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PRELUDE *Reflection on "Gordon"* *- Robert J. Hughes*

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.

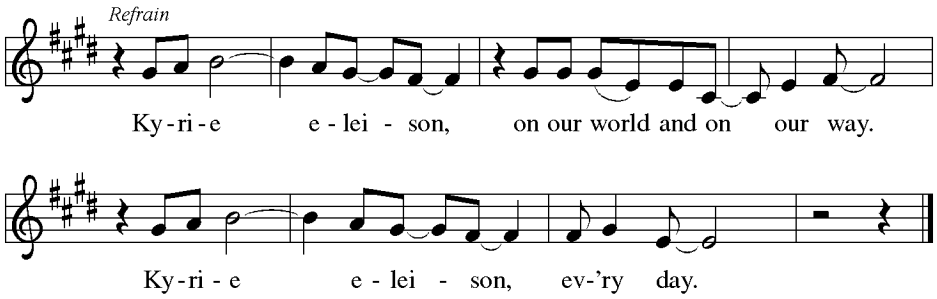
GATHERING HYMN Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory ELW 890



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*

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector* **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand! The LORD has prepared a
sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will
punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not
do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not
drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of
the day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day
of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds
and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against
the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their
flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the
LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

THE PSALM (*Sung Responsively)* — Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12



C: Choir
A: All

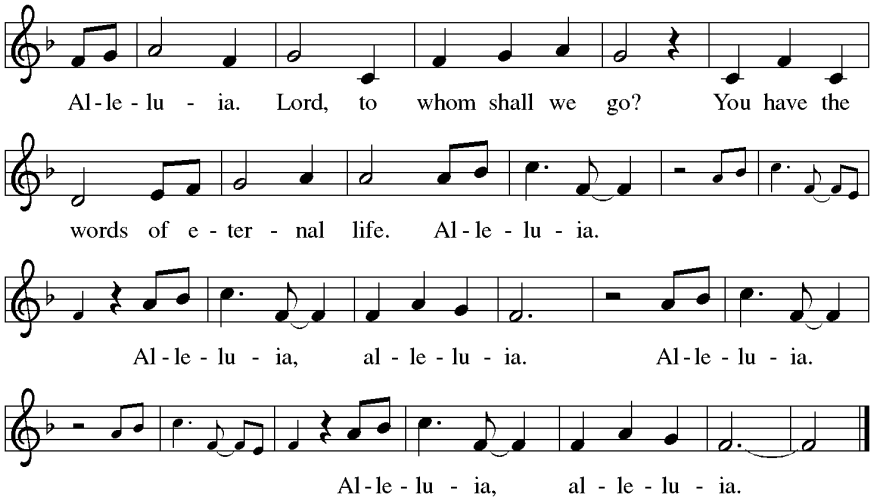
C [1] Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
A [2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
C [3] You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
A [4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night;
C [5] you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
A [6] **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
C [7] For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
A [8] **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
C [9] When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
A [10] **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and |
we are gone.
C [11] Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?
A [12] **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

THE SECOND LESSON - *Lector* — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor* **Matthew 25:14-30**

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew the twenty fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five
talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who
had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went
off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five
talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five
talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward,
saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one
who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh
man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid,
and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master
replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather
where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my
return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and
give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will
have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.' "

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

SERMON – *Pastor*

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us ELW 707



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 "God, in your mercy," the congregation responds, **"hear our prayer."**

SHARING OF THE PEACE - *Pastor*

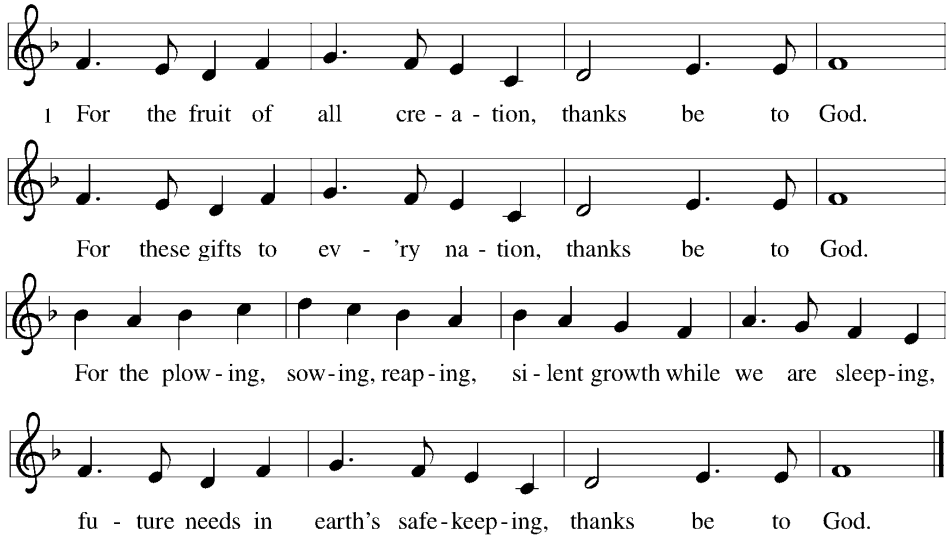
TEMPLE TALK

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 *As Saints of Old* *- ELW 695*

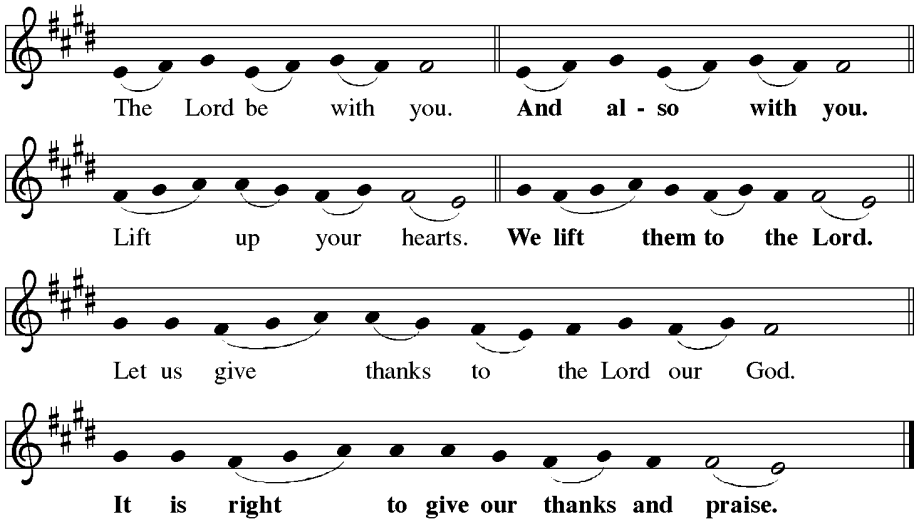
OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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.**

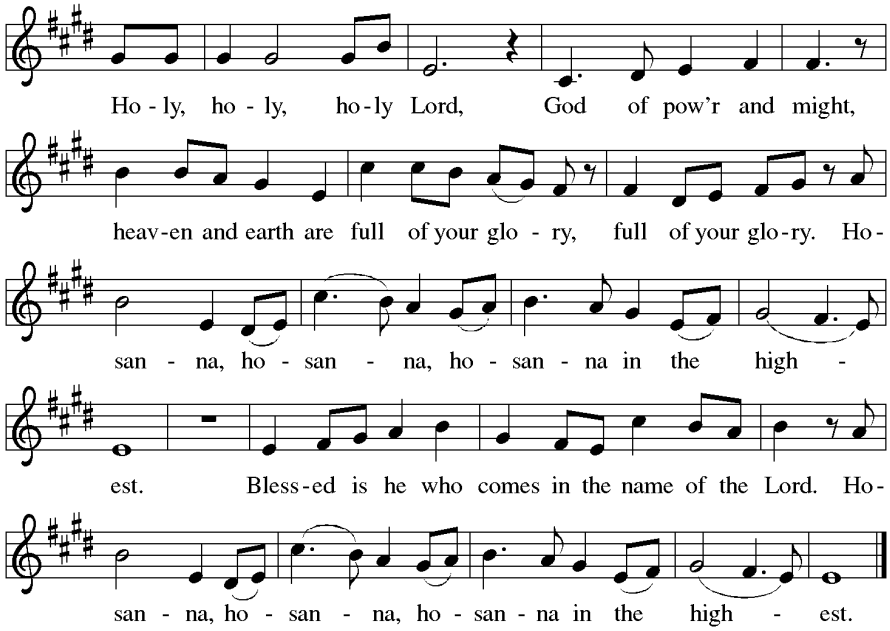
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please stand as you are able)* - *Pastor*



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*

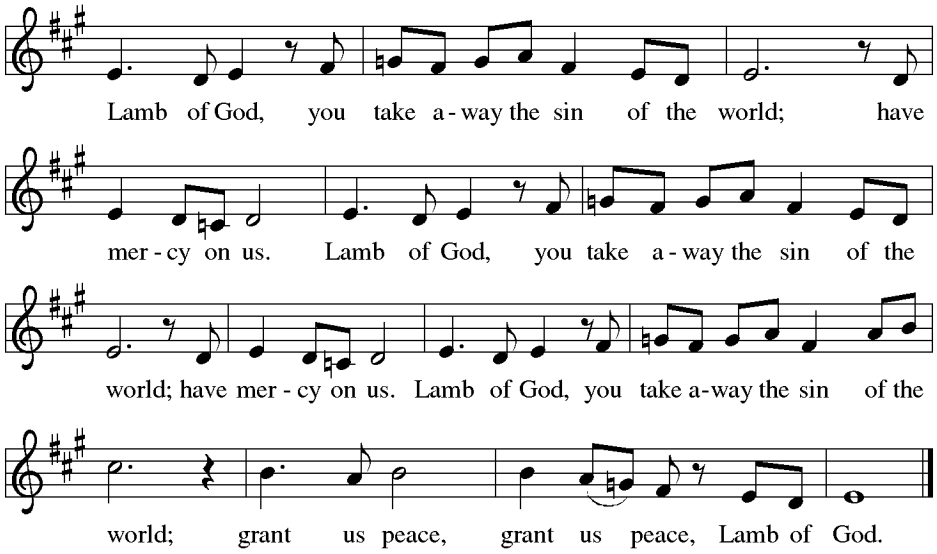
This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor. It is a table of communion with the earth.

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



***<u>Blue Communion Cards</u>– 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.*

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ELW 678



Light Dawns on a Weary World ELW 726



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 **Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow** **ELW 327**



DISMISSAL - *Assisting Minister*

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

POSTLUDE *Sortie* *- George Blake*

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TODAY!!!

WAFFLE BAR

ELCA Youth Gathering 2027 Fundraiser

Sunday, November 15th

9am and after 10am worship

MENU: WAFFLES, BACON, SAUSAGE, FRUIT, JUICE, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE AND BIRTHDAY CAKE IN HONOR OF PASTOR MICAH.



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	Sandy Ourisson
Communion Assistants	Tom and Barb Freeman
Ushers	Glenn and Martha Hollenbeck Melisa Steffens Rosa Ruhf
Altar Set Up	Megan Wolfram Judy Houston
Communion Cleanup	Barb Freeman Wendy Higgins



Please join us for the annual St. Martin's Yankee Gift Swap / Christmas Party at the Tuckfields on Saturday, December 5th starting at 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Church Narthex. We encourage new members to attend since this is a great way to meet new friends. Also, singles are invited. Space is limited so sign up early.

On the 5th, **each attendee (not each couple)** should bring a "creative" gift to the party. Use your imagination since this is a time for a good deal of fun and laughter. Rules will be explained at the party. Let the swapping begin!

Finally, we will provide one main entree, wine, beer, and soft drinks. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre, appetizer, or desert of your choice.

Opportunities This Week

Monday, November 16, 2026

10:00 am Flying Quilters (Fellowship)

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

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

Thursday, November 19, 2026

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

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Saturday, November 21, 2026

10:00 am Ladies Book Club (Lounge)

Sunday, November 22, 2026

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Breakfast & Devotions (Art Room)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)