



St. Martin's Lutheran Church
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Rally Day
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

GATHERING SONGS

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"



1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
 2 Let me at thy throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I seek thy face;
 4 Thou, the spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me,



while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.
 kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.
 heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by thy grace.
 whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?



Refrain



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;



while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your
 prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,
 I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth
 to show the way, from the earth to the cross,
 my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave,
 from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the name of the Father,

Who created us.

Blessed be the name of the Son,

Who redeemed us.

Blessed be the name of the Spirit,

Who sustains us. Amen

Lord, we come before you in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give. We have failed to take up our cross and follow you. We recognize our sin and in this moment of silence, we privately remember our shortcomings in love and life.

(Silence for reflection)

God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and ourselves has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus.

Praise God for that gift of love to us. Amen!

GREETING & PRAYER

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.

Forgiving God, we are a stubborn people who try your patience; yet instead of giving us up for lost, you seek us out until we return to you. Bring us back from our wandering; bend our pride and create in us new and faithful hearts, who rejoice in your forgiveness made known to us through our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7–14

⁷ The LORD told Moses, "Quick! Go down the mountain! Your people whom you brought from the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. ⁸ How quickly they have turned away from the way I commanded them to live! They have melted down gold and made a calf, and they have bowed down and sacrificed to it. They are saying, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"

⁹ Then the LORD said, "I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses tried to calm the LORD his God. "O LORD!" he said. "Why are you so angry with your own people whom you brought from the land of Egypt with such great power and such a strong hand? ¹² Why let the Egyptians say, 'Their God rescued them with the evil intention of slaughtering them in the mountains and wiping them from the face of the earth'? Turn away from your fierce anger. Change your mind about this terrible disaster you have threatened against your people! ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You bound yourself with an oath to them, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven. And I will give them all of this land that I have promised to your descendants, and they will possess it forever.'"

¹⁴ So the LORD changed his mind about the terrible disaster he had threatened to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12–17

¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, ¹³even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.

¹⁵This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. ¹⁶But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

“God’s Grace In Our Lostness”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace”

- 1 *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.*
- 2 *'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*
- 3 *Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*
- 4 *The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*
- 5 *When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

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”)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with the sung response...



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

The image shows a musical score for a prayer petition. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

The image shows a musical score for a second prayer petition. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 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

"Table Prayer & Doxology"

*Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored;
these mercies bless, and grant that we, may strengthened for your service be.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday

6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

-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

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
Pianist	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Lector	-Miley Gericke
Worship Leader	-Kris Jemmott
Usher Team	-Mark Weaver
Altar Guild	-Gwen Grisier, Cristie Sevey
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Butch Blankenship

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – September 11 – Rally Day

Outdoor Worship, 9:00 am

Brunch following Worship

Packing Lutheran World Relief Kits, following Brunch

Tuesday – September 13

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

Sewing, 9:00 am

Community Meal, 5:00, at St. John's Christian

Wednesday – September 14

Welcome Place Wednesday Meal, 5:15 pm

Welcome Place Wednesday Worship, 6:00 pm

Catechism, 6:30 pm

Adult Circle, 6:30 pm

Bells, 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir, 7:30 pm

Thursday – September 15

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

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Church Council, 7:00 pm

Next Sunday – September 18

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast,

Sunday School, 10:15 – 11:00 pm

Activities for all ages, 11:00 am

Sunday School Picnic Lunch, 11:30 am

Maumee Valley Conference Fall Retreat is September 17. As a project for the Conference Retreat, we will be packing Personal Care Kits. If you would like to contribute to those kits, please have your donation to the church by Thursday, September 15. You may drop them off in the Church Office or give them to Brenda Shibler.

- +Light to medium-weight, bath-size towel (52”X27” or smaller), dark colors
- +Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, original wrapping
- +Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- +Sturdy comb, remove packaging
- +Metal nail clippers (with or without file), remove packaging

They are also collecting clean children/women/men T-shirts, underwear, socks, all sizes – no restrictions on logos or colors

Thank you for your contributions!

Last Week at St. Martin’s . . .

Receipts Week of 9/4/2022 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$3,160.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$6,230.00
Benevolence Received	\$1,123.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$570.00
Other Designated Income	\$295.00	As of 8/31/2022	
Total Income	\$4,578.00	YTD Operating Received	\$173,821.18
Attendance: Sun/Wed/Total	82/16 /98	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$124,716.54)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$49,104.64

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 Doris Koerner, Peg Bjorlin's mother, who went to her heavenly home
September 3, may we know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling St. Martin's Youth Leader
People of Ukraine during this time of unrest, may they know the presence of our Lord Jesus
All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers and all who have lost family members & friends to
covid may we know the ever-present grace of God
For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jan Delaney
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
Jerry Geiger
Sharon Heckel
Steve & Sue Hurst, Health Concerns
Amy Johns
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
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
Heather Nehls Witten, daughter of Marie Nehls & Tarry Nehls, cancer
Janice Siegel, Dustin Bailey's mother, cancer
Al Siewert
Jonathan Siewert
Joe Wyse
Kelsy Wyse
Homebound – Louise Wyse, Steward 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), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Ashtyn Frederick,
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.)

Rally Day, Today, September 11 . . .

Outdoor Worship at 9:00 am
Brunch following Worship,
approx. 10:00 am
Packing LWR Kits—following Brunch



Bible Sunday + 1st Day of Sunday School, September 18

Sunday School Picnic



Worship at 9:00 am
Sunday School for all ages -
10:15—11:00 am
Activities for all ages
at 11:00am
Sunday School Picnic Lunch
at 11:30 am



