

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

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**PRELUDE**

*Berceuse*

*- Louis Vierne*

**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 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

**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.*)

*Refrain*  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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***

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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

### **SCRIPTURE READING - *Lector***

### **Isaiah 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup> For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup> For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup> the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

### **THE PSALM** *(Spoken Together)*

### **Psalms 23**

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD <sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD makes me lie down <sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

## Matthew 22:1-14

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

## SERMON - *Pastor*

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-destroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

### 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*

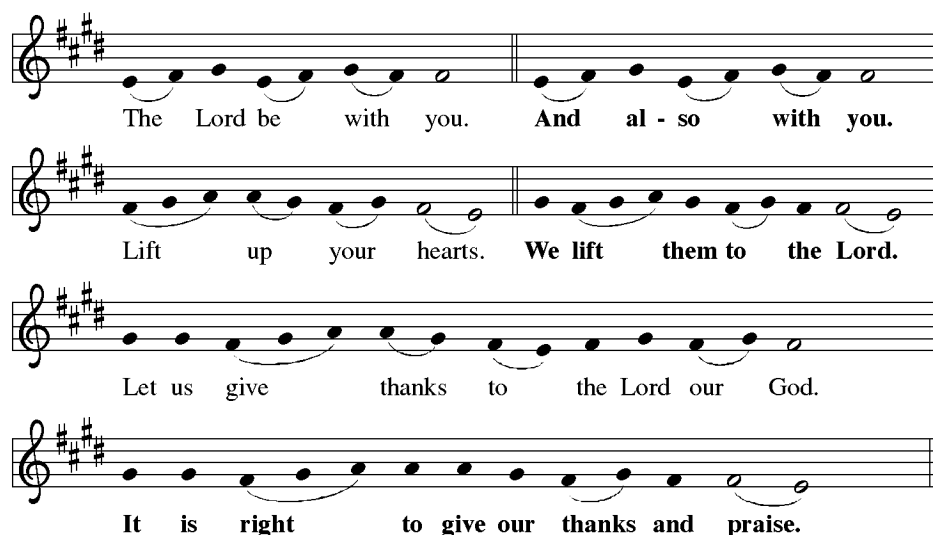
We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. 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 below:



## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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.**

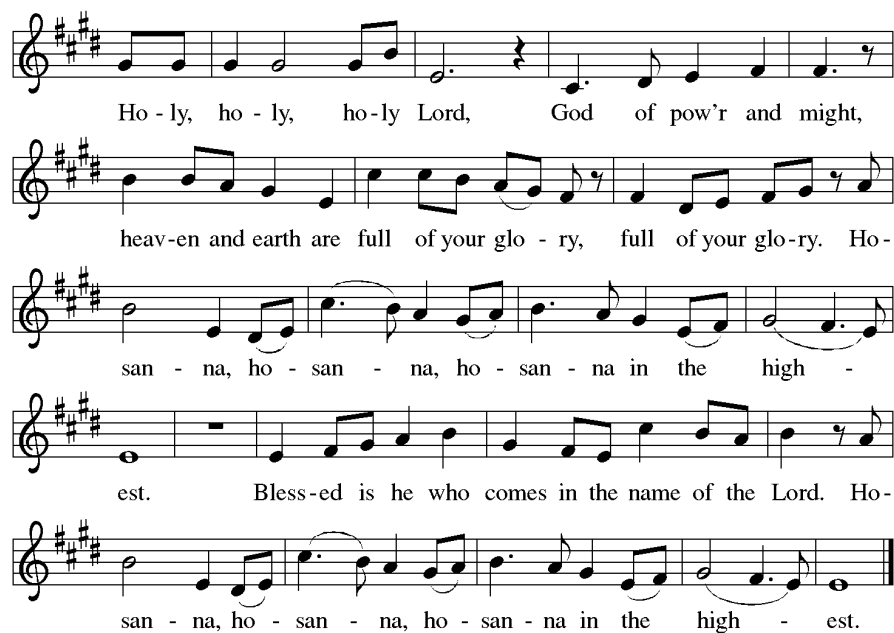
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please stand as you are able) - Pastor*



## 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.

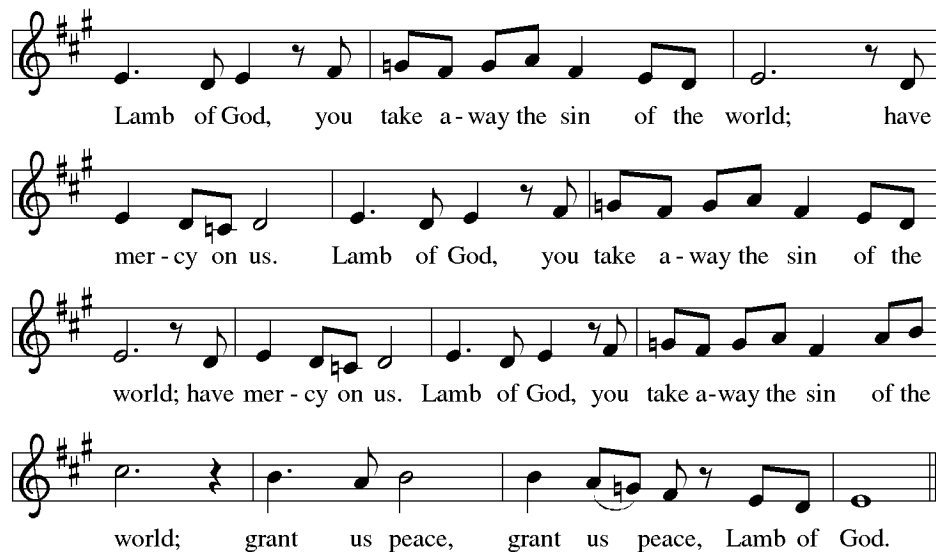
It is a table of communion with the earth.

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 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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# I Received the Living God

ELW 477

*Refrain*



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



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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.

## 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.**

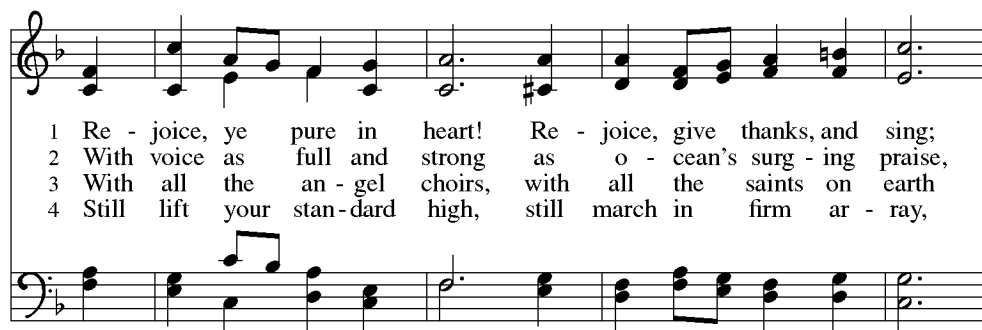
## BENEDICTION - *Pastor*

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.**

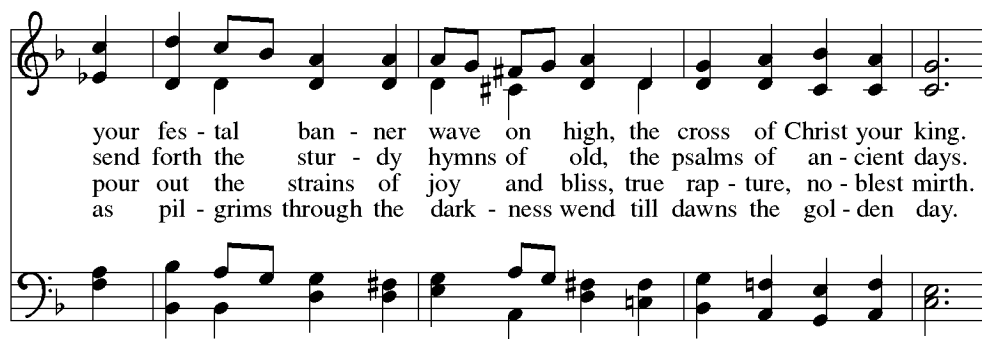
## CLOSING HYMN

## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

ELW 873 (vs. 1,2,3, &amp; 6)



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
 the Lord whom we adore:  
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL - *Assisting Minister*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Italian Hymn*- *Albert L. Travis*

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## ***St. Martin's Oktoberfest Luncheon***

***Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!



Dear St. Martin's,

By now, everyone should have received an email invitation to one of our upcoming **Building on the Rock** gatherings. We used the email addresses listed in our most recent church directory. If you haven't received an invitation, please check your spam folder and let us know. We want everyone to have an opportunity to take part!

These gatherings are an opportunity to hear about the vision our Campaign Team and church leadership have prayerfully developed through listening to this congregation, in interviews, conversations, and the hopes you've shared for our future. We'll talk about the proposed projects, how they support our ministry, and what it will take to bring this vision to life. There will also be time to ask questions.

You'll also be invited to prayerfully discern how you and your family might contribute to and support this campaign. My hope is that these conversations will help each of us consider the gifts God has entrusted to us and the difference we can make together.

We'll have four gatherings next weekend:

- **Saturday, October 17, 4–6 p.m.**  
Hosted by Dave and Patsy Mattingley.
- **Sunday, October 18, 9–10 a.m.**  
In the Music Room, between worship services.
- **Sunday, October 18, 11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**  
In the Fellowship Hall, with lunch and childcare offered. **Please let us know in advance if you'll need childcare.**
- **Sunday, October 18, 3–5 p.m.**  
At Heritage Harbour, hosted by Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck.

If the gathering you were invited to doesn't work for your schedule, please let us know which of these you can attend. What matters most is that you have the opportunity to hear the vision and join the conversation.

Building on the Rock grows out of our trust in Christ and our hope for the ministry we share. We're considering how the spaces and resources entrusted to us can continue to serve our neighbors, welcome new people, and support the faith of generations to come. I'm grateful for the prayer, care, and generosity that have brought us to this point, and I look forward to discerning these next steps together.

In gratitude,  
Pastor Micah

Next Distribution of Prayer Shawls -  
Sunday, Nov 8 after both services



### **Innies, Outies, and/or Lunch Bunch?**

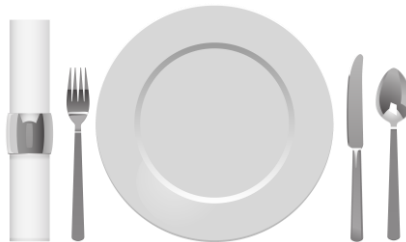
It's time to start our new dining groups. Thank you to all those who participated in the past and we look forward to seeing you again. For those who are new to this form of fellowship, it is a fun time to get to know each other better over a good meal. Our dining groups are ready to form again. You can 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\*\*](mailto:DiningGroups@stmartinsonline.org)



| Serving in Worship Today   |                                               |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Preacher & Celebrant       | Pastor Micah Krey                             |
| Director of Music Ministry | Adedotun Olayemi                              |
| Media Technician           | Sara Wetz                                     |
| Assisting Minister         | Mel Tuckfield                                 |
| Lector                     | Sandy Ourisson                                |
| Communion Assistants       | Judy Houston<br>Glenn Hollenbeck              |
| Ushers                     | Ches and Sue Lanham<br>John and Betty Knupp   |
| Altar Set Up               | Tom and Barb Freeman                          |
| Communion Cleanup          | Martha and Glenn Hollenbeck<br>Sandy Ourisson |

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN TODAY

*In Honor of the Baptism of Carter William Seiss,  
given by his grandparents,  
Robert and Carolyn Haroth*

Opportunities This Week

***Monday, October 12, 2026***

**\*\*Church Office Closed\*\***

***Wednesday, October 14, 2026***

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

***Thursday, October 15, 2026***

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

**6:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal  
(Music Room)

***Sunday, October 18, 2026***

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

**9:00 am** Breakfast & Devotions  
(Art Room)

Children's Choir  
(Fellowship)

Confirmation Class  
(Lounge)

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

**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.