

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502
Rev. Paul Reichert

9:00 am Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

Darwall's 148th, arr. B. Portman

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** (*Isaiah 25, Revelation 5*)

“This is the Feast”

W: Women & Children

M: Men



All: **This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,**



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. W: Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



All: **This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,**



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. M: Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



All: This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. *W:* Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *M:* Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



| *All:* This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. *All:* For the Lamb who was



slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



| *All:* This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen

In the presence of God, who knows our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our strength, we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we strive to do what is good, we find ourselves being tempted to do less than what is expected of us. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

By your grace,
forgive us;
through your love,
renew us;
and in your Spirit,
lead us. Amen

Sisters and brothers, we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; (*Romans 3:23*) therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, (*Romans 8:39*) in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

Amen.

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

And also with you.

Beloved God, you have given us a foundation of love from which to build your kingdom. Help us to build our lives on this cornerstone, for only then will our lives be strong and tall. Free us from every sin to work in your vineyard, mindful that this vineyard is yours. 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, confident in faith and acknowledging Jesus Christ, as our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He 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 wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What 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 wild grapes?

⁵And 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.

⁶I will make it a waste; 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.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:4–14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

³³Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They 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."

⁴²Jesus 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'?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They 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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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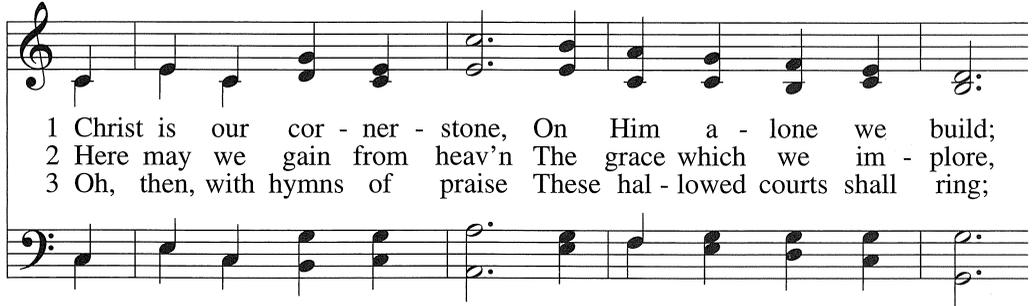
"The Cornerstone of the Vineyard"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

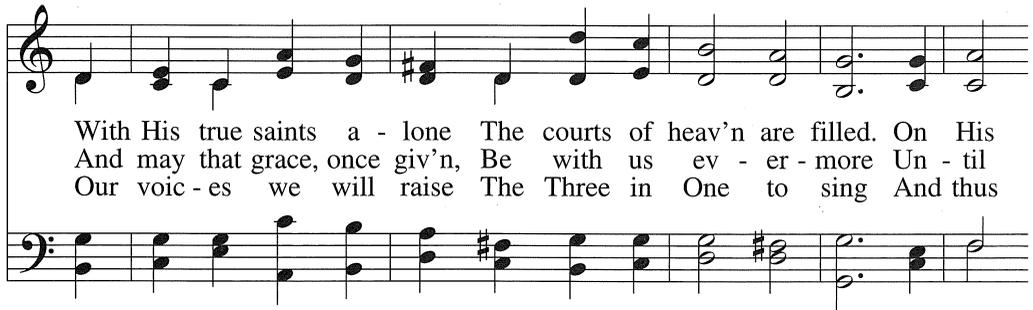
"Christ is Our Cornerstone"

*HYMN OF THE DAY

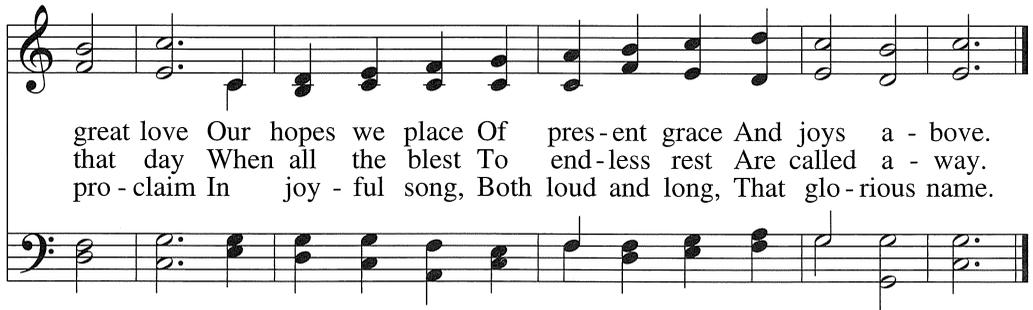
Please sing unison on Verse 3



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** – *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 into hell.**

**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**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(We greet one another with a distanced "Peace be with you")

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Jesus Messiah" – Chris Tomlin, arr. L. Larson

Jeff Benecke, JoAnn Benecke, Will Collins, Cristie Sevey

He became sin who knew no sin, that we might become his righteousness.

He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread, his blood, the wine, broken and poured out all for love.

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn; love so amazing.

All our hope is in you, all the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition ends...

Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.

WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

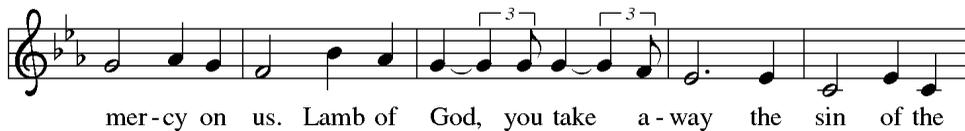
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION





THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*BLESSING & PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

* BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine brightly upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. (*Numbers 6:23-26*)

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

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

*Please be seated and you will be dismissed from your pew,
starting with the back pews and moving toward the front.*

Please proceed directly outside and do not linger in the Narthex.

POSTLUDE

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***We Welcome All** to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us in person and online to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present both near and far
Organist/Pianist	-Steve Basselman
Vocalists	-Jeff Benecke, JoAnn Benecke, Will Collins, Cristie Sevey
Lector	-Will Collins
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Robin Trudel

LWR Kit Packing, Wednesday, 4:00 pm . . . We thank the Luther League for packing over 200 kits. We have received more donations that allows us to pack additional kits. We need willing hands to finish packing the LWR Kits before Saturday, October 10 when they will be delivered to New Rochester, OH. Please let the Church Office know if you can help or just come at 4:00.

Interested in a Sunday School Class?

Cecily's Adult Sunday School class will meet on Zoom. The class will return to the summary study of the books of the Bible. Even if you haven't been involved before, if you would like to receive a link to the study class, just let Cecily know and she'll send it to you: cecily@tecexpress.net

Worship Rewind will be led by Deb Schmidt and Janet Wyse and will also meet on Zoom. Please contact Deb Schmidt if you would like to receive a link and participate in their discussion on Sunday mornings after worship. Email djschmidt@hotmail.com and put "Sunday School" in your subject line.

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Deacon Steve Basselman

Brenda Shibler

Mon & Tues, by appt.

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. morning

Tues. – Fri. 8:00-12:30

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Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. afternoon

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Worship Services:

9:00 am & 11:00 am each Sunday

7:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

-9:00 Sunday & 7:00 Wednesday live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

Building The Welcome Place

Who Are We? We are The Welcome Place

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

- Romans 15:7

What Is Our Mission As A Church And As Members? WWW

We are...**Welcoming** friends and strangers with God's love.

Working to build deeper relationships with Jesus.

Witnessing to share God's love with everyone

What Is Our Vision Of Who God Wants Us To Be? ORG

People who are serving...**One Real God**,

living **One real faith**,

making **One real difference**.

How Do We Remind Ourselves?

www.the-welcome-place.org

Welcome to worship today and join us in building The Welcome Place Jesus calls us to be.

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – October 4

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast, Holy Communion
Adult Sunday School, via Zoom, 10:30 am
Virtual Sunday School
Worship, 11:00 am, Holy Communion

Monday – October 5

Monday Night Bible Study, 7:30 pm, Zoom Meeting, check your email

Tuesday – October 6

Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 6:45, St. Martin's Fellowship Hall
Mutual Ministry Team, 4:00 pm

Wednesday – October 7

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm, drive through pick-up
Worship, 7:00 pm, live broadcast
Catechism, 7:35, via zoom
Ensemble Rehearsals, 7:30 pm

Thursday – October 8

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 6:30, Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am
Church Council, 7:00 pm

Next Sunday – October 11

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast,
Adult Sunday School, via Zoom, 10:30 am
Virtual Sunday School

Last Week at St. Martin's . . .

Receipts Week of September 27, 2020 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$3,920.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,402.00
Benevolence Received	\$105.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$538.71
Other Designated Income	\$1,388.00	As of August 31, 2020	
Total Income	\$5,413.00	YTD Operating Received	\$189,657.62
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$179,843.82)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$9,813.80

Attendance for September 27, 2020: 9:00 – 45; 11:00 – 5; Total 50

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:
All Believers as we look for the coming Messiah, may we be ready to see the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power and great glory
All in Need both body & soul that we might know the joy we have in the presence of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King
Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Synod Staff members and all the office staff, that they may be
supported in their ministry to the Church
The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, St. Martin's Companion Congregation, may they continue to carry
out God's ministry and mission in Tanzania
Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo may they continue to carry out
God's ministry and mission in the Toledo Area
All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers who have been in harm's way since the outbreak
of the coronavirus, may we know the ever-present grace of God
All who have lost family members and friends to the corona virus, may we know the comforting
presence of our Lord Jesus Christ

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God

Members of St. Martin's

Sharon Heckel
Dick Nagel
Mike Short
Al Siewert
Joe Wyse

Family & Friends of St. Martin's

Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt
Paul Bockelman, Deb Schmidt's father
Phillip Calvin, Tanya Howell's brother
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
Patricia Grover, friend of Melanie Nagel, ACT friends, cancer
Sue Hurst, Archbold area friend
Greg Jenkins, Pastor Paul's brother-in-law
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia
Mary McLennen, friend of Pastor Paul's sister with covid
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
Joan Mortenson, Pastor Paul's sister-in-law
Anna Perry, Andi Erbskorn's niece
Doug & April Saville, friends of Gene & Jan Delaney
Janice Siegel, Dustin Bailey's mother, cancer
Jim Shiley, Beth Reichert's father
Jennifer Smith, Bill Poston's daughter
Lu Wolf, Judy (Paul) Wyse's mother

Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Henry & Dorothy Huner, Irene Liechty, Ada Thrasher, Louise Wyse

For those who need God's protection and the assurance that he is near

All St. Martin's Members as they prepare for Ministry

Our College students both close to home and far away

All members, family & friends who serve in our military, Steve & Sara (Delaney) Adams,
Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradley Nilsson (Pat Richards), Christopher Goertz,
Brendon Johns, Christopher Shirley, Spencer Short

🕉️🕉️ Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's 🕉️🕉️

Please contact the church office by 9:00 am. Thursday

(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)