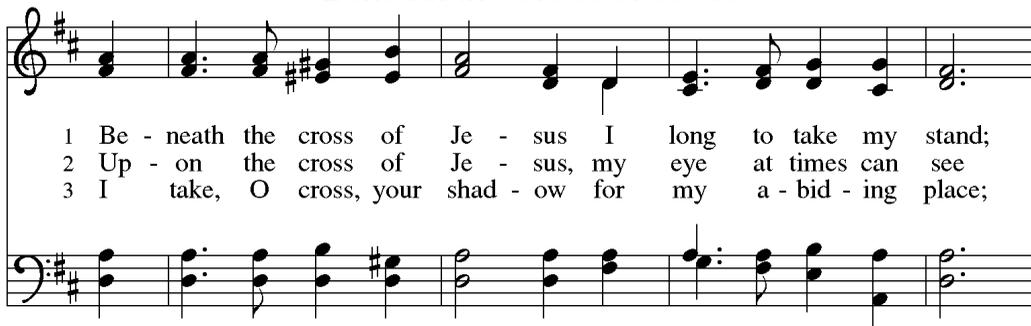


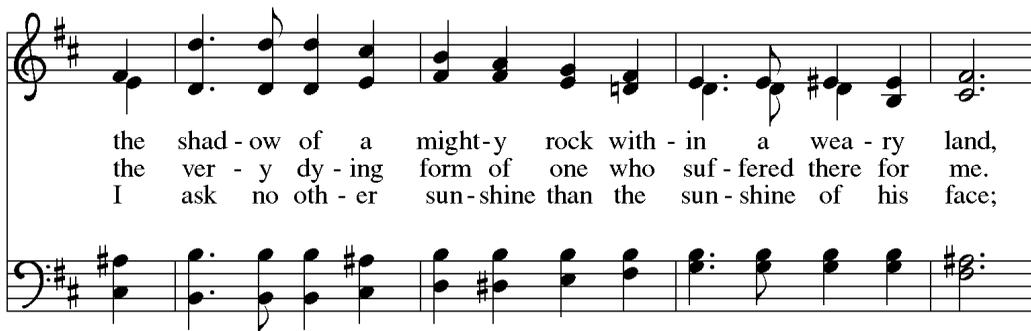
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203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502
Rev. Paul Reichert

Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 2019

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"



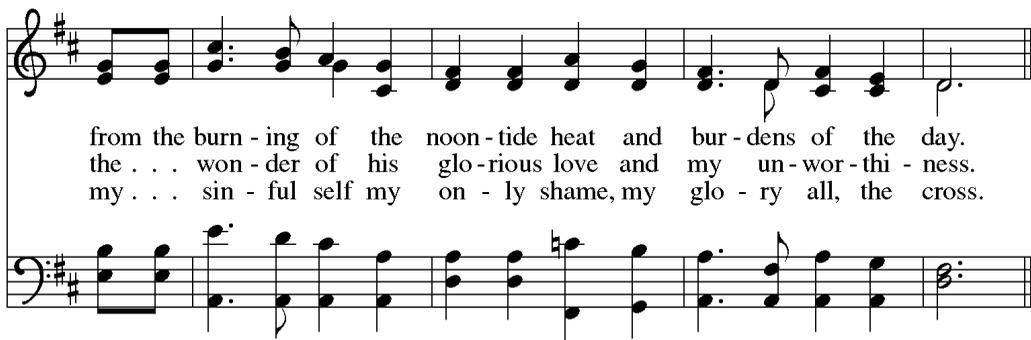
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 24, 2019

Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! However, the landowner's ultimatum is averted by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us who are a work in progress. Thanks be to God!

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor – J.S. Bach

Bell & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen

“Return to me with all your heart,” says the Lord.

Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love *(Joel 2:12-13)*

God so loved the world that while we were yet sinners Jesus Christ was given to die for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

*Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written for two parts: Leader and Assembly. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a Leader part on the top staff and an Assembly part on the bottom staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy."

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of infinite love, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Help us to hear your word and obey it, so that we may be molded into instruments of your redeeming love; through 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

Old Testament Reading

(selected verses) **Judges 16**

⁴ Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. ⁵ The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, “Entice Samson to tell you what makes him so strong and how he can be overpowered and tied up securely. Then each of us will give you 1,100 pieces of silver.”

⁶ So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely.”

⁷ Finally, Samson shared his secret with her. “My hair has never been cut,” he confessed, “for I was dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as anyone else.”

⁸ Delilah realized he had finally told her the truth, so she sent for the Philistine rulers. “Come back one more time,” she said, “for he has finally told me his secret.” So the Philistine rulers returned with the money in their hands. ⁹ Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him.

¹⁰ Then she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!”

When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” But he didn’t realize the LORD had left him.

¹¹ So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. They took him to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze chains and forced to grind grain in the prison.

¹² But before long, his hair began to grow back.

¹³ The Philistine rulers held a great festival, offering sacrifices and praising their god, Dagon. They said, “Our god has given us victory over our enemy Samson!”

Samson was brought from the prison to amuse them, and they had him stand between the pillars supporting the roof.

¹⁴ Samson said to the young servant who was leading him by the hand, “Place my hands against the pillars that hold up the temple. I want to rest against them.” ¹⁵ Now the temple was completely filled with people. All the Philistine rulers were there, and there were about 3,000 men and women on the roof who were watching as Samson amused them.

¹⁶ Then Samson prayed to the LORD, “Sovereign LORD, remember me again. O God, please strengthen me just one more time. With one blow let me pay back the Philistines for the loss of my two eyes.” ¹⁷ Then Samson put his hands on the two center pillars that held up the temple. Pushing against them with both hands, ¹⁸ he prayed, “Let me die with the Philistines.” And the temple crashed down on the Philistine rulers and all the people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Exodus 34:6, Numbers 14:8, Psalm 103:8, Joel 2:13

Please sing two times



We are turn-ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer-ci-ful and kind,



slow to an-ger, rich in bless-ing, and with love to us in-clined.

*Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Message

"Did God Forget Them? No!"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

*Hymn of the Day

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
3. For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
4. 'Tis not all we owe to Je-sus; it is some-thing more than all:

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
great-er good be-cause of e-vil, larg-er mer-cy through the fall.



There is no place where our sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where our fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
There is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
And we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
And our lives will be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.



***Profession of Faith** — *Apostles Creed and St. Martin's Mission Statement*

As the people of God building the Welcome Place, we confess the faith of the Church as the values by which we live, the faith in which we welcome all people, the faith in which we baptize.

**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**

As a church commanded by our Lord to make disciples of all nations, we confess our mission according to the Word of God. Called to make disciples, we are

Welcoming friends and strangers with God's love.

Called to teach all that our Lord commanded, we are

Working to build deeper relationships with Jesus.

Called to go out to serve all nations, we are

Witnessing to share God's love with everyone

As a church led by the biblical vision that we should all be united by our faith and understanding of the Son of God, to become mature, and completely like Jesus (*Ephesians 4:11-13*), we affirm God's vision for us.

We shall be people serving one real God, living one real faith, making one real difference.

Together we have made profession of this vision grounded in the faith of the Church. In Building the Welcome Place, we pray for the gifts of the Spirit upon us all.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Amen. (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

***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")

Offering of Gifts

“Romance” - Camille Saint-Saëns

Erin Reichert, French Horn

*Offertory



1. Oh Lord, you brought your of-fer-ing and laid it on a tree;
2. Lord, help us all, with you, to yield what - ev - er love de - mands



you gave your-self, your life, your love for all hu-man - i - ty.
and free - ly give, as you have given, with o-pen hearts and hands.

*Prayers of the Church

*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

As you go on your way may Christ go with you.

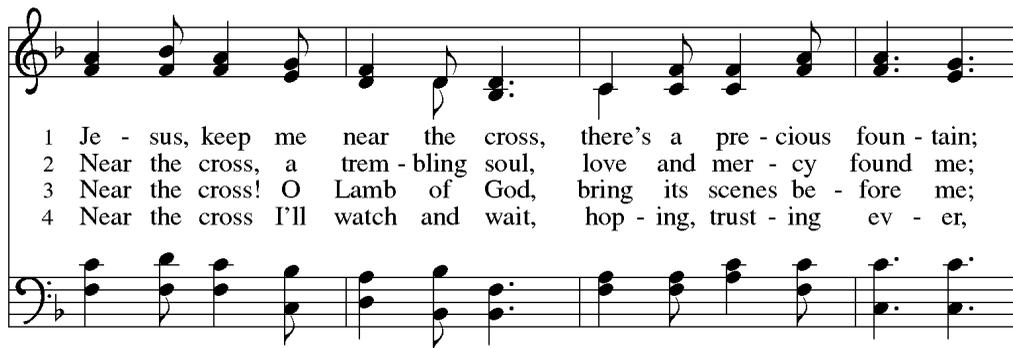
Christ before you to lead you;
Christ behind you to encourage you;
Christ beside you to befriend you;
Christ above you to watch over you;
Christ within you to give you peace.

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

Amen

*Closing Hymn

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

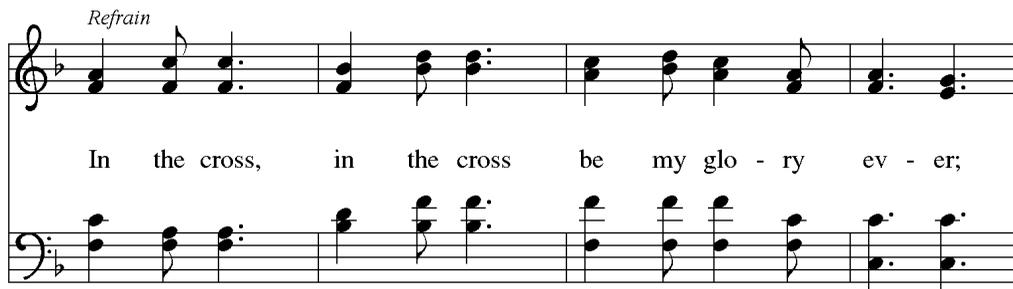


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

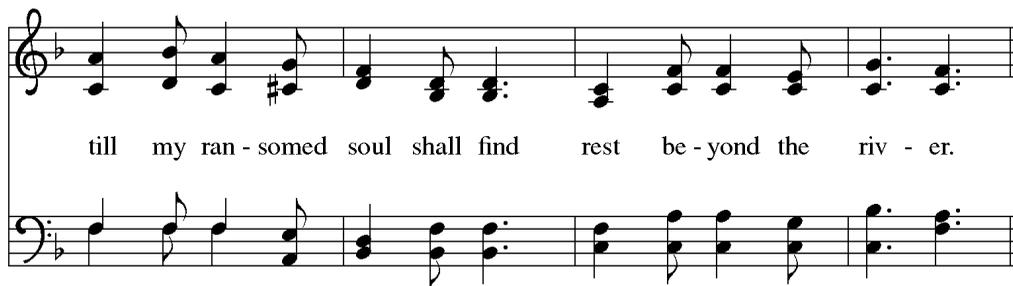


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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We Welcome All to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite you to sign the Welcome Insert in your Bulletin and fill in the appropriate information. If you are visiting, we would like to invite you back to worship with us at your earliest convenience. If you are looking for a church home, come join us here at "The Welcome Place" for worship and allow us to introduce ourselves and the Lord whom we serve. Join us for coffee, cookies and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

Sight and Hearing Assistance: Personal PA, Wireless Earphones are available from the worship ushers

The Nursery Room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents and children during Sunday morning services. We ask that no children of any age be in the nursery without adult supervision.

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

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| Ministers of Worship | -Everyone Present |
| Acolyte | -Gabe Short |
| Organist/Pianist | -Steve Basselman |
| Lector | -Tony Stevens |
| Greeter Team Leader | -Phil & Judi Rupp |
| Usher Team Leader | -Butch Blankenship |
| Sound System | -Tracy Ziegler |
| Altar Guild | -Sandy Thatcher, Janet Wyse |
| Offering Counters | -Jo Ann Liechty, Joan Smith, Robin Trudel |

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or by appointment
Steve Basselman Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri am
Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri pm
Brenda Shibler Tue- Fri, 8-12:30

Worship Services

9:00 am each Sunday
Holy Communion:
First & Third Sunday of the Month
Festivals
7:00 pm each Wednesday during Lent
Through March 21st

Sunday School

10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday
Classes for All Ages

Building The Welcome Place

Who Are We? We are The Welcome Place

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

What Is Our Mission As A Church And As Members? WWW

We are...**Welcoming** friends and strangers with God's love.

Working to build deeper relationships with Jesus.

Witnessing to share God's love with everyone

What Is Our Vision Of Who God Wants Us To Be? ORG

People who are serving...*One Real God,*
living *One real faith,*
making *One real difference.*

How Do We Remind Ourselves?

www.the-welcome-place.org

Welcome to worship today and join us in building The Welcome Place Jesus calls us to be.

This Week At St. Martin's

Today – March 24

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School, 10:30

Strikepoint Youth Bells, 11:15 - noon

Monday – March 25

Monday Night Bible Study, 7:00, Gospel of Luke

Tuesday – March 26

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am

Newsletter Assembly, 8:30 am

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

Wednesday – March 27

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm

Catechism, 5:45 above the Fellowship Hall

Welcome Place Kids, 5:45, basement

Adult Small Groups, 5:45, Fellowship Hall

Adult Book Club, 5:45

Adult Bell Choir, 5:45

Mid-Week Lenten Service, 7:00

Chancel Choir, 7:30

Thursday – March 28

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 6:30 am

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – March 31

Worship 9:00 am, Holy Communion

Sunday School, 10:30 am

Strikepoint Youth Bells, 11:15 - noon

Pastor Paul will be out of the Office, March 27 – 31 . . . If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the Church Office, 419-445-4656. He will be chaperoning the Archbold Choir trip to New York. Pastor Dana will be leading Worship on March 31.

Annual Brookview Spring BBQ Chicken/Pork Chop ...Baked Potato, Apple Sauce & Dinner Roll, \$8.00 a meal, April 14th - 11:00 until gone. You can pick up dinners in the kitchen or Mancino's Parking lot or eat your dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Selling Tickets: March 24th, March 31st & April 7th, Sponsored by Cecily's Sunday school class

Good Friday Prayer Vigil, April 19, 6:00 am – 6:00 pm . . . sign up for half hour time slots on the desk in the entrance.

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

| | 9:00-Sunday | Offering |
|----------------|-------------|------------|
| March 18, 2018 | 121 | \$7,338.00 |
| March 17, 2019 | 116 | \$6,525.00 |

Receipts Week of March 17, 2019 Budget and Year to Date

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| Operating Contributions | \$5,675.00 | Budgeted Weekly Operating Need | \$5,224.00 |
| Benevolence Received | \$540.00 | Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need | \$512.00 |
| Other Designated Income | \$310.00 | As of January 31, 2019 | |
| Total Income | \$6,525.00 | YTD Operating Received | \$40,465.06 |
| | | YTD Operating Expenses | (\$47,581.10) |
| | | Net Income/(Deficit) | (\$7,116.04) |

Mid-Week Lenten Service – 45

Sunday School Attendance: 2018 – 45 2019 – 44

March is St. Martin's month to collect items for the Archbold Fish Food Pantry. Below is a current list of needed items, but all items are welcome. Please place your food items on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



Monetary donations are also welcome.

Personal Items

- Toilet paper*
- Toilet cleaner
- Body wash*
- Paper towel*
- Dish soap*
- Deodorant*
- Multi-purpose cleaner
- 2 in 1 Shampoo*
- Toothpaste

Food

- Canned meat
- Spaghettios*
- Canned soup
- Canola oil*
- Canned potatoes, diced tomatoes
- Canned pineapple, mandarin oranges*
- 1# bags of rice*
- Sugar
- Spaghetti sauce

* Desperately needed item

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It is the goal of the Archbold Fish Pantry to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and to share God's love and care. The Archbold Fish Pantry serves approximately **105 households** each month. All of those households have an Archbold mailing address, live in the Archbold school district, or attend a church which supports the Archbold Fish Pantry. Each month **nearly 4,000 food items** are distributed and **approximately \$700** is used to help families with rent, utility payments, or prescriptions. The Archbold Fish Pantry is completely reliant on the donations from generous people in our community. Thank you for your support in offering help and hope to those in need.

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LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER WORSHIP . . .

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP, 7:00 PM

Worship themes will continue to be drawn from the Daily Bible Readings and will last about 30 minutes + March 27, April 3, April 10

PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 14, PROCESSION OF PALMS, HOLY COMMUNION

Worship, 9:00 am—Weather permitting, hopefully we'll be able to consider our palm procession from downtown

First Communion

Sunday School, 10:30 am



HOLY WEEK EVENING PRAYER—7:00 PM

April 15, 16, 17

Mark your calendars now. These unique Holy Week services are best experienced as a whole.

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 18, 7:00 PM

Holy Communion at Tables

Foot Washing

Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 19

Prayer Vigil, 6:00 am—6:00 pm

Good Friday Worship, **7:30** (please note the later time)

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD + EASTER DAY—APRIL 21

7:00 am—Sunrise Service, Holy Communion

8:00 am—Breakfast

9:00 am—Sunday School

10:00 am—Festival Service, Holy Communion



CONFIRMATION—APRIL 28

Worship, 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:30 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 Ipagala 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

For those who are in need of healing, may they know the healing hand of God

Members of St. Martin's

Dexter Benecke
Sharon Heckel
Vicky Lindley
Al Siewert
Joe Wyse

Family & Friends of St. Martin's

Jason Beiser, Reese Collins's friend
Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt
Gene Bowman, Vicky Lindley's neighbor
Phillip Calvin, Tanya Howell's brother
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
James Dilyard, Peg Winzeler's great grandson
Greg Jenkins, Pastor Paul's brother-in-law
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia
Lois Layman, Vicky Lindley's friend
Jim McDonell, David McDonnell's brother
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
Joan Mortenson, Pastor Paul's sister-in-law
Ana Perry, Andi Erbskorn's niece
Jane Perry, Lee & Marilyn Opdyke's cousin
Jim Shiley, Beth Reichert's father
Lu Wolf, Judy (Paul) Wyse's mother

Our Shut-ins Rex & Ruth Detwiler, Henry & Dorothy Huner, Ada Thrasher, 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 (friend of June Hayes), Bradley Nilsson (grandson of Pat Richards)

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.)