pastor* (Please stand as you are able)



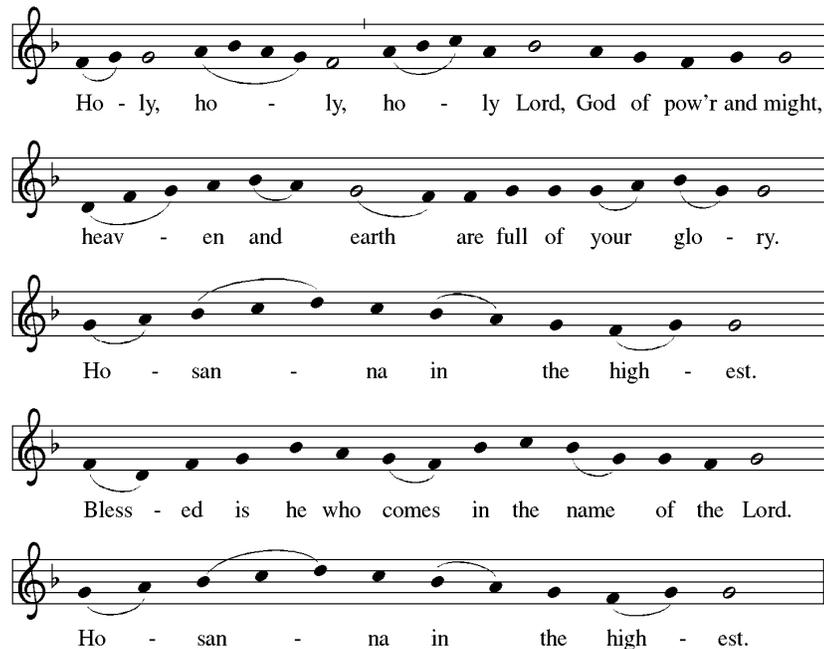
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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

## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en 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.

In these words—Jesus institutes the sacrament for the church

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION - *Pastor*

Matthew 26:26-28;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1  
Corinthians 11:23-26

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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)

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray.  
(Luke 11:24;  
Matthew 6:9-13)

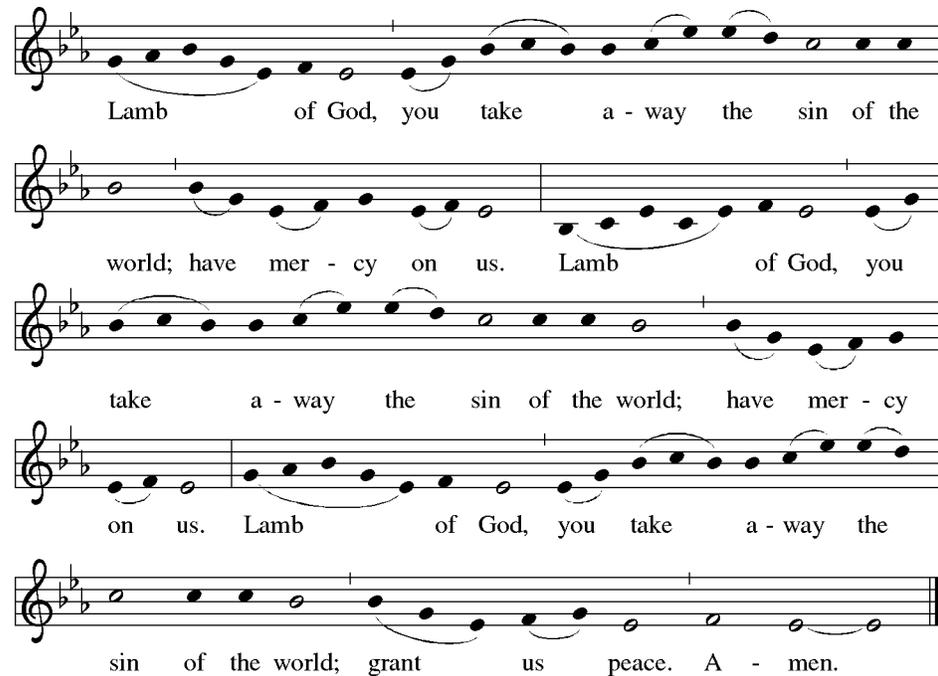
Our invitation to  
Christ's Table  
(adapted from Iona  
Community, Scotland)

## 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. A - men.

\*\*\*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

As the Deer Runs to the River  
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW 331  
ELW 623

## As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst-ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



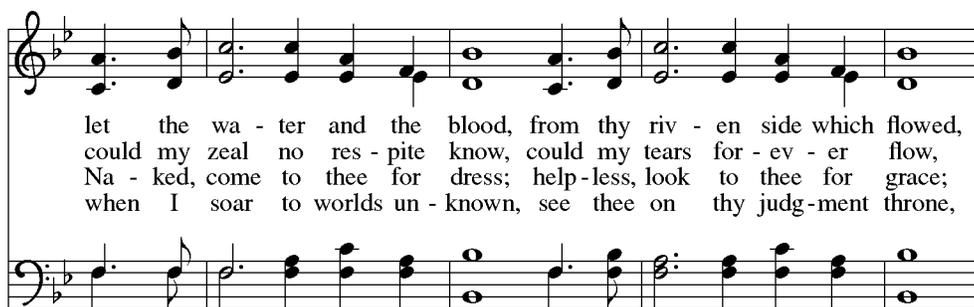
Je - sus, source of liv-ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923  
Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950  
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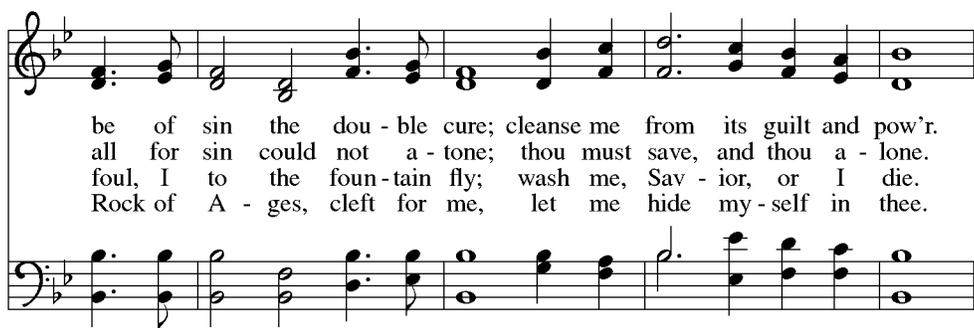
## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** - *Pastor (Please stand as you are able)*

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** - *Assisting Minister*

Let us pray.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*A personal blessing  
from God in the name  
of the Triune God.*

*(Numbers 6:24-26)*

**BENEDICTION** - *Pastor*

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

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

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

**ELW 618**

*We go forth to bless  
the world*

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

**DISMISSAL** - *Assisting Minister*

Go in peace. Believe the Good News.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in A Minor - J.S. Bach (BWV 569)*

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## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

## Help Imagine the Future of St. Martin's



St. Martin's Lutheran Church is beginning an important season of conversation about the future of our ministry and campus. As we look ahead to the years to come, we want to listen carefully to the hopes, ideas, and dreams of our congregation.

You are invited to a **Vision and Listening Session** where we will begin exploring possibilities together.

This conversation will be guided by **Tom Melzoni**, a consultant from Horizons Stewardship, who will help lead us through a thoughtful discussion about the future of St. Martin's and how our facilities and resources can support the mission God is calling us to.

This gathering is the first step in a broader process that may lead toward a campaign in the near future. At this stage, the focus is on **listening, sharing ideas, and imagining what might be possible together.**

Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to participate. Your voice and perspective matter as we begin this journey.

We will have two opportunities to attend. Each session will be about 90 minutes.

**Date:** March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time(s):** 2:00pm-3:30pm OR 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

Come be part of the conversation as we dream about the future of St. Martin's.

## Midweek Lenten Services (Noon & Evening Opportunities)

*Wednesdays: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25*

### Noontime Service

We will gather at noon in the sanctuary for a brief prayer service with reflection. Immediately following the service, you are invited to bring your own lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall as we eat together in community.

### Evening Meal, Bible Study, and Meditation

Each evening, we will gather in a new way, and you are invited to join us for as much (or as little) as you are able.



#### Schedule:

**6:00 pm – Dinner** (A lite dinner will be provided each week by one of our church groups.)

**6:30 pm – Bible Study** (Our Bible study will explore the biblical use of the earthly elements: Air, Fire, Water, and Earth.)

**7:30 pm – Meditative Worship** (Following Bible study, we will move into a time of meditative worship, with prayer stations and guided prayers centered on the element explored that evening.)

You are welcome to attend any part of the evening, in any week. You do not need to come at the beginning or attend every week. If you can only join us once, that's wonderful. If you can only come for worship, that's great too.

We hope you will join us as we ground ourselves together during this Lenten season.

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Marlys McDevitt
Communion Assistants	Judy Houston Judy Svoboda
Lector	Sandy Ourisson
Ushers	Ches and Sue Lanham Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck
Communion Cleanup	Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck Judy Svoboda



### Help Wanted

We are looking for a church “mouse” - someone to come in once per week to straighten and stock the cards and envelopes in the pews. This task could be shared by multiple people so the same person does not have to come in every week. This task would take approximately 1 hour per week.

If interested, please contact Christine Sindt in the church office at 410-263-4723 or [church@stmartinsonline.org](mailto:church@stmartinsonline.org)

### Opportunities This Week

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

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

**12:00 pm** Lent Service (Sanctuary)

**6:30 pm** Lent Service (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

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

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**8:00 am** Worship (Sanctuary)

**9:00 am** Sunday School  
(Fellowship)

Confirmation Class  
(Lounge)

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

### Worship Assistants Training – Rescheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 10:00am

Would you like to serve in worship? Join us for a Worship Assistants Training on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00am in the sanctuary.

This training is for anyone interested in serving as an Assisting Minister, Lector, Usher, or Communion Assistant. It is also a great refresher for those who have served before but have been away for a while—or for anyone who would like a reminder of the “how” and the “why” behind what we do in worship.

Come learn, ask questions, and grow more confident in serving. All are welcome!

