

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church**  
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*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
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Ephesians chapter 2 focuses on the church as one body in Christ. Christ has “broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” So, in Christ, aliens become citizens and strangers become members of the household of God. Christ the shepherd is our peace, the single cornerstone on which the church builds.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

**Bold text is spoken by the Congregation**

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

**PRELUDE**

**“A Blessing”** – Stan Schmidt

**BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING SONG**

**“10,000 Reasons”**

*Refrain*



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like



nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

Verse 1



The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, it's time to sing Your song



a - gain. What - ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,



let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.

Verse 2 & 3



You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your  
And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the



name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your good-ness, I will keep on  
end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing Your prais un-



ing - ing; ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.  
end - ing ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er - more!

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, our secrets are not hidden from you. You know what's in our hearts.

We stand in the presence of your mercy knowing that we have made bad choices in our lives. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts as we confess our sin to you and to one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we cannot save ourselves from the power of sin, but we still trust in ourselves and not in you.**

Gracious God,

**forgive the envy we have of others in their happiness.**

Merciful God,

**forgive our indifference to those around us that need our help.**

Gracious God,

**forgive the things we have done to harm others and the things we have failed to do to prevent harm.**

Have mercy on us, O God,

**forgive our sins, renew our lives and lead us to faithful service in your holy name. Amen**

God is gracious and merciful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, and giving us a place among the saints. Through Jesus Christ, who went to the cross for our sake, we are forgiven and made whole. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you. (*Ephesians 4:32*)

**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.

**And also with you.**

○ God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

### **Jeremiah 23:1–6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Ephesians 2:11–22

<sup>11</sup>So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *please sing two times*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. <sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **MESSAGE**

***“The Church: Up-ended Pyramid (of God's People)”***

# THE CHURCH RESPONDS

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

## "In Christ Alone"



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful-ness of God in help - less  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and  
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came — to  
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose — a -  
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
-gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I  
-fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I  
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of  
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll



stand.  
live.  
Christ.  
stand!

**\*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**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition ends...*

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

**\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(We greet one another with the words “Peace be with you”)*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**“How He Loves”** – *Will Collins*

*He is jealous for me Love's like a hurricane, I am a tree*

*Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy*

*When all of a sudden I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory*

*And I realize just how beautiful You are And how great Your affections are for me*

*And oh, how He loves us, Oh how He loves us How He loves us all*

*And we are His portion and He is our prize*

*Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes*

*If His grace is an ocean, we're all sinking*

*And heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss*

*And my heart turns violently inside of my chest*

*I don't have time to maintain these regrets*

*When I think about, the way... how he loves us.*

## WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

### **\*THE THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

### **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the beginning the harmonious world of your creation was whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

*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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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 DISTRIBUTION

# "One Bread, One Body"



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;



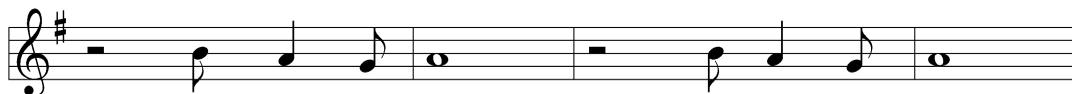
one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and



we, though man - y through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

*Refrain*

## **WE ARE 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.

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

**Amen**

\*CLOSING SONG

"Build Your Kingdom Here"



Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts a - gain. In - crease in us, we  
We seek Your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we thirst. Re - fuse to waste our  
Un - leash Your king - dom's pow'r reach - ing the near and far. No force of hell can



pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come set our hearts a - blaze with hope like  
lives for You're our joy and prize. To see the cap - tive hearts re - leased, the  
stop Your beau - ty chang - ing hearts. You made us for much more than this, a -



wild - fire in our ver - y souls. Ho - ly Spir - it, come in - vade us now.  
hurt, the sick, the poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heav - en's cause.  
- wake the king - dom seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.



We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us. *Back to the beginning for Verse 2*  
We are Your church. We pray re - vive this *eartn. Refrain*  
We are Your church. We are the hope on *earth. Refrain*



Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your might - y hand, heal our



streets and land. Set Your church on fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the



at - mos - phere. Build Your king - dom here, we pray!



***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
Preaching & Presiding	-Pastor Dana Bjorlin
Communion Assistant	-Gwen Grisier
Acolyte	-Jadelyn Whitacre
Musicians	-Adam Grisier, Will Collins, Stan Schmidt
Lector	-Jo Ann Liechty
Usher Team	-Jim Wyse
Altar Guild	-Joan Meyer, Janet Wyse
Sound System	-Noah Blankenship
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Aaron Short

**Kramp Fund Donations . . .** The Kramp Fund was set up a number of years ago in memory of Pastor Kramp, pastor of St. Martin's 1957-1962, for Catechism Camp. One week of camp at one of our Lutheran Outdoor Ministry locations is a part of our Catechism curriculum for our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The cost is approximately \$300.00 per student and part of that cost is covered by the Kramp Fund. If you would like to help with this part of our education ministry, please mark your offering envelope for the Kramp Fund. This year's students leave for camp next Sunday, July 25.

**Kurt & Katie Cline will be with us next Sunday!** Kurt grew up here in Archbold and St. Martin's and is currently a missionary with Freedom International Ministries in the Dominican Republic. Our Fellowship time after worship that day will include a presentation by them on their ministry involvement with Freedom International. Our church website includes links to their ministry. One of the largest aspects of their ministry is a graded education program for over 400 students. [www.itisforfreedom.com](http://www.itisforfreedom.com)

**Registration for Archbold Community Vacation Bible School 2021**, Knights of North Castle, is now available on the Archbold Community VBS Facebook Page or at



<https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/archboldcommunityvbs> for ANY Kiddos, 4yo. – Fourth Grade. VBS will be held Sunday, July 25 – Thursday, July 29 from 6:00-8:00 at Archbold United Methodist Church. Questions? Please call (419) 270.1954.

**VBS Donations:** Please have your donation back to the Narthex by Wednesday, July 21. We appreciate your generosity!

## This Week at St. Martin's

### Today – July 18

Worship, 9:00 am, in person & live broadcast, Holy Communion

### Tuesday – July 20

Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 6:45, at McDonald's

Sewing, beginning at 9:00 am

### Wednesday – July 21

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm, drive through pick-up

### Thursday – July 22

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00, Home Restaurant

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Newsletter Deadline, 9:00 am

### Next Sunday – July 25

Worship, 9:00 am, in person & live broadcast

Kurt & Katie Cline, guest speakers during coffee hour, see note

Catechism kids leave for Camp

## Last Week at St. Martin's. . .

Receipts Week of July 11, 2021, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$12,003.20	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$125.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$574.00	As of 6/30/2021	
Total Income	\$12,702.20	YTD Operating Received	\$127,144.87
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$123,043.21)
Attendance, 7-11-2021	73	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$4,101.66

## 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
  - St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling the next Pastor to St. Martin's Family & Friends of Dawn Cramer who went to her heavenly home, Tuesday, July 13, may we know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
  - 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
    - Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt
    - Phillip Calvin, Tanya Howell's brother
    - Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
    - Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
    - Jerry Geiger
    - Patricia Grover, friend of Melanie Nagel, ACT friends, cancer
    - Sharon Heckel
    - Kirk Hummel, son-in-law of Carl & Becky Collins, cancer
    - Sue Hurst, Archbold area friend
    - Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia
    - Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney
    - Diana Kosier, sister of Connie Lauber, cancer treatments
    - Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
    - Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delanie, cancer
    - Ann Ott
    - Lu Wolf, Judy (Paul) Wyse's mother
    - Joe Wyse
  - Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Dorothy Huner, 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, Kasyn Schaffner, 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.)