



Every Good Gift & Every Perfect Gift Is From Above...

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St. Martin's Lutheran Church
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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

Today's hymns will be chosen by the Congregation from either the Green or Blue hymnals

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Hymn

Congregation's Choice

Bell & Announcements

***Opening Hymn**

Congregation's Choice

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Amen

Almighty God, the secrets of our hearts are not hidden from you. We stand in your presence knowing that we have felt hatred toward others. 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.

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**

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.

***Hymn of Praise**

Congregation's Choice

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse our hearts from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through 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

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 15

Please sing the Refrain once at the beginning and after each section of the Psalm

I'm gon-na live so God can use me

(I'm gon-na live so) (God can

a - ny - time and a - ny - where.

use me) (a - ny time) (a - ny -

I'm gon-na live so God can use me

where.) (I'm gon-na live so)

a - ny - time and a - ny - where.

(a - ny time) (a - ny - where.)

Refrain – All

¹*LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?*

²*Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; ³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.*

Refrain – All

⁴*In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.*

⁵*They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.*

Refrain – All 2 times

New Testament Reading

James 1:17–27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**

**Please sing “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
from Page 4 as our Acclamation today**

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-45, 21-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

Cecily Rohrs

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of the Day**

Congregation's Choice

***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

Adam Bjorlin

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands arr. M. Hogan

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.

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Here I Am, Lord”

WOV 752 (*Blue hymnal*)

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

***BLESSING**

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

Amen

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
 praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Prayer

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through 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

Congregation's Choice

*Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present
Worship Leader	-Pastor Dana Bjorlin
Communion Assistant	-Kris Jemmott
Acolyte	-Drew Bailey
Organist/Pianist	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Vocalist	-Adam Bjorlin
Lector	-Diane Phelps
Usher Team Leader	-Butch Blankenship
Sound System	-Noah Blankenship
Altar Guild	-Sandy Thatcher, Robin Trudel
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Stan Schmidt

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each 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

We Welcome All to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us in person and on line to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. Join us for coffee, cookies and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

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.

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – August 29

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion

Tuesday – August 31

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonalds

Wednesday – September 1

Welcome Meal, drive through, 5:15-6:30 pm

Thursday – September 2

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

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – September 5

Worship 9:00 am, Holy Communion

Central Mennonite's Final Summer Concert in Central Park(ing Lot) featuring *Girl Named Tom*, today, August 29th. The concert will begin at 7pm and food truck, Expressions Catering will open at 5.

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .

Receipts Week of August 22, 2021, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$2,979.20	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$75.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$185.00	As of 7/31/2021	
Total Income	\$3,239.20	YTD Operating Received	\$150,504.98
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$138,526.27)
Attendance	70	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$11,978.71



Both the Adult (Upstairs) and the Kids (Downstairs) libraries will be having an open House on Sunday, September 12 as part of the Rally Day festivities. Food, beverages and prizes will be available. Come on In!

September 12 + Worship at 10:30

Potluck Lunch following Worship (approx.11:15)
 Meat & Drinks provided – Please bring Sides & Desserts
 Packing LWR Kits + Library Open House



Activities

Inflatables, Family Bingo, Escape Room, Scavenger Hunt
 Prize Drawings at 1:00pm
 Check your September Newsletter and Emails for details!



Don't forget to wear your yellow God's Work Our Hand's shirts!

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



Be on the look-out for the following items. After you find a good sale, bring the items to the Fellowship Hall. Tables are set up in the Fellowship Hall for your donations. Our school kit goal is 250 and Personal Care kits is 50.

Update on count:

School Kit Items

- 397—70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper app. 8" X 10½"
- 17—30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters & inches
- 63—blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- 91—box of 24 crayons
- ~~pencil sharpener~~ have enough
- ~~unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers~~ have enough
- ~~ballpoint pens (no gel ink)~~ have enough
- ~~2½" eraser~~ have enough

Personal Care Kit Items:

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

Baby Care Kit Items:

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

St. Martin's Lutheran Church



Fall Mum Fundraiser Order Form

Please write the number of plants purchased per customer on the order form below. For example, a number "3" in the box for 3, 1 gallon plants. Total number of plants and Sale total at the bottom.

1.) **Customer Name:** _____ **Phone Number:** _____

	Red	Orange	Purple	Yellow	Number of Plants	Total \$ Amount
1 Gallon \$8						
10" Pot (3 Plants) \$15						
14" Pot (5 Plants) \$25						
				Total:	#	\$

2.) Please circle payment method:

Cash

Check

Payable to:
St. Martin's Lutheran
Church

Venmo:

@Erinn-Thompson0718

Paypal:

fayacaes@gmail.com

3.) Date Paid: _____

4.) Pick-Up method

I will Pick -Up
on
Sunday Sept. 26th

Someone will pick-up
for me:

Name: _____

Phone
Number: _____

I am a shut-in and will
need delivery.

Address: _____

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
Fall Mum Fundraiser



Supporting F.R.O.G.'s Youth Ministry

Sizes/ Prices:

- 1 Gallon (1 Plant) \$8.00
- 10" Pot (3 Plants) \$15
- 14" Pot (5 Plants, 30" Mum) \$25

Colors:

- Red
- Orange
- Purple
- Yellow

All Orders and Payment due by **Sunday, September 5th**

All Mums will be available for pick-up **Sunday, September 26th** in the parking lot after church. Local Delivery available for special circumstances if needed.

Payment Accepted:

Cash, Checks Payable to: St. Martin's Lutheran Church

Paypal:

Erinn Thompson



fayacaes@gmail.com

Venmo:

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OR:

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 Thelma Lehman, grandmother of Anne McCarty & Amy Johns, may we know
the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
Family & Friends of Matthew Dunning, father of Braden Dunning who went to his eternal home
August 23. 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
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
Jerry Geiger
Sharon Heckel
Pam Howell-Beach, sister of Dennis Howell, cancer treatments
Kirk Hummel, son-in-law of Carl & Becky Collins, cancer
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia
Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney
Michael, Pastor & Linda Koch, friends of Melanie & Dick Nagel
Diana Kosier, sister of Connie Lauber, cancer treatments
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delaney, 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, Spencer Short

①① Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's ①①
(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)