



Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.
Mark 9:37

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Please sing Verse 3 in Unison



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to welcome them in our midst.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Hymn to Joy” – arr. D. Busarow

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

INSTALLATION OF EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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

Amen

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the river of life. You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the Jordan River to begin his mission among us. Refresh your Spirit among us that we may be renewed in our baptisms and strengthened in our service. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Christian Education leaders come forward as their names are read.

These individuals have accepted the awesome responsibility of teaching the faith and being stewards of God’s word in this congregation. Our Lord, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You stand among us as a gift from God to inspire us to love and do good works.

Will you accept this ministry of teaching and nurturing in the confidence that it comes from God? Will you serve in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and be an example of the faith? Will you trust in God’s care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills and lead a godly life?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education: give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, strengthen them in their baptisms and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

BIBLE PRESENTATION

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PSALM 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and women alike, old and young together!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3:13—4:3; 4:7–8

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

"We Have What We Need"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

***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

"Everything" – Will Collins

Lauren Daigle, Jason David Ingram, Paul Brendon Mabury

*Even the sparrow has a place to lay its head. So why would I let worries steal my breath?
Even the roses, You have glowed them brilliant red, still I'm the one You love more than this.
You give me everything I need.*

*Even the oceans push and pull at Your command. So, You can still my heart with Your hand
You tell the seasons when it's time for them to turn. So, I will trust You even when it hurts
You give me everything I need.*

*When I can't see, You lead me. When I can't hear, You show me.
When I can't stand, You carry me. When I'm lost, You will find me
When I'm weak, You are mighty. You are everything I need*

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.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, and with each breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness; through the past, in the present, and into the future.

We praise you, O God.

We give you thanks for your Son; at the heart of human life, near those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, and with us now.

We praise you, O God.

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

Remembering Christ's love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit in our gathering, upon this bread and cup, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Jesus Christ and by your Holy Spirit, without end.

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

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*BLESSING

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

Amen

*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

“Go, My Children with My Blessing”

Please sing unison Verse 3

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service, Fellowship Hall

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

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship

-Everyone Present

Presiding

-Pastor Dana Bjorlin

Acolyte

-Maddox Schneider

Organist/Pianist

-Deacon Steve Basselman

Vocalist

-Will Collins

Lector

-JoAnn Benecke

Usher Team Leader

-Mark Weaver

Sound System

-Noah Blankenship

Altar Guild

-Gwen Grisier, Cristie Sevey

Offering Counters

-Jo Ann Liechty, Yanira Reyes

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 – September 19 – Bible Sunday

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion

Sunday School, 10:20 am, Basement

Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall & Library

Tuesday – September 21

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 7:00 am at McDonald's

Sewing, 9:00 – 12:00

Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian

Wednesday – September 22

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm

Informal Worship, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Catechism, 6:30 – 7:15 pm, in the basement

Adult Circle, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday – September 23

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

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Newsletter Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – September 26

Worship 9:00 am, Holy Communion

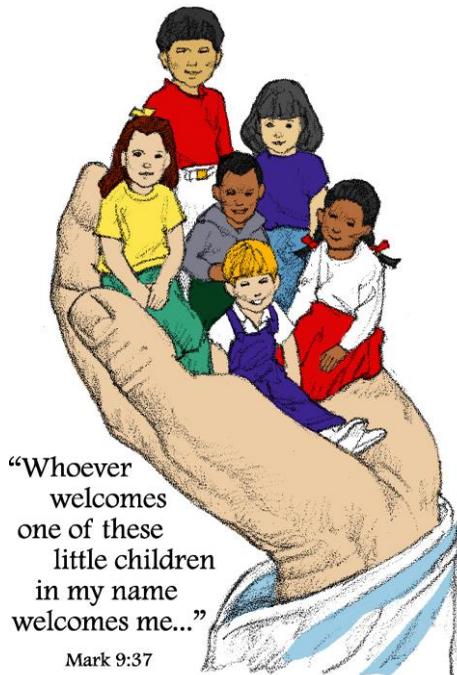
Sunday School, 10:20 am

Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall & Library

Last Week & Last Year at St. Martin's. . .

Receipts Week of September 19, 2021, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$5,308.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$15.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$99.00	As of 9-12-2021	
Total Income	\$5,422.00	YTD Operating Received	\$176,188.31
Sunday	95	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$150,441.93)
Wednesday	16	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$25,746.38



EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Jen Basselman, Education Network Coordinator

Sunday School 10:20-11:15 am

Sunday School Team Leader – Jess Gericke

Classes Meeting in the Basement:

Pre-K – 1st Grade with Amy Blankenship

2nd – 4th Grade with Caleb Wyse

5th – 6th Grade with Jen Basselman

7th & 8th Grades with Deacon Steve Basselman



High School Class meeting in The Lodge

Mark Weaver

Adult Classes: beginning at 10:30

Fellowship Hall with Cecily Rohrs, Overview of the Bible

Library for “Worship Re-Wind” Discussion Group

WELCOME PLACE WEDNESDAY 5:15 – 7:30

WPW Meal 5:15 – 6:00

WPW Worship 6:00 – 6:30, Fellowship Hall

Catechism, 6:00 – 7:15, Deacon Steve Basselman

Adult Circle, 6:30, Cecily Rohrs, Fellowship Hall

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Spark Bibles

Quinn Elting

Khalyci Smith

Hayden Thatcher

Ellis Poulson

Daniel Stevens

Liam Thatcher

2nd & 3rd Grade Bibles

Meyers Poulson

Alexa Schneider

Abby Stevens

Emma Thatcher

Violet Schneider

7th Grade Confirmation Bible

Kennedy Bailey



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
Family & Friends of Lu Wolf, mother of Judy (Paul) Wyse, who went to her heavenly home
September 13, may we know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
St. Martin's Education Ministry as we begin a new program year, may God bless this ministry as
we study the Scriptures and apply it to our lives
St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling St. Martin's next Pastor
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
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon Blair, Leukemia
Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney
Michael, Pastor & Linda Koch, friends of Melanie & Dick Nagel
Bonnie R. Lauber
Steve (Bonnie) Meyer
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delaney, cancer
Ann Ott
Stan Schmidt
Stu Wyse
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

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

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