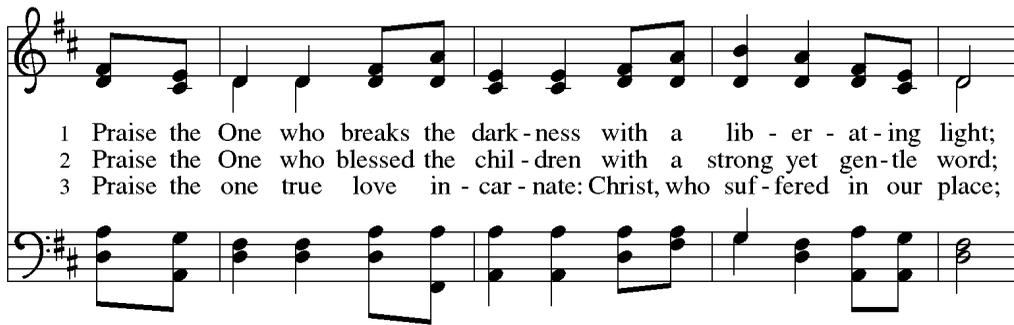




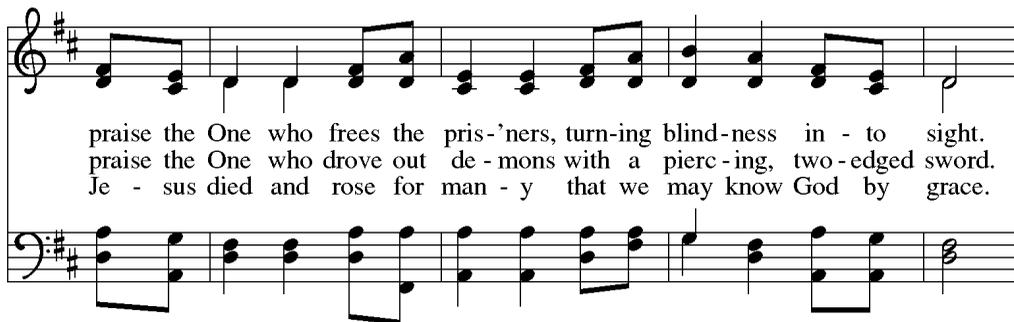
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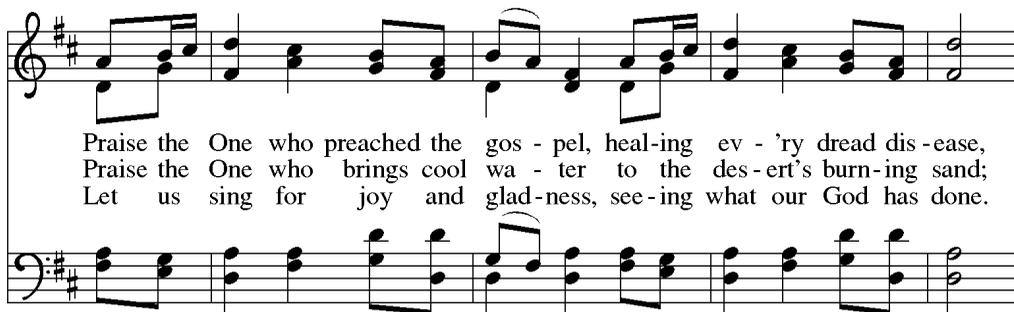
## **"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**



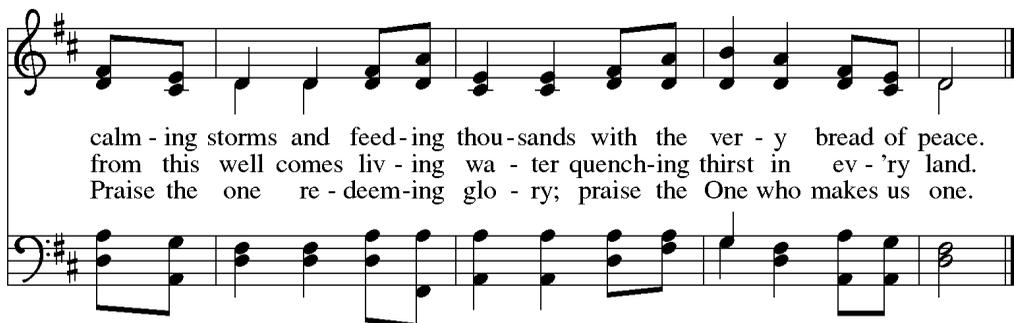
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 25, 2021**

*Today is the first of a series of Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.*

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Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

**Bold text is spoken by the Congregation**

### **Prelude**

**“Hornpipe”** – G.F. Handel

### **Bell, Announcements, Kurt & Katie Cline**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

**“Praise the One”**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen**

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (*1 John 1:9*) Mindful of God’s commandments, our sinfulness, and God’s mercy; we confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for personal reflection*

Father of all,

**your name is beyond the greatest wealth;**

**your favor is more generous than the richest person.**

**You sow justice; sometimes we plant injustice.**

**You share bread; sometimes we hoard the crumbs.**

**You bless the least; we compete for their place in your kingdom.**

**Forgive our meanness of spirit and hardness of heart. Forgive the things we fail to do in your name and call us to trust again in your ways, and to seek the better part; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (*John 6:35*) By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, our sins are forgiven. Through Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer the weight that holds us down.

**Amen! Thanks be to God!**

## \*Greeting & 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.**

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

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

### **First Reading**

### **2 Kings 4:42–44**

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 145:10-16**

<sup>10</sup>All your works praise you, LORD;  
**your faithful people extol you.**

<sup>11</sup>They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,  
<sup>12</sup>**so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious  
splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
**and your dominion endures through all generations.**

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

<sup>16</sup>**You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

## Second Reading

## Ephesians 3:14–21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

## **\*Holy Gospel**

**John 6:1-21**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**

***“Underestimated Abundance”***

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of the Day

### *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

#### *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

### \*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 the words "Peace be with you"*)

## Musical Offering

## “Blessings”

### Women’s Ensemble

Laura Story, arr. H. Sorenson

*We pray for blessings. We pray for peace, comfort for family, protection while we sleep.*

*We pray for healing, for prosperity. We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.*

*And all the while You hear each spoken need, yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.*

*'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?*

*What if Your healing comes through tears?*

*And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?*

*And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?*

*We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear. We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.*

*We doubt Your goodness. We doubt Your love, as if every promise from Your Word is not enough.*

*And all the while You hear each desperate plea, and long that we'd have faith to believe.*

*When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win,*

*we know the pain reminds this heart, that this is not our home. It's not our home.*

*'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?*

*What if Your healing comes through tears?*

*And what if a thousand sleepless nights, are what it takes to know You're near?*

*What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life,*

*is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy.*

*And what if trials of this life, the rain the storms the hardest nights, are Your mercies in disguise?*

## \*Prayers of the Church

*Each petition ends...Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.*

## \*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.**

## WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

## \*Benediction

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

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

**Amen**

# \*Closing Hymn

# "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

*Please sing unison on Verse 5*

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## \*Dismissal

Go in peace, Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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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
Acolyte	-Grayson Forward
Worship Leader	-Kris Jemmott
Organist/Pianist	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Lector	-Andrea Avers
Usher Team	-Jim Wyse
Altar Guild	-Joan Meyer, Janet Wyse
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Gwen Grisier

**Catechism Camp . . .** 6 young people will be spending this week at Camp Luther, Angola IN. Please keep Jadelyn Whitacre, Miley Gericke, Autumn Benecke, Drew Bailey, Emma Martenies, Charlee Forward and Deacon Steve in your prayers this week.

**Archbold Community Vacation Bible School 2021**, Knights of North Castle, ANY Kiddos, 4yo. – Fourth Grade. VBS will be held today, July 25 – Thursday, July 29 from 6:00-8:00 at Archbold United Methodist Church. Questions? Please call (419) 270.1954.



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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday

-9:00 Sunday live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

*We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7 ESV*

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## **Thank you to Kurt & Katie Cline for sharing your ministry with us today.**

Kurt grew up here in Archbold and St. Martin's and is currently missionaries with Freedom International Ministries in the Dominican Republic. Our Fellowship time after worship today will include a presentation by them on their ministry involvement with Freedom International. One of the largest aspects of their ministry is a graded education program for over 400 students. [www.itisforfreedom.com](http://www.itisforfreedom.com)

**Drive-Thru Homemade Ice Cream Social, today, July 25, 11:00 – 1:00**, Zion Lutheran, Ridgeville. Hot chicken sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, relishes, pies, homemade ice cream. Freewill Donation.

**Visit Our Library** . . .check out the new 3-minute devotions for women, men teens and kids. New books are on the white bookshelf straight ahead as you enter the room. No need to check them out, just take, read and return.

## This Week at St. Martin's

### Today – July 25

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast

Vacation Bible School, Archbold United Methodist, see note

Catechism Camp at Camp Luther, Angola IN through July 30

### Monday – July 26

Vacation Bible School, Archbold United Methodist

### Tuesday – July 27

Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 6:45, St. Martin's Fellowship Hall

Vacation Bible School, Archbold United Methodist

### Wednesday – July 28

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

Vacation Bible School, Archbold United Methodist

### Thursday – July 29

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

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Vacation Bible School, Archbold United Methodist

### Next Sunday – August 1

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast, Holy Communion

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

Receipts Week of 7/18/2021 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$4,302.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$20.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$179.00	As of 6/30/2021	
Total Income	\$4,501.00	YTD Operating Received	\$127,144.87
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$123,043.21)
Attendance	59	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$4,101.66

# SCHOOL, BABY CARE & PERSONAL CARE KIT ITEMS . . .



School supply sales have started! Be on the look-out for the following items. After you find a good sale, bring the items to the Fellowship Hall after August 1. Tables will be set up for your donations.

What is our goal you ask! In 2020 we sent 360 school kits which was the largest since we have been keeping a count total. Our average is pretty close to 250 so that is our goal again in 2021. Personal Care kits goal is 50. Updates on count will be included in Sunday Bulletins.

## School Kit Items

- 4—70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper app. 8" X 10½"
- 1—30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters & inches
- 1—pencil sharpener
- 1—blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- ~~5—unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers~~ have enough
- 5—ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1—box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1—2½" eraser

## Personal Care Kit Items:

- 1 – Light to medium-weight, bath-size towel (52" X 27" or smaller), dark color
- 2 - Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, original wrapping
- 1 – Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 – Sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 – Metal nail clippers (with or without attached file)

## Baby Care Kit Items:

- 2 – Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 – Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- 1 – Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 1 – Hand towel, dark color recommended

## 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

St. Martin's youth & Deacon Steve at Camp Luther this week, may their faith continue to grow  
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

Pam Howell-Beach, sister of Dennis Howell, cancer treatments

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

①① Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's ①①  
Please contact the church office by 9:00 am. Thursday  
(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)