

"MY *grace* IS
IS SUFFICIENT
FOR *you,*
FOR MY
POWER IS MADE
perfect
IN WEAKNESS"

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

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Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

“America, The Beautiful” – arr. L. Smith

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

Please sing Unison on Verse 3

1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
2. We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.
3. Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.

our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of o - thers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - ge - ther that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit; one God, full of compassion and mercy, and abounding in steadfast love.

Amen

In this place where your glory dwells, O God, your free redeeming word is spoken. Open our hearts to this word and make us mindful of your commandments so that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have often thought better of ourselves than others. We have said hurtful things and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new! *(2 Corinthians 5:17)* In Christ, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven 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 of grace and powerful weakness, at times your prophets were ignored, rejected, belittled, and unwelcome. Trusting that we, too, are called to be prophets, fill us with your Spirit, and support us by your gentle hands, that we may persevere in speaking your Word and living our faith; we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE CHURCH LISTENS

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:1–5

The Lord said, “Ezekiel, son of man, I want you to stand up and listen.” After he said this, his Spirit took control of me and lifted me to my feet. Then the Lord said:

Ezekiel, I am sending you to the people of Israel. They are just like their ancestors who rebelled against me and refused to stop. They are stubborn and hardheaded. But I, the Lord God, have chosen you to tell them what I say. Those rebels may not even listen, but at least they will know that a prophet has come to them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY – *based on Psalm 123*

Our LORD and our God,

I turn my eyes to you, on your throne in heaven.

² Servants look to their master, but we will look to you, until you have mercy on us. ³ Please have mercy, LORD! We have been insulted more than we can stand, ⁴ and we can't take more abuse from proud, conceited people. Our LORD and our God,

I turn my eyes to you, on your throne in heaven.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations.

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

New International Version

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



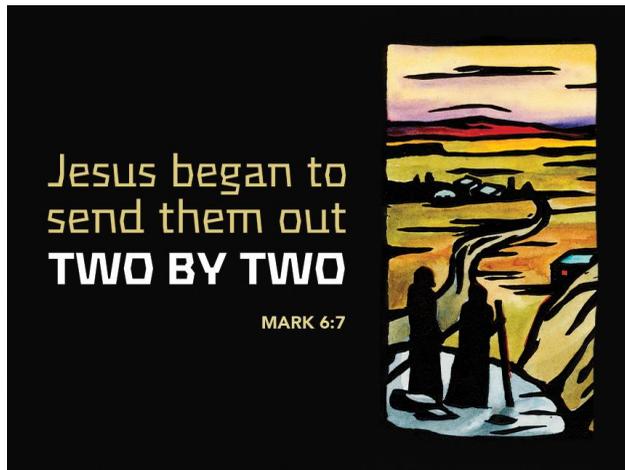
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***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

"There's Strength in Weakness"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Are Mine”



1 “I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 “I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 “I am strength for all the des - pair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *(To stanza 2)*
 Come and rest in me. *(To refrain)*
 all will know my name. *(To refrain)*
 up, now walk and live! *(To refrain)*



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine.”

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***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**

***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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – Zach Basselman

arr. H. Hopson

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

“Hope Is Born” – Stan Schmidt

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 HYMN

“America, the Beautiful”

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

***DISMISSAL**

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

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	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Vocalist	-Zach Basselman
Worship Leader	-Deb Schmidt
Lector	-MacKenna Whitacre
Communion Assistant	-Josh Basselman
Usher Team	-Jim Wyse
Altar Guild	-Joan Meyer, Janet Wyse
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Robin Trudel

***Worship includes the celebration of Communion today.** We will be distributing communion in a continuous fashion. As you come forward you will receive the bread and then you can move to the side to receive the wine. Please pick up your own glass from the wine tray unless you need assistance. The center light-colored glasses are grape juice. Please place your empty wine glass in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.*

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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

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.

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 7th & 8th 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.

Kurt & Katie Cline will be with us on July 25. 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. One of the largest aspects of their ministry is a graded education program for over 400 students. www.itisforfreedom.com

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – July 4

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

Tuesday – July 6

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

Wednesday – July 7

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

Women's Ensemble rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Thursday – July 8

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

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Church Council, 7:00 pm

Next Sunday – July 11

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast, Boede Wyse baptism

Last Week at St. Martin's . . .

Receipts Week of June 27, 2021, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$4,732.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$115.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$1,079.00	As of 5/31/2021	
Total Income	\$5,926.00	YTD Operating Received	\$107,656.55
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$110,093.67)
Attendance	72	Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$2,437.12)

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

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

Jerry Geiger
Sharon Heckel
Ann Ott
Joe Wyse

Family & Friends of St. Martin's

Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt
Phillip Calvin, Tanya Howell's brother
Dawn Cramer, sister of Linda Parnell
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
Patricia Grover, friend of Melanie Nagel, ACT friends, cancer
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

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.)