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SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

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PRELUDE

Reverie

- Roland Diggle

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Pastor

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

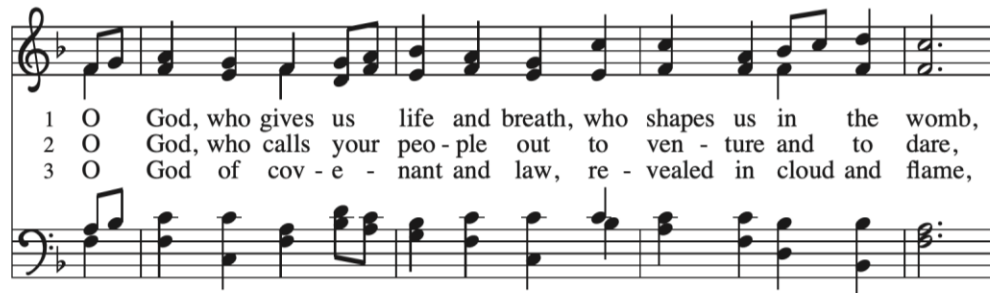
Amen.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

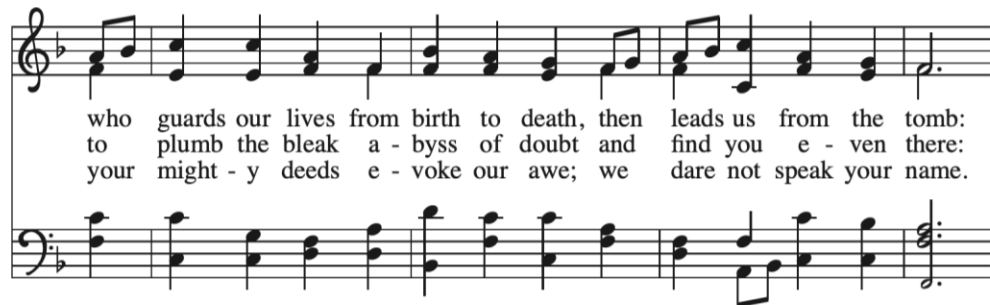
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

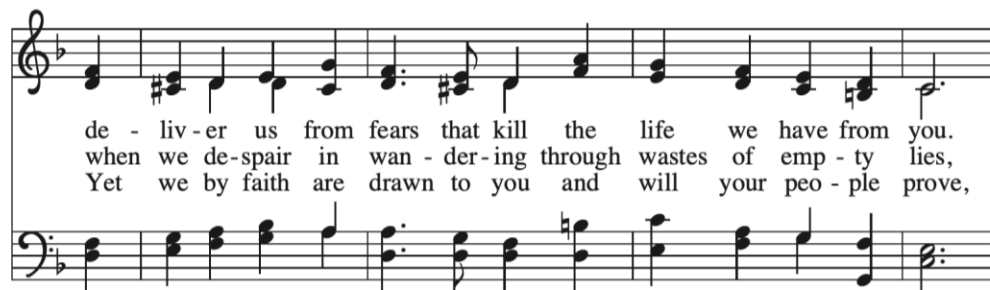
Amen.



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

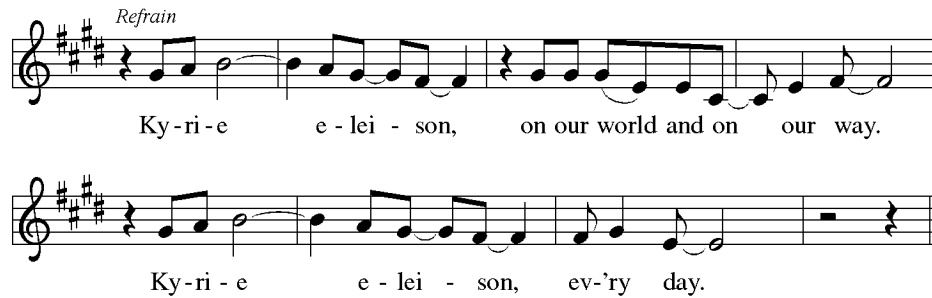


Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

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.**

KYRIE (*The Congregation sings the refrain, and a leader sings the verse.*)



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Assisting Minister*

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector*

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

THE PSALM *(Sung Together)*

Psalm 80:7-15



C: Choir
A: All

- C ⁷ Restore us, O ¹ God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.
- A ⁸ **You have brought a vine ¹ out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and ¹ planted it.
- C ⁹ You cleared the ¹ ground for it;
it took root and ¹ filled the land.
- A ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered ¹ by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees ¹ by its boughs.
- C ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils ¹ to the sea
and its branches ¹ to the river.
- A ¹² **Why have you broken ¹ down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck ¹ off its grapes?
- C ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ¹ ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have ¹ grazed upon it.
- A ¹⁴ **Turn now, O ¹ God of hosts,**
look ¹ down from heaven;
- C ¹⁵ behold and ¹ tend this vine;
preserve what your right ¹ hand has planted.

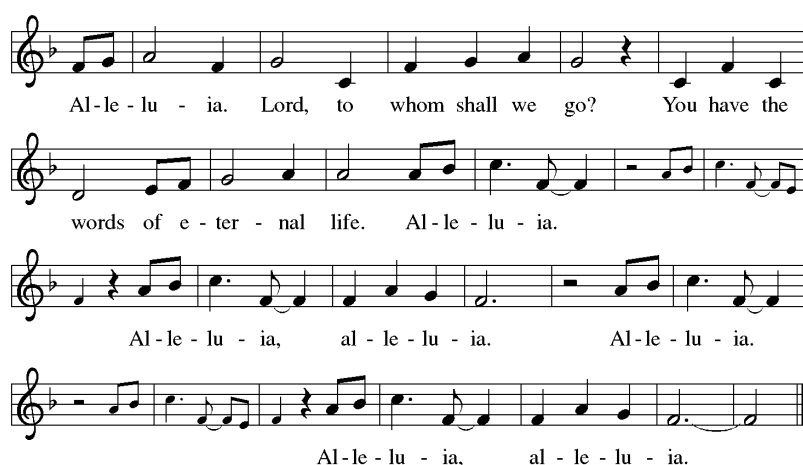
THE SECOND LESSON - *Lector*

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

SERMON - *Pastor*

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth ELW 727



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
 life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
 we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
 us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
 bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
 hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
 vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
 not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
 fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*

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 below:



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* - Arr. By Donald Busarow

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Musical notation for the Offertory Response, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below each staff.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.

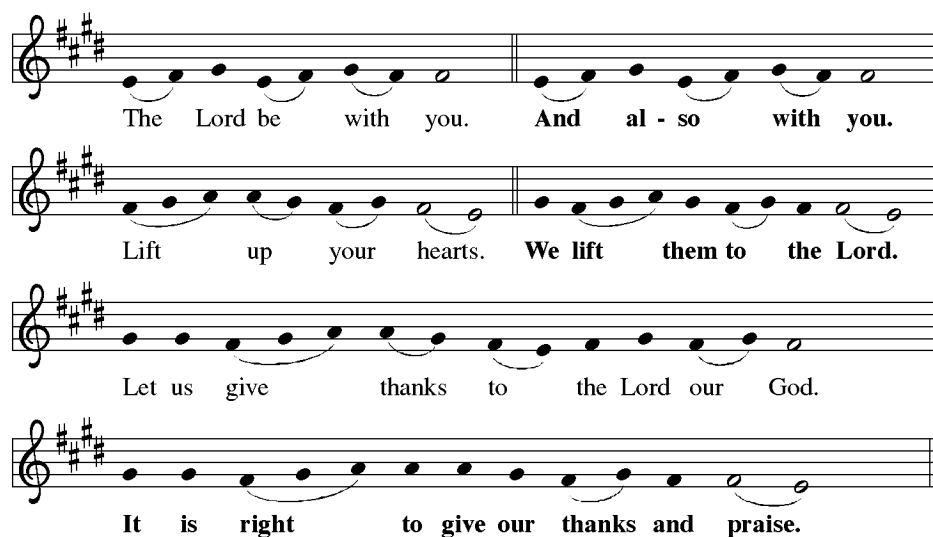
For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.

OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

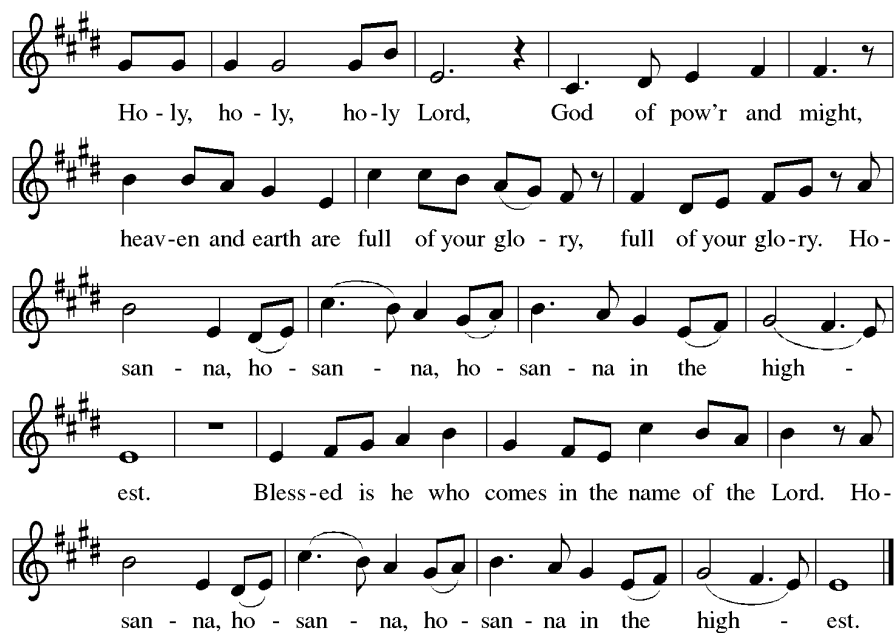
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please stand as you are able) - Pastor*



PREFACE - *Pastor*

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

THE SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION - *Pastor*

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)

INVITATION - *Pastor*

This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor.

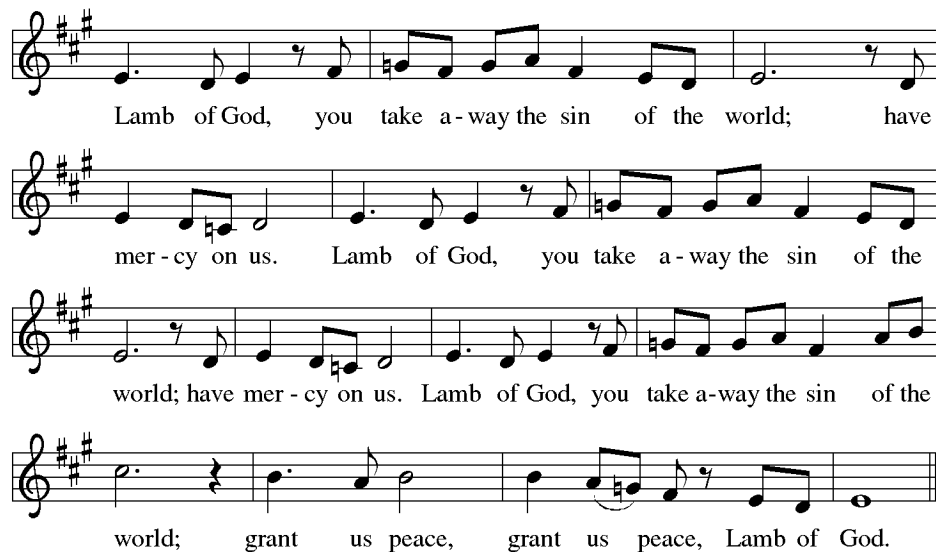
It is a table of communion with the earth.

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!

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, Lamb of God.

***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.*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,

tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
 so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
 shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;

pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - Assisting Minister

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION - Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

DISMISSAL - *Assisting Minister*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE*Loure**- J. S. Bach*

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St. Martin's Oktoberfest Luncheon

Sunday, October 25th after the 10 a.m. service

New This Year - Live Accordion Music!

Menu: Grilled brats, hot dogs, turkey burgers (new!), German side dishes & desserts plus non-alcoholic beverages, & beer & wine

Please see 2 sign-up sheets in the Narthex. One is to indicate you will attend; the other is to volunteer to help. You can also sign-up by clicking the link below.

These are the volunteer opportunities:

- Kitchen help on Saturday the 24th (cooking skills helpful but not required.)
- Set-up (some on Saturday, some on Sunday AM)
- Decorators/flower arrangers (Saturday) (some jobs do not require standing, but can be done seated)
- Cupcake/or Cookie bakers (1 or 2 dozen) (drop off at the gym on Saturday am, or Sunday BEFORE the church service)
- Clean Up after the event

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT RITA MODAY @ swedskimail@gmail.com or call her at 410-721-1655 (home)

or if you have trouble entering the building on Saturday the 24th, call her cell @ 443-758-6496

All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!



Fellowship Hour - Today!

Today the Fellowship Committee will host fellowship/coffee hour after the 10:00 am service.

Thanks to everyone who is volunteering!



Innies, Outies, and/or Lunch Bunch?

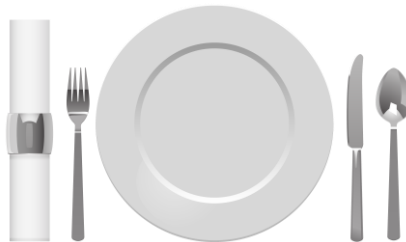
It's time to start our new dining groups. Thank you to all those who participated in the past and we look forward to seeing you again. For those who are new to this form of fellowship, it is a fun time to get to know each other better over a good meal. Our dining groups are ready to form again. You can choose from the following options or sign up for multiple ones:

Innies – Six to eight people dine in each other's home. The host family provides the main dish, while the other diners bring appetizers, sides, or deserts.

Outies – Six to eight people meet in a restaurant for dinner, Dutch treat. Members of the group take turns choosing a new restaurant each month.

Lunch Bunch – Members of the group meet at a restaurant for lunch, Dutch treat. Members of the group take turns choosing a new restaurant each month.

If you would like to participate, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or email Michele Soileau by Sunday, October 18th at: DiningGroups@stmartinsonline.org



Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Marlys Sandve McDevitt
Lector	Dave Mattingley
Communion Assistants	Mel Tuckfield Glenn Hollenbeck
Ushers	Larry Day Rosa Ruhf Tom and Barb Freeman
Altar Set Up	Priscilla Sparks Barb Freeman
Communion Cleanup	Martha and Glenn Hollenbeck

New Member Gatherings

Are you interested in becoming part of St. Martin's, or simply curious to learn more about who we are?

We invite you to join us for one of our upcoming New Member Gatherings. Each gathering will cover the same information and will be a chance to learn more about St. Martin's, our Lutheran faith and tradition, and the many ways we share in ministry together.

Choose the gathering that works best for you:

- Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m.

New Member Welcome Sunday

Sunday, November 8 at either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. worship service.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Micah at srpastor@stmartinsonline.org.

Whether you are ready to become a member or simply want to learn more, we would be glad to have you with us.

Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

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

Thursday, October 8, 2026

9:00 am LMS Clothes Sorting
(Narthex)

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

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
(Music Room)

Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Breakfast & Devotions
(Art Room)

Sunday School
(Fellowship)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Flu and Covid Shots

On Sunday, October 11th, our friend and Pharmacist, Theresa, will be here, once again, to administer flu and covid shots - between services (9 a.m.) in Chaplain Paula's office.

Please sign up on the registration sheet in the Narthex today.