

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026

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SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

SUMMER HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - *Pastor*

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - *Pastor*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

1 John 1:8

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

2 Corinthians
13:13-14

GATHERING HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields

ACS 1063

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

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boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care,
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused, your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Assisting Minister*

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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

THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector*

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Psalms are the hymnbooks of the children of Israel

THE PSALM (All Sing Together)

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13



- [¹ You are to be praised, O ¹ God, in Zion;
to you shall vows ¹ be fulfilled.
² To you, the one ¹ who answers prayer,
to you all ¹ flesh shall come.
³ Our sins are strong- ¹ er than we are,
but you blot out ¹ our transgressions.
⁴ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your ¹ courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness ¹ of your temple.
⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of ¹ our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans ¹ far away.
⁶ You make firm the mountains ¹ by your power;
you are girded a- ¹ bout with might.
⁷ You still the roaring ¹ of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor ¹ of the peoples.
⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your ¹ marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to ¹ sing for joy.]
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is ¹ full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide ¹ for the earth.
¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth ¹ out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and ¹ bless its increase.
¹¹ You crown the year ¹ with your goodness,
and your paths over- ¹ flow with plenty.
¹² May the fields of the wilderness be ¹ rich for grazing,
and the hills be ¹ clothed with joy.
¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- ¹ selves with grain;
let them shout for ¹ joy and sing.

This reading bears
witness to the early
church.

THE SECOND LESSON - *Lector*

Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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.

John 6:68

THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." 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

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW 681

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

CONFESSIO 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 "God of grace," the congregation responds "hear 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:

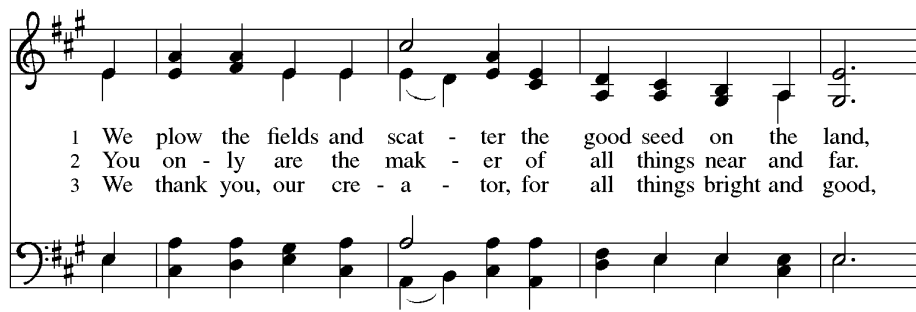


OFFERTORY MUSIC

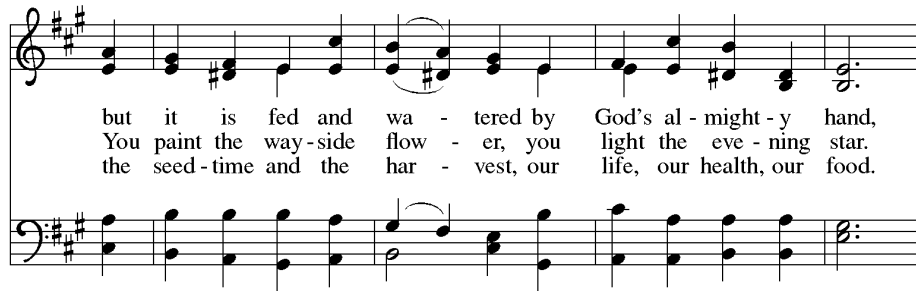
Come Ye Thankful People Come

(Solo: Ebunoluwa Olayemi) - Arr. by Dotun Olayemi

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

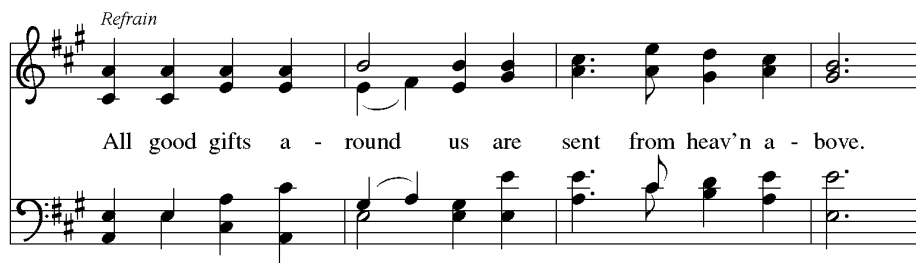


who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh-ing rain.
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

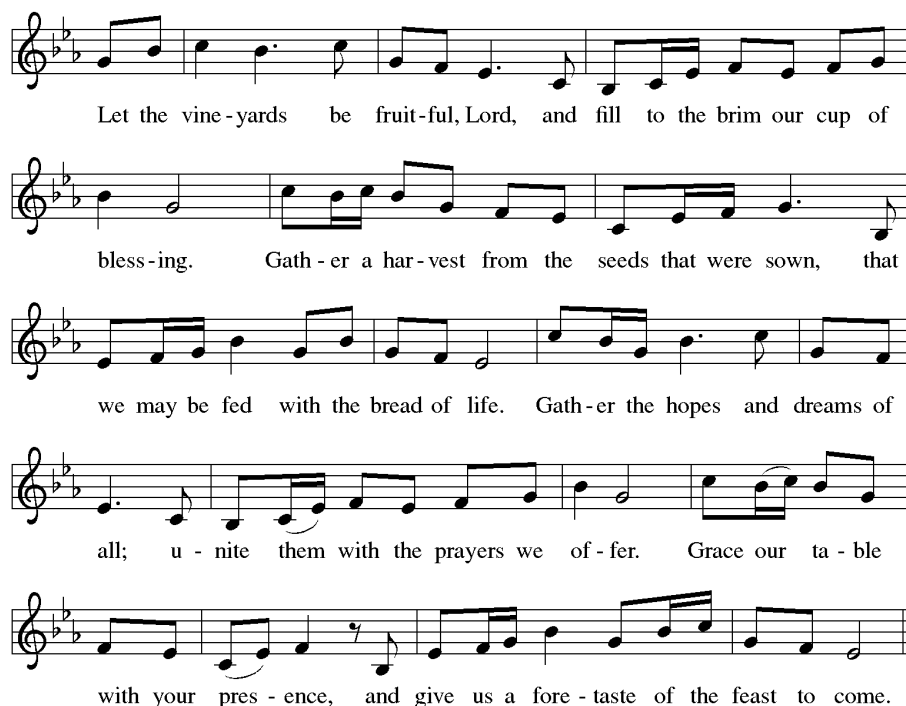
Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.



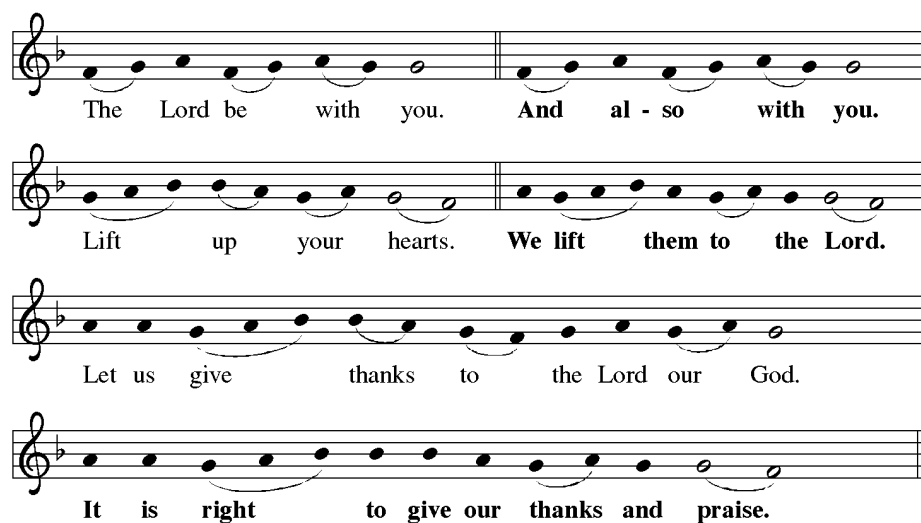
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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



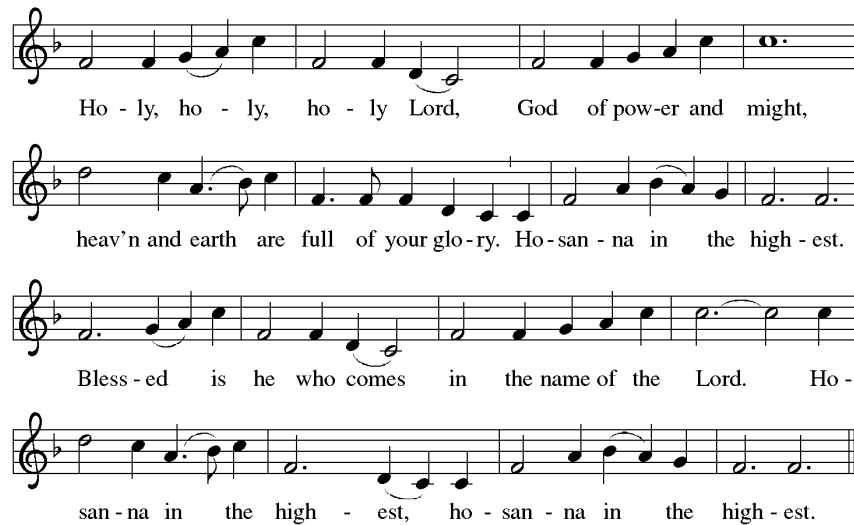
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE - *Pastor*

It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God. (Isaiah 6:3)

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In these words—Jesus institutes the sacrament for the church

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - *Pastor*

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray.

(Luke 11:24;
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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***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

**Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast
For the Fruit of All Creation**

**ELW 516
ELW 679**

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

Compassionate God,

through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

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

BENEDICTION - Pastor

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

We go forth to bless the
world
Luke 7:50;
Romans 10:12-13

DISMISSAL - Assisting Minister

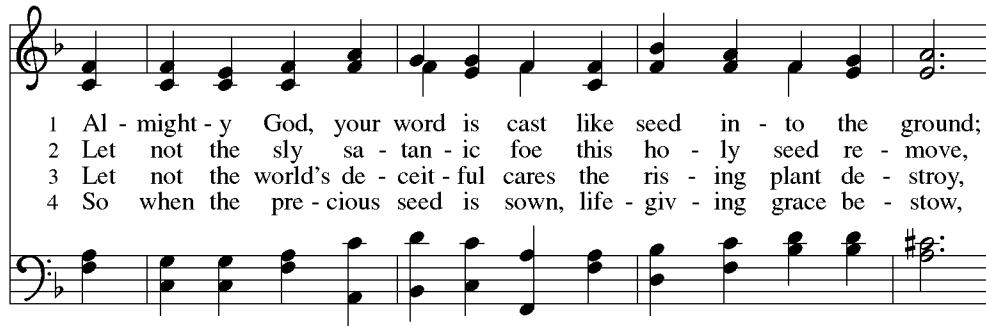
Go in peace. Share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

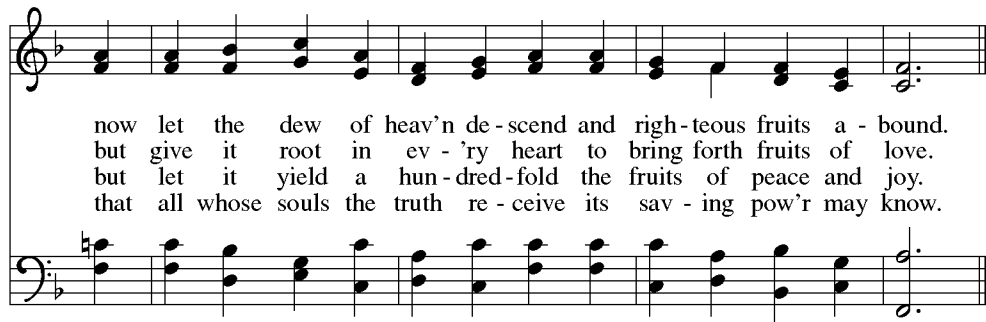
POSTLUDE

Festival Trumpet Tune - by David German

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.
Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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Welcome Rev. Dr. Edward N. Kay!

The Rev. Dr. Ed Kay (he/him) serves as the Senior Director for Discipleship & Inclusive Communities in the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), Churchwide expression since March 2024. He has served as an ELCA pastor for the last 17 years in two congregations and the DE-MD Synod office as an Assistant to the Bishop. Ed is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, College Park (B.S. Kinesiology '00), United Lutheran Seminary (M.Div Theology '07), and Luther Seminary (D.Min Preaching '16). He also serves as an adjunct professor at United Lutheran Seminary for preaching, administration, and youth ministry.

Ed is married to Sarah and together they make their home in the Halethorpe, MD community with their 7 children (Audra, Asher, Abigail, Baz, Micah, Sione, and Norme) along with their cat, Tommy. They spend endless hours exploring Patapsco Valley State Park that borders their home, supporting their kids as they pursue their passions, and enjoying a warm fire at home on a quiet night. When not supporting congregations as a guest preacher or consultant, Ed and his family are active members of Joy Reigns Lutheran Church in Edgewater, MD.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH CAMP CAMP S.E.E.D.S. OF WONDER

Join us as we plant seeds of faith, nurture friendships and discover God's love through service, learning and fellowship.

Spend a week with your church family!
Engaging and meaningful activities for all ages.

- ☐ Monday, July 27-Thursday July 30th
- ☐ 6pm-8pm
- ☐ What to expect:
Catered dinner
Learning moment with Pastor Micah
Music with Ade
Faith growing opportunities
Servicepalooza- A night dedicated to giving back to the community.
And so much more....

See below for more information
and to register



St. Martin's Caring for Creation

We are re-igniting the St. Martin's Green Team in keeping with the pledge St. Martin's signed 2 years ago with the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake. Our Garden Club has kept up with that pledge with all the beautiful plantings and improvements to our property. Now we are expanding our efforts by working toward trash-free fellowship events.

See the Table Talk article for more detailed information.

Would you like to join us in this effort?
Please do! Speak to Kelly Shenk, Betty Knupp or Rita Moday for more information.



Volunteers Needed

Fellowship hours are being planned for the first Sunday of each month, so please mark your calendars.

There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for volunteers needed each month.

We need help to make the coffee & fill beverage containers, provide goodies and set up and clean up the narthex afterwards. Goodies can be anything bite-sized – cookies, donut holes, fruit, mini muffins, mini-cupcakes, cheese cubes & crackers.

Questions? please contact Rita Moday -
swedskimail@gmail.com; 443-758-6496

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Dr. Ed Kay
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Mel Tuckfield
Communion Assistants	Judy Svoboda
	Judy Houston
Lector	Dave Ehemann
Ushers	Rosa Ruhf
	Ches and Sue Lanham
	Sandy Ourisson
Altar Set Up	Tom and Barb Freeman
Communion Cleanup	Sandy Ourisson
	Judy Svoboda

Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

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

Thursday, July 16, 2026

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

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 am Congregational Meeting
(Sanctuary)



Immediately following the 10am service next Sunday, July 19th, there will be a Congregational Meeting held in the sanctuary.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and vote on the proposed 2026-2027 St. Martin's School Budget

Please plan to come to this important meeting!

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