

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 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

The Head That Once Was Crowned

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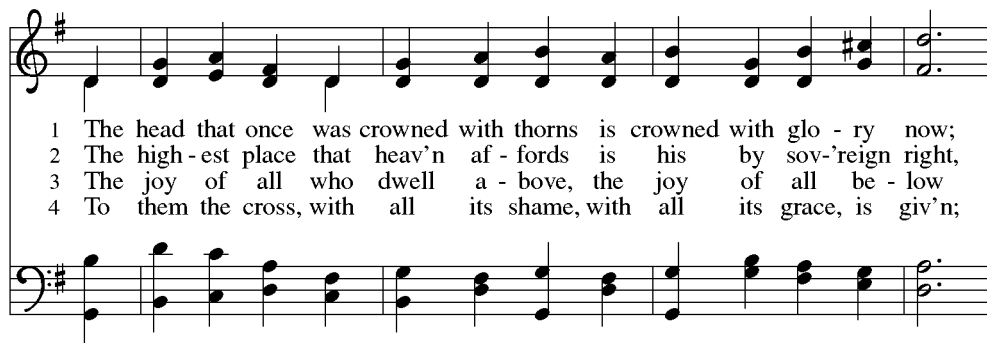
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2 Corinthians
13:13-14

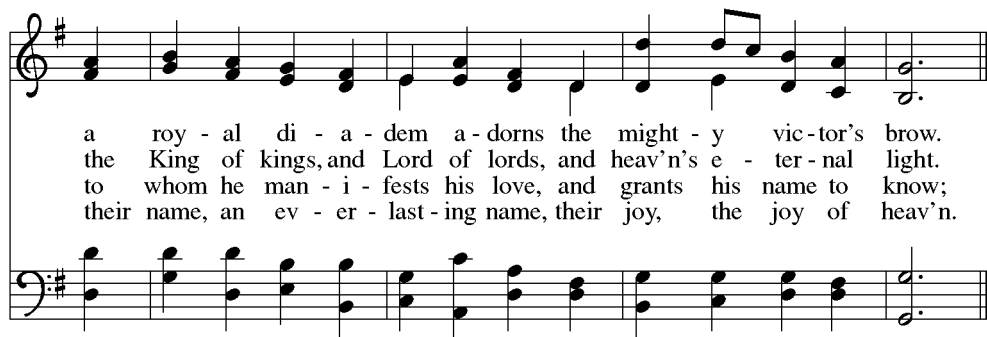
GREETING - Pastor

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.**

The Head That Once Was Crowned



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme!

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*

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (Please see baptism bulletin insert)

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

THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector*

Acts 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (*Sung Together*)

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

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



This reading bears witness to the early church.

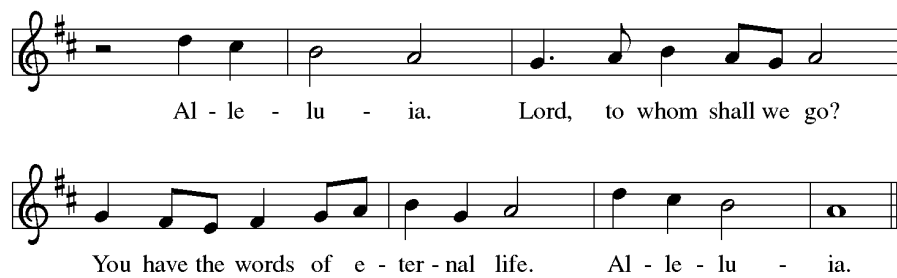
THE SECOND LESSON - Lector

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

THE GOSPEL LESSON - Pastor

John 17:1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6:68

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

I Come with Joy

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I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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 or scan the QR code here:



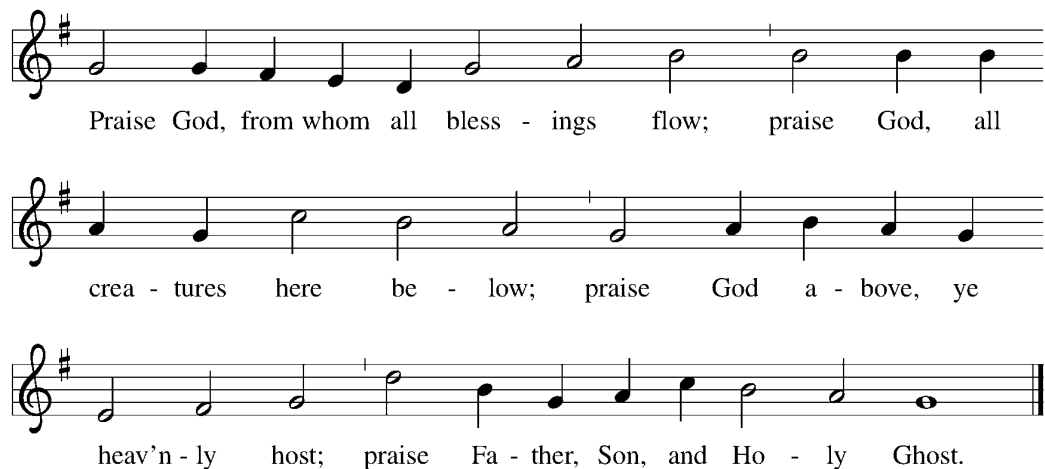
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name - Tom Fettke

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The Doxology

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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 HUNDREDTH, 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. Bless these prayer shawls, that they may comfort with your love and care, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Let Us Break Bread Together

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt.
 Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905-1958
 Text from *Songs of Praise* Enlarged Edition. © Oxford University Press 1931.
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Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, each corresponding to a different vocal part.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, each corresponding to a different vocal part.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with the word "Refrain" in italics. The melody and accompaniment continue, with the lyrics "When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing".

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of music concludes the piece with the lyrics "sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me." The melody and accompaniment end with a final chord.

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.

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

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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.**

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN **Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

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*We go forth to bless the
world*

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

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

The Triumph of the King

- Edward Broughton

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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Class of 2026

Kindergarteners, 8th graders, and seniors in high school and college!


ARE YOU GRADUATING OR HAVE A CHILD/GRANDCHILD GRADUATING?

We will be celebrating our 2026 graduates on Sunday, May 31st.


Please email the church office by May 25th with name, where you are graduating from and what's next.

CAMP S.E.E.D.S. OF WONDER

Join US!



Sign up here!



July 27th-30th
6pm-8pm

St. Martin's Church warmly invites all our members, families, school families and faculty-kids, youth, adults, married, single, and everyone in between to be part of our Intergenerational Church Camp!

Each evening begins with a delicious catered dinner from favorites like Chipotle, Mission BBQ, and Chick-fil-A, followed by fun "get to know you" activities that help us connect as a community. Then, gather with Pastor Micah for a time of meaningful learning, and enjoy a variety of engaging experiences including service projects, creative art activities, music and fun games.

Cost is based on the number of family members attending—please see the registration form for details.

We can't wait to grow, serve, and have fun together with you!

Registration is open!!

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Chaplain Paula Thistle
Communion Assistants	Judy Svoboda Judy Houston
Lector	Sandy Ourisson
Ushers	Rosa Ruhf Larry Day John and Betty Knupp
Altar Set Up	Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck
Communion Cleanup	Sandy Ourisson

<u>Opportunities This Week</u>	
<i>Wednesday, May 20, 2026</i>	
7:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Double T)
<i>Thursday, May 21, 2026</i>	
11:30 am	Mid-Day Bible Study (Double T)
<i>Sunday, May 24, 2026</i>	
8:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN TODAY

*To the glory of God, and in celebration of our grandparents,
Gene and Anna Marie Humphrey, on their 60th wedding anniversary*

With love, Samantha and Alexandra

Join us
PRE K-5TH GRADE FAMILIES

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST 9AM-9:45AM
BREAKFAST ON THE PLAYGROUND

Celebrate the beginning of summer with breakfast and fun on the playground.

New Member Welcome Sunday

New members will be received on Sunday, June 7 at the 8am and/or 10am service.

If you are interested in becoming part of our St. Martin's family, please contact Pastor Micah at:

srpastor@stmartinsonline.org.

WELCOME