



St. Martin's Lutheran Church
203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502
Rev. Paul Reichert

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2019

"We Praise You, O God"

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

In today's gospel, Jesus encouraged his disciples to always be ready for the tests and trials that will somehow surely come. As we grow in obedience, courage, patience, and love we need to keep the faith in difficult times.

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

STRIKEPOINT BELL CHOIR – “*Peal con Brio*”

by Karen Thompson

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

“*We Praise You, O God*”

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19)*

Amen

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits. The Lord forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases. *(Psalm 103:1-3)*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)* Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Merciful Father,

we confess that we are held captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We continually fail to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul. We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. Help us, O God of our salvation; deliver us, and forgive our sins. Amen. *(Matthew 22:37-39, Psalm 79:9)*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. *(Ephesians 2:4-5, 3:16-17)*

Amen

***GREETING & 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-2

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Daily Bible Reading

Acts 12:1-5

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. ²He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. ³When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. ⁴After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

⁵So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

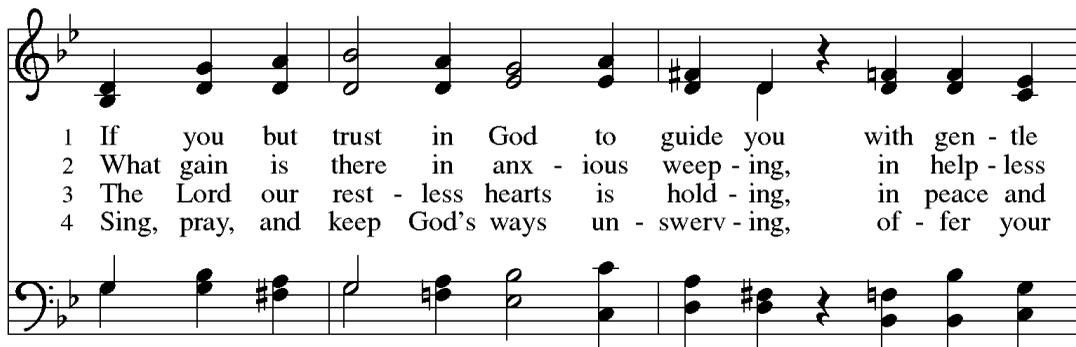
MESSAGE

"Not Always Fun Times"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF THE DAY

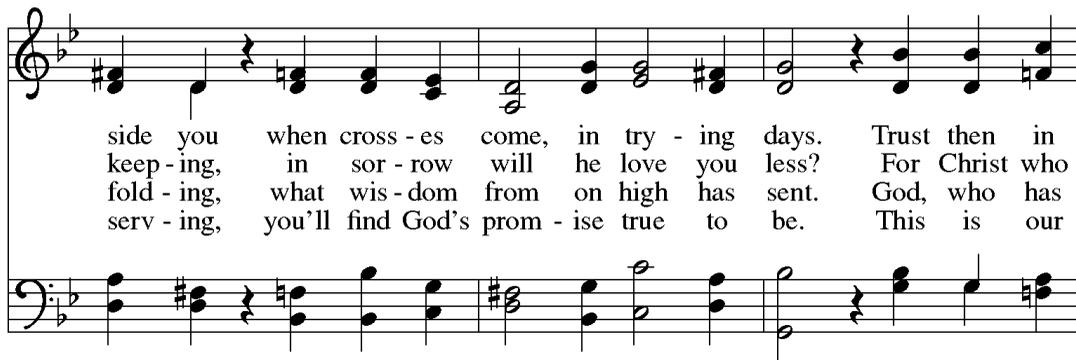
"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

***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")

OFFERING OF GIFTS

STRIKEPOINT BELL CHOIR

"I've Got the Joy"

arr. Valerie Stephenson

*OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

*OFFERING PRAYER

God our creator,

you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen

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. (*Lamentations 3:41*)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. (*2 Thessalonians 1:3*)

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to us all.

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 his love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

"My Lord, What A Morning"

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn - ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.

1. You will hear the trum - pet sound,
2. You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the
3. You will hear the Chris - tian shout, na - tions un - der - ground,

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

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



1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;



I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

*PRAYER

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in our hearts and in our communities, so that we might bring joy, peace and love to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

"Soon and Very Soon"



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

After Verse 4

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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Steve Basselman	Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri am Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri pm
Brenda Shibler	Tue.-Friday, 8-12:30

Worship Services

9:00 am each Sunday
Holy Communion:
First & Third Sunday of the Month
Festivals
6:00 pm each Wednesday
Informal Service
Holy Communion, 1st Wednesday

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.

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.

You Are Invited Today to the Lord's Table to Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Here are a few instructions to help you as you prepare:

- ❑ What We Believe: We welcome all to the Lord's Table who believe that the Body and Blood of Christ is given to us in bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. A person is well prepared and worthy to receive the Sacrament who believes the words "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins".
- ❑ Please fill out the Welcome Card bulletin insert and indicate if you are receiving Communion today.
- ❑ We offer two lines of continuous communion.
- ❑ When invited by the usher, come down the center aisle to receive the Bread. After eating the Bread, move to the side to receive the Wine either by glass or Common Cup. Glasses: The dark glasses contain wine. The light center ring contains grape juice. Place your empty glass in the baskets and return to your seat by the side aisle. Common Cup: simply step to the assistant with the Common Cup
- ❑ If your health does not permit you to come forward, indicate this to the usher and the Pastor will bring you Communion in your seat.

For Children: Children of all ages are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If a child has received First Communion instruction, they are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

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 . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present
Acolyte	-Mykale Schneider
Organist/Pianist	-Steve Basselman, Beth Reichert
Lector	-Michelle Collins
Greeter Team Leader	-Tanya Howell
Usher Team Leader	-Butch Blankenship
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Joan Meyer, Jessica Short
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Steve & Kate Rettig

Sr. Member's Dinner, December 1, 11:30 am . . . Members and friends of St. Martin's, who are 65 years old or older are invited to a dinner in your honor. Plans are still being made. Sign-up on the desk in the Narthex. Carry-outs will be available. Please indicate carry-out on the sign-up sheet.

Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 27, 7:00 pm . . . We have shared a Thanksgiving Worship Service with our brothers and sisters at Zion Mennonite since 2005. Worship will be at Zion this year. Pastor Paul will deliver a message, the choirs will present music, and there is a fellowship time following the worship service.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Brunch . . . St. Martin's is sending a mission team to repair roofs damaged from Hurricane Maria. The roof repair is through "Toldos Pa' Mi Gente" which is "roofs for my People". We will be going on February 2nd – 10th. The team is hosting a brunch after the kids Christmas program on December 8th. Please make plans to stay and support our mission trip. If you have questions see Darren Sonnenberg, Evangelism/Outreach Network

Can You Help? If you could spare just \$55 you could provide tools and training to make one family overseas self-sufficient. Maybe you could provide the funding to ensure the training and tools for several families. You remember the project as Foods Resource Bank, now known as Growing Hope Globally. You might know our local effort better through the spring Burger Bash in Ruihley Park. Due to the economic and weather problems agriculture has experienced this year, the area cattlemen encourages everyone to consider donating to this worthy international cause. Donations can be sent to our non-profit bookkeepers with memo line GHG. FFA Alumni Assoc. P.O. Box 53215, Pettisville, OH 43553.

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – November 17

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion
Sunday School, 10:30 am

Monday – November 18

Monday Night Bible Study, 7:00,

Tuesday – November 19

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonalds
All Day Sewing, beginning at 9:00 am with lunch at a local restaurant
Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, Zion Mennonite

Wednesday – November 20

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm
Welcome Place Kids, 6:00 pm, in the basement
Informal Worship, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Catechism, 6:30 pm, in the basement
Adult Circle, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Book Club, 6:30 pm, Nursery
Adult Bell Choir, 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir, 7:30 pm

Thursday – November 21

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 6:30 am, at Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am
Newsletter Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – November 24 – Christ the King Sunday

Worship 9:00 am, Holy Communion
Sunday School, 10:30 am

Thankoffering Contributions will be received through December 1st. If you would like to offer your gifts, please drop them off in the Church Office or indicate on your weekly envelope "Thankoffering"

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

	9:00	6:00	Total Attendance	Offering
November 11, 2018	127+7*	29	156	\$5,762.75
November 10, 2019	170	32	202	\$5,925.00

Receipts Week of November 10, 2019 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$5,142.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,224.00
Benevolence Received	\$519.50	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$512.00
Other Designated Income	\$263.50	As of October 31, 2019	
Total Income	\$5,925.00	YTD Operating Received	\$238,235.80
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$220,567.84)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$17,667.96

Sunday School Attendance: 2018 – 59 2019 – 63

*7 Members visited Redeemer, Toledo

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

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

Members of St. Martin's

Sharon Heckel
Milla Kohv
Vicky Lindley
Rosemary Short
Al Siewert
Joe Wyse

Family & Friends of St. Martin's

Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt
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
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
Joan Mortenson, Pastor Paul's sister-in-law
Mike Nafziger, Pettisville, received lung transplant Thursday
Ana Perry, Andi Erbskorn's niece
Doug & April Saville, friends of Gene & Jan Delaney
Janice Siegel, Dustin Bailey's mother, cancer
Jim Shiley, Beth Reichert's father
Lu Wolf, Judy (Paul) Wyse's mother

Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Henry & Dorothy Huner, Irene Liechty, 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, Hunter Beaverson, Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradley Nilsson (Pat Richards), Christopher Goertz, Brendon Johns

🕒🕒 Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's 🕒🕒
Please contact the church office by 9:00 am. Thursday
(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)

Christmas Poinsettia Sale

The Altar Guild is sponsoring their annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale. Proceeds will be added to the Paraments Fund.



The plants are \$10.00 each and may be given in memory or in honor of someone, or for a special occasion. The plants will be multicolored as they have been in the past.

Below is an order blank you may use to order your poinsettias. Please place it, along with payment (checks to be made payable to St. Martin's Lutheran Church) in the offering plate or the box provided on the counter in the Church Office.

Deadline is December 1st

Name _____

of plants _____ X \$10.00 each
for a total of _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____
