

Arise, shine; for your light has come...

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*The 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas + Epiphany of Our Lord*  
*January 2, 2022*

# Epiphany of Our Lord

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We are taking this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas to observe Epiphany. Epiphany is the first day of the Church's season of light. Even though we are in the darkest part of the year, in our first reading Isaiah calls the people in exile to look around and see the light of God. Traditionally, the church celebrates the visit of the magi (or the wise men as we call them) to Jesus on January 6.

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Regular text is spoken by the Pastor  
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

**"Brightest and Best"** arr. W. Held

### BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*GATHERING HYMN

**"The First Noel"**

*Please sing unison on Verses 3 & 5*

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin-ing  
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three .  
4 This star drew near to the . . . north west, o'er . .  
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .

cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

*Refrain*

night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## \***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for personal reflection.*

God of peace,

**we confess that we are not at peace. We bring to you all that causes pain in our lives and the lives of others: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts.**

**In your mercy, restore us.**

**Reconnect us to one another and to you.**

**Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

**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.**

O God, you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

- <sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
- <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your  
sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'  
arms.
- <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all  
those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall  
proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14** – *read responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
**<sup>2</sup>that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup>Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush  
the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup>Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water  
the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the  
moon shall be no more.
- <sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of  
Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**
- <sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
- <sup>12</sup>For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed,  
and those who have no helper.**
- <sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup>From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is  
their blood in his sight.**

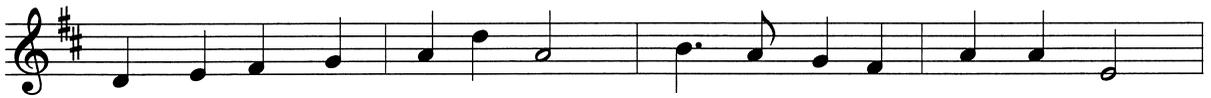
This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***“Bright and Glorious”***



Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the heav - ens high  
 As a star, God's ho - ly Word leads us to our King and Lord;



Where the gold - en stars are shin - ing, all their rays to earth in - clin - ing  
 Bright - ly from its sac - red pag - es shall this light through - out the ag - es



Beck - on us to heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
 shine up - on our path of life, shine up - on our path of life.

## \*HOLY GOSPEL

## Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

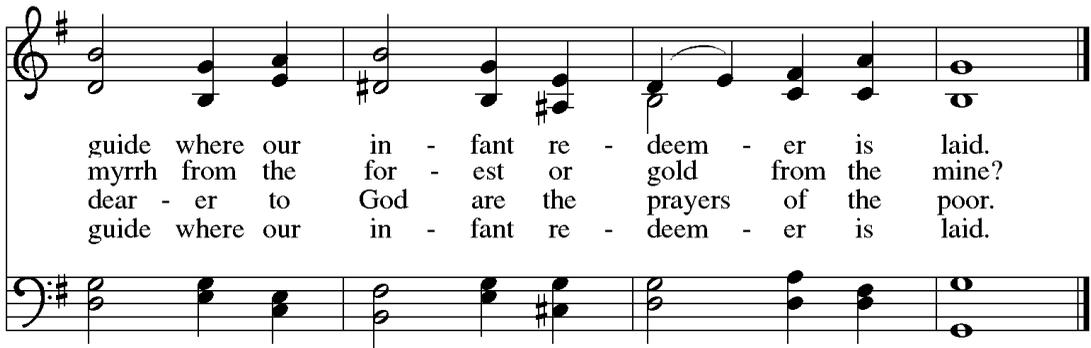
## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

## *"Brightest and Best of the Stars"*

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH – Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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”)*

## WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

### \* 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

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful Word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

*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 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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this holy food and all the baptized gathered for this feast. Refresh us so that we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of 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.

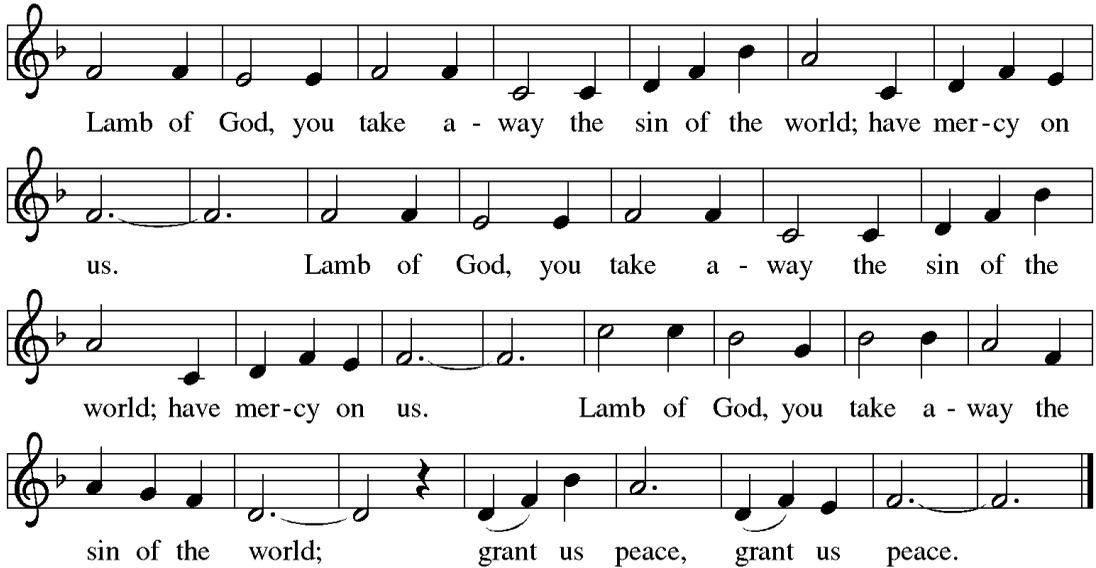
**Amen**

### \* 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

## *“Lamb of God”*



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

## *“I Wonder as I Wander”*

### WE DEPART TO SERVE

#### \* BLESSING

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

**Amen**

#### \*PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ’s very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you kept the holy family in safety, guide us on our journey unfolding the way before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### \*BENEDICTION

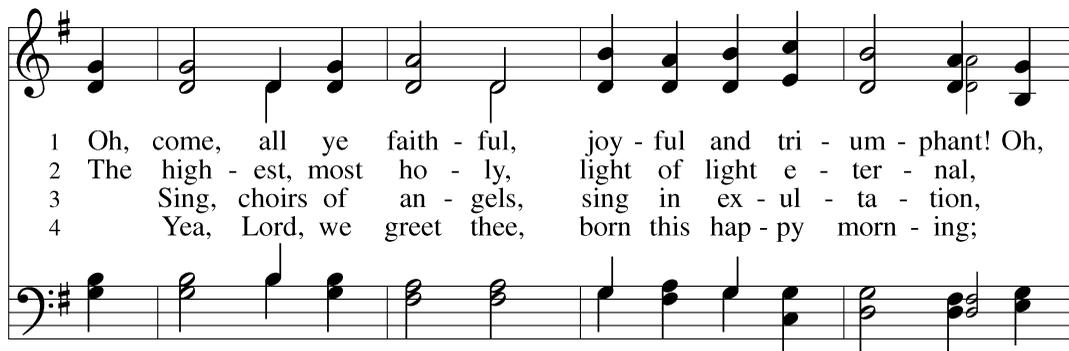
May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life. May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength. May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and always.

**Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”**

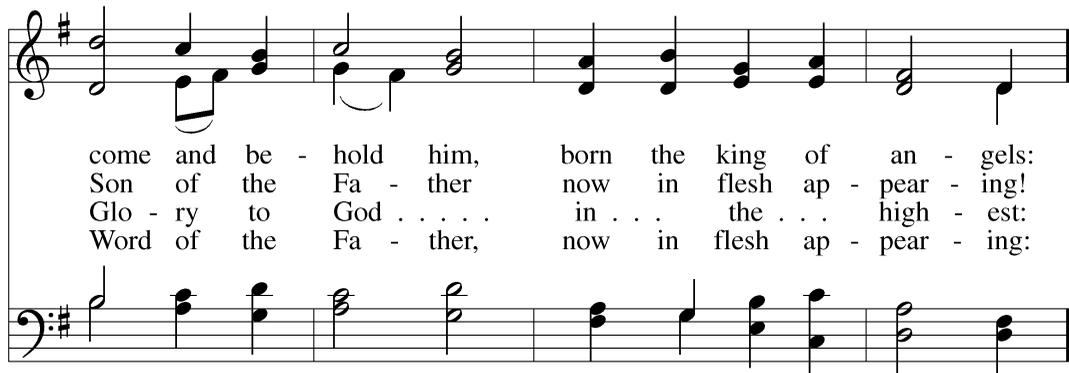
*Please sing Unison on Verse 4*



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,

oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .**

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ministers of Worship | -Everyone Present             |
| Acolyte              | -Autumn Benecke               |
| Organist/Pianist     | -Deacon Steve Basselman       |
| Lector               | -Zach Basselman               |
| Usher Team Leader    | -Jim Wyse                     |
| Sound System         | -Noah Blankenship             |
| Altar Guild          | -Cristie Sevey, Robin Trudel  |
| Offering Counters    | -Jo Ann Liechty, Robin Trudel |

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube  
6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

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

***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 glass in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

**Annual Congregational Meeting—January 23 . . .** As called for in St. Martin's Constitution, the Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 23. Report will be available for Congregation, January 16. Annual Meeting format to be determined.

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

Receipts Week of 12/26/2021 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$6,649.43	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$1,215.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$164.00	As of 11/30/2021	
Total Income	\$8,028.43	YTD Operating Received	\$238,520.82
Christmas Worship Attendance	61/115/23/199	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$197,104.16)
Attendance	48/17/65	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$41,416.66

## This Week at St. Martin's

### Today – January 2

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion  
No Sunday School

### Tuesday – January 4

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonald's  
Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian

### Wednesday – January 5

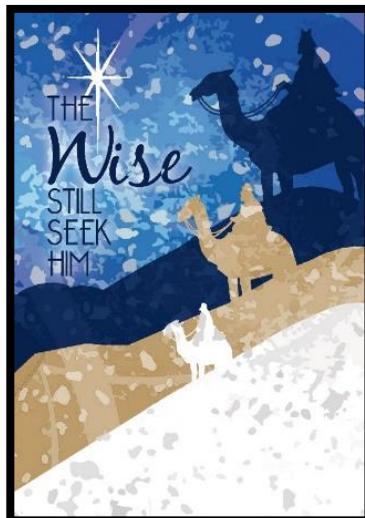
Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm  
Informal Worship, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Catechism, 6:30-7:15 pm, in the basement  
Adult Circle, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

### Thursday – January 6

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00 am, at Home Restaurant  
Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

### Next Sunday – January 9

Worship, 9:00 am,  
Sunday School, 10:20 am  
Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am  
Annual Report Deadline, 9:00 am



## 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 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

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

Bonnie R. Lauber

Chris Liechty

Shannon Liechty

Steve (Bonnie) Meyer

Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin

Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delaney, cancer

Ann Ott

Stan Schmidt

Al Siewert

Joe Wyse

Steward 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



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