

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

10 AM



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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Pastor**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the promise of resurrection life  
as we confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

God of everlasting life,  
you bring us from the tomb into the light of day,  
yet we often remain in the shadows.

1 John 1:8

**You call us into new life,  
but we cling to old ways.**

**You speak peace,  
but we let fear have the final word.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Raise us with Christ,  
and renew us in your Spirit,  
so that we may walk in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us  
all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The dawn has broken, and Christ is risen.  
Go forth in joy and live as people of the resurrection.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

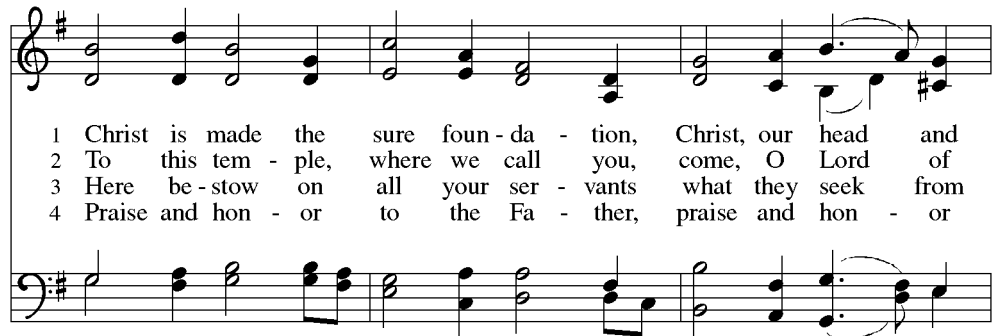
**ELW 645**

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.**

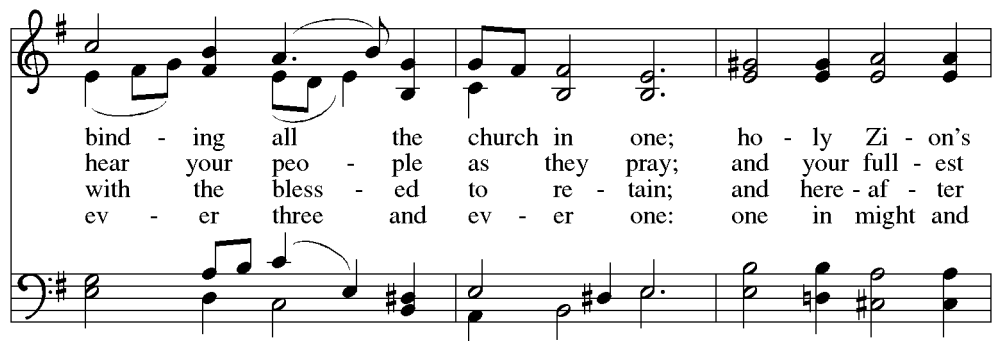
## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

We ask for God's  
mercy  
Luke 17:13; 18:39,  
Psalm 123:3

## HYMN OF PRAISE - *Pastor*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al- might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

This prayer "collects"  
the theme of the day.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Assisting Minister*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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

## THE FIRST LESSON - Lector

Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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 (Sung Together)

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



C: Choir  
A: All

C <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be <sup>1</sup> put to shame; deliver me <sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.

A <sup>2</sup> **Incline your <sup>1</sup> ear to me; make haste to de- <sup>1</sup> liver me.**

C <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead <sup>1</sup> me and guide me.

A <sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly <sup>1</sup> set for me, for you are my tow- <sup>1</sup> er of strength.**

C <sup>5</sup> Into your hands I com- <sup>1</sup> mend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> God of truth.

A <sup>15</sup> **My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.**

C <sup>16</sup> Let your face shine up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant; save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love."

This reading bears witness to the early church.

## THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

### THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

**John 14:1-14**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 6:68 [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated)*

### SERMON - *Pastor*

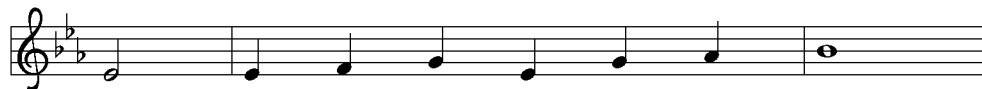
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**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

**ELW 367**

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

## CONFESSION OF FAITH - *Assisting Minister*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
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 "Merciful God," the congregation responds "receive our prayer."

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

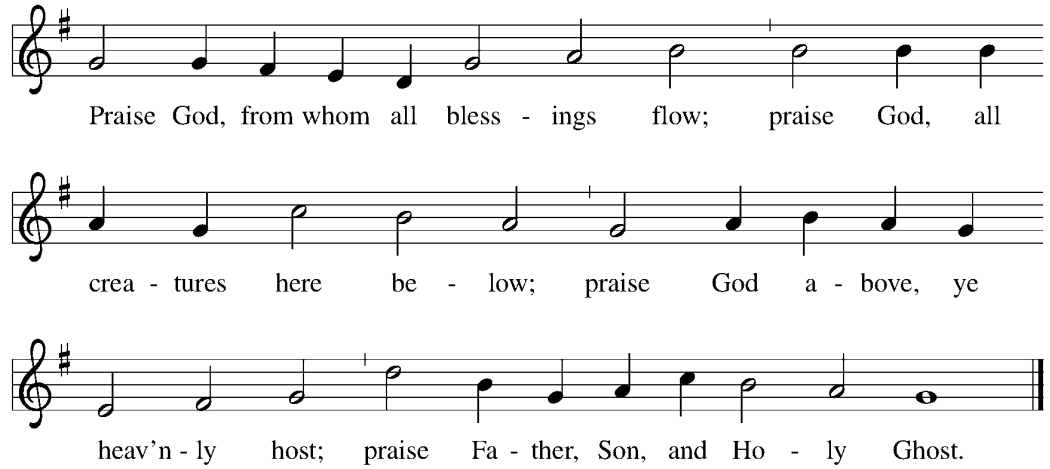
## SHARING OF THE PEACE - *Pastor*

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](http://www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving) or scan the QR code here:



**OFFERTORY ANTHEM***He is Exalted**- Arr. by Ayo Oluranti***OFFERTORY RESPONSE****The Doxology****ELW 885**


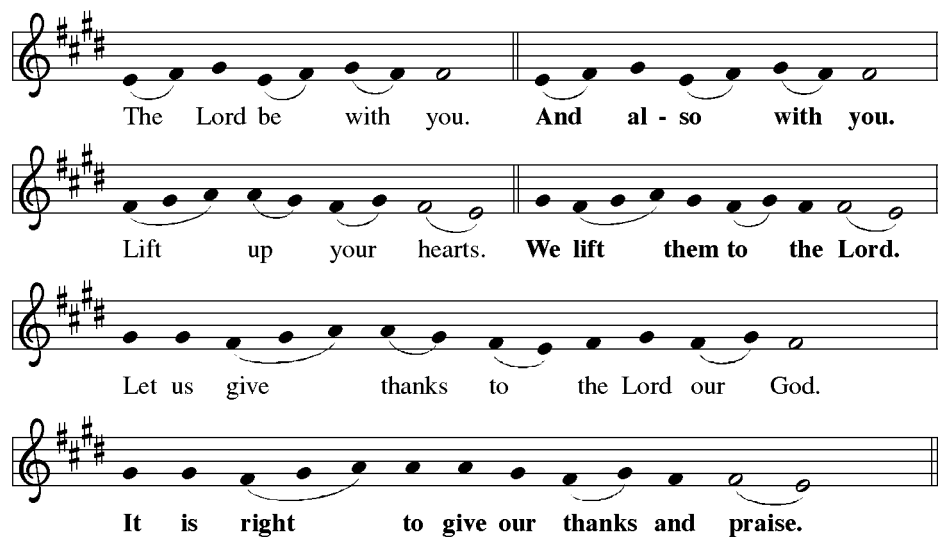
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
 Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

**OFFERING PRAYER - Assisting Minister**

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **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**


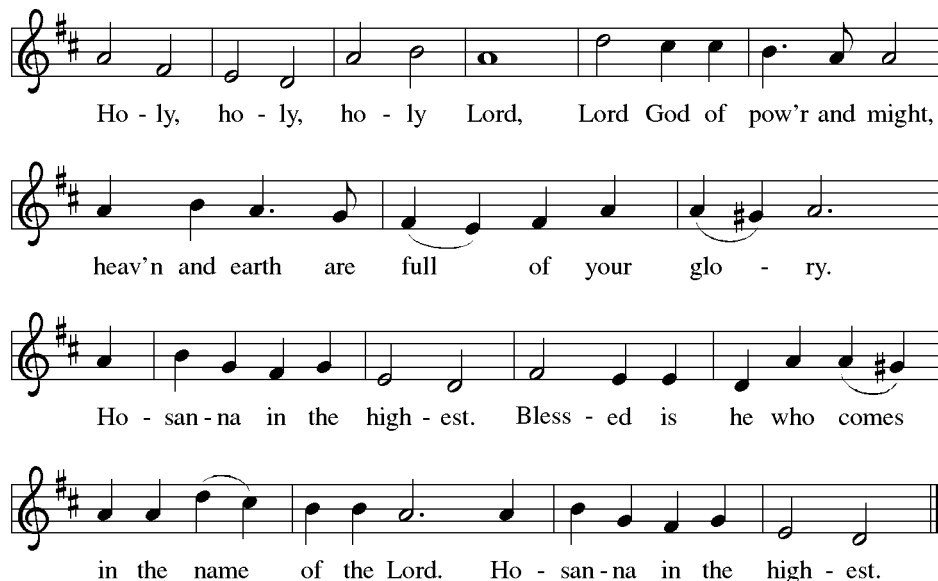
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

*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 11:24;  
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.

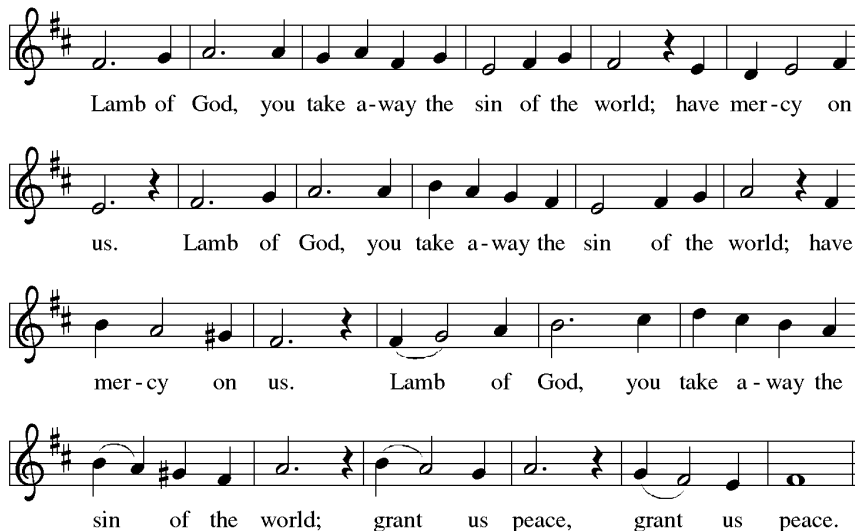
So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

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

**O Jesus, I Have Promised  
I Received the Living God**

**ELW 810  
ELW 477**

### 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

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

### BENEDICTION - Pastor

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always. **Amen.**

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

## O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;


nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

## I Received the Living God

*Refrain*




I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



*Refrain*

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous  
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

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

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

We go forth to bless the  
world

Luke 7:50;  
Romans 10:12-13

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936  
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789  
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## DISMISSAL - Assisting Minister

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

*Toccatà in E Minor*

- Johann Pachelbel

**Today!!**



St. Martin's Lutheran  
Church in Annapolis.  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026 3:00pm

# When Peace Takes Wing

AN AFTERNOON OF  
HARMONY & HOPE

NO  
TICKETS  
REQUIRED



ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1120 SPA ROAD, ANNAPOLIS, MD  
21403

# Sunday School

(pre-k-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Sunday, May 10th  
Sunday, May 31st  
9am Fellowship Hall



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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	Mel Tuckfield
Communion Assistants	Tom and Barb Freeman
Lector	Dave Mattingley
Ushers	Larry Day Bruce and Susan Herrold
Communion Cleanup	Tom and Barb Freeman

### Save the Date!



We invite you to see Joshua at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster on Thursday, October 29, 2026. This spectacular theatre experience will bring to life the events of

Joshua's amazing life.

Trip information will follow in May with sign-ups beginning June 1.

### Opportunities This Week

#### *Monday, May 4, 2026*

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

#### *Tuesday, May 5, 2026*

**6:30 pm** New Member Class  
(Fellowship Hall)

#### *Wednesday, May 6, 2026*

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

**6:30 pm** Bible Study  
(Sanctuary)

#### *Thursday, May 7, 2026*

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

#### *Sunday, May 10, 2026*

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

**9:00 am** Confirmation Class  
(Lounge)

Sunday School (Fellowship)

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



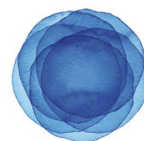
### **New Member Class - Tuesday, May 5th**

Are you curious about becoming part of our St. Martin's family? We'd love to have you join us on May 5th from 6:30 - 8pm in the fellowship hall. This gathering is designed to help you get to know our church, our community, and one another.

#### **New Member Welcome Sunday:**

Sunday, June 7 at the 8:00 am and/or 10:00 am service.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Micah at: [srpastor@stmartinsonline.org](mailto:srpastor@stmartinsonline.org).



Exploring  
12 Step  
Spirituality

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study: The 12 Steps and Spirituality**

Join us for a three-week Bible study exploring the deep connections between the 12 Steps of recovery and the Christian spiritual life. Together we will reflect on themes of honesty, surrender, grace, and transformation, and how these practices echo the life of faith and scripture.

Whether you are in recovery, love someone who is, or simply want to deepen your spiritual walk, this study offers a meaningful space for reflection and conversation.

Wednesdays, April 22, 29, & May 6

6:30-7:30pm

Sanctuary

All are welcome.

Sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex or by emailing Pastor Micah.