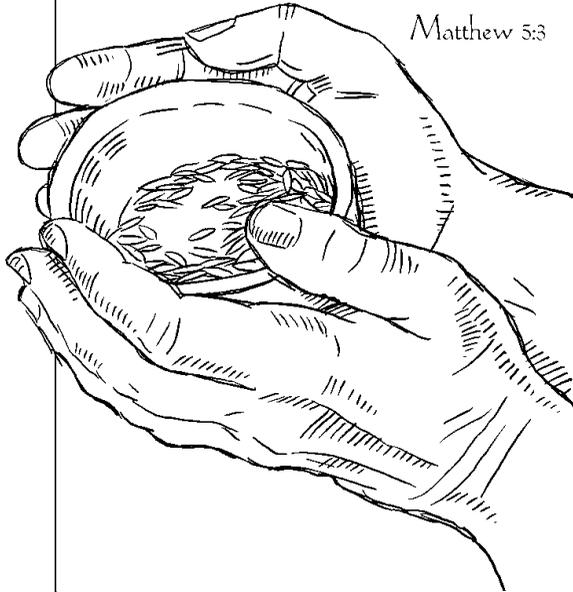


Blessed are the poor in  
spirit, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3



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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 2, 2020

# "Oh, Praise the Gracious Power"

1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
3 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore  
4 Oh, praise the liv - ing Christ with faith's bright song - ful voice!

and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the pre - ju - dice that blinds:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:  
An - nounce the gos - pel to the world and with these words re - joice:

## *Refrain*

We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

We praise you Christ!

*Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.*

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Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

**Bold text is spoken by the congregation**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

**Bell & Announcements**

**\*Opening Hymn**

***“Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”***

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen**

Rise, shine; for your light has come,

**and the glory of the LORD has risen upon us.** *(Isaiah 60:1)*

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,

**who walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.** *(Psalm 89:15)*

For with you is the fountain of life;

**in your light we see light.** *(Psalm 36:9)*

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, the Light of the world, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Through 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 our sins. Rise, shine, for our 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.

Holy God, you confuse the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Old Testament Reading

**Micah 6:6-8**

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

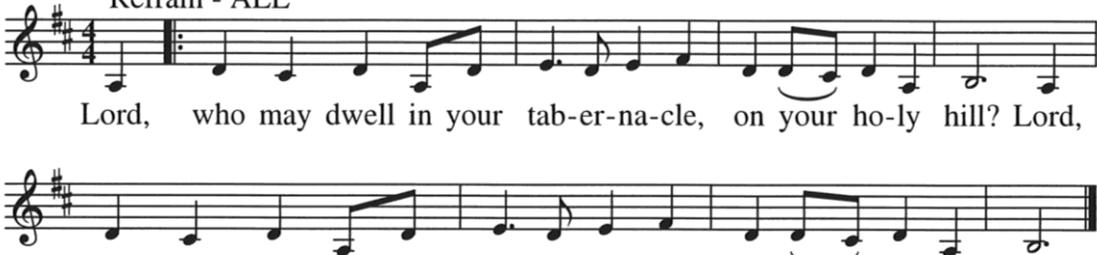
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Psalmody - *the Refrain is sung at the beginning and after Vs 1 & 2*

**Psalm 15**

Refrain - ALL



Lord, who may dwell in your tab-er-na-cle, on your ho-ly hill? Lord,  
who may dwell in your tab-er-na-cle, on your ho-ly hill?

### Verses - Leader

*It is those whose walk is blameless; who do what is right.*

*It's those who speak truth from their heart, O Lord, they do your will. Refrain*

*It is those who do no wrong unto their neighbor ones*

*by tongue, by act, or by any means, O Lord, they do your will. Refrain*

*It is those who fear the Lord, who despise the wicked one.*

*Who keep their oath even when it hurts, O Lord, they do your will.*



## \*Gospel Reading

**Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Children's Message

*Andi Erbskorn*

## Message

*Cecily Rohrs*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## \*Hymn of the Day

**"Blest Are They"**



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
3 Blest are they . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
4 Blest are they . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

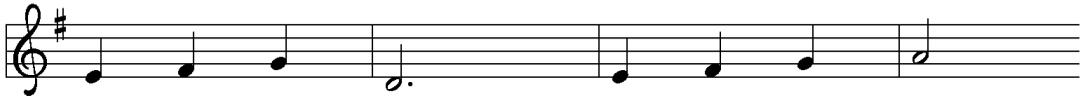


full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*  
 All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

**\*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

### \*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

Bell Choir

**"Song of Gladness"**

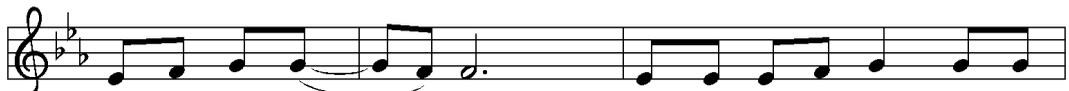
by Arnold Sherman

### \*Offertory

**"Create in Me"**



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.

## \*Offertory Prayer

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*Eucharistic 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.**

## Distribution of Communion

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.

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves contain the lyrics '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.' The third and fourth staves contain the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.' The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and a final double bar line.

## “One Bread, One Body”

*Refrain*  
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;  
one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and  
we, though man-y through-out the earth,  
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'we, though man-y through-out the earth,'. The fourth staff contains the lyrics 'we are one bod - y in this one Lord.' The music features a 7-measure rest in the second staff and a final double bar line.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

## 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**

### \*Sending of Communion Ministers

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—to tell the story of your never-ending love. Bless those who take this sacrament to the homebound of this faith community, and empower each of us to share and sing your praise both now and forever.

**Amen**

### \*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine brightly upon you and be gracious to you.

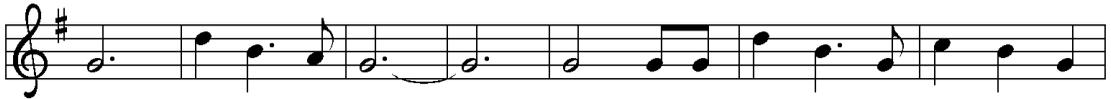
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

**Amen**

# \*Closing Hymn

# "We Are Called"



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

### *Refrain*



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

# \*Dismissal

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

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# ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Paul 9-12, Mon. Tues, Thurs  
or by appointment  
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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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
Presiding Minister	-Pastor Tim Sonnenberg
Acolyte	-Maddie Short
Organist/Pianist	-Steve Basselman
Keyboard	-Isaac Reichert
Guitarist	-Adam Grisier
Lector	-Peg Bjorlin
Greeter Team Leader	-Susan Dominique
Usher Team Leader	-Butch Blankenship
Sound System	-Tracy Ziegler
Altar Guild	-Gwen Grisier, Joan Meyer
Offering Counters	-Diana Ziegler, Butch Blankenship, Joan Smith

**Puerto Rico Mission Trip – February 2-10 . . .** the 12 members of the team are Darren & Jane Sonnenberg, Pastor Paul, Albert & Janita Reyes, Bill Phelps, Lee Opdyke, Jo Ann Liechty, Aaron Short, Gwen Grisier, Michael Woody, Tim Ziegler. They will be putting on a roof for a family that has been without adequate shelter for more than 2 years. While Pastor Paul is in Puerto Rico, Pastor Dana Bjorlin is available to provide Pastoral Care.

**Today Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 2nd, the FROGs** youth will be collecting any cash and canned-food donations after the church service for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring event. All donations stay in our local community and are given to the FISH Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous support!!

**2019 Annual Report . . . Revised Financial & Budget** is available. If you did not get an Annual Report, those are available with the Revised Financial & Budget Report included.

**The Parkinson's Support Group will meet February 4 at 1:00 pm** at St. Martin's. The speaker, who has MS, will be speaking on MS (multiple sclerosis) and Parkinson's being researched together and the effects of exercise and diet. Questions are welcome. Facilitator: Bonnie Lauber, 419-445-9516

**Friendship Circle Raffle Tickets** are on sale! Purchase yours today after worship or see any member of Friendship Circle. All proceeds go to support local children at Christmas time and Back to School time. The winning tickets will be drawn during coffee hour on February 16. Thank you for your continued support.

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

### **Today – February 2**

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion  
Souper Bowl Sunday Ingathering, see note  
Sunday School, 10:30 am  
Strikepoint Youth Bell Choir, 11:15-12:00 pm  
Puerto Rico Mission Trip, today through February 10

### **Monday – February 3**

No Monday Night Bible Study

### **Tuesday – February 4**

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonalds  
Parkinson's Group, 1:00 pm, see note  
Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian

### **Wednesday – February 5**

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 – February 6**

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

### **Next Sunday – February 9**

Worship 9:00 am, Holy Communion  
Sunday School, 10:30 am  
Strikepoint Youth Bell Choir, 11:15 – 12:00 pm

**Weeping Willow, Pettisville** is inviting widows & widowers to a special event on **Tuesday, February 11** called **"Building Bridges."** If you or someone you know has lost a spouse, they invite you to come share that evening with them. Reservations are needed by February 8<sup>th</sup>. See bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

**Dishes in the Narthex . . .** please check the small table. Dishes left from funerals, meals, WPW. If the owners are not found, the dishes will be taken to Care & Share the end of February.

**Fairlawn Bingo, February 11, 1:30 . . .** if you would like to help, see Barb Poston.

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

	9:00	6:00	Total Attendance	Offering
January 27, 2019	149	*	149	\$4,747.00
January 26, 2020	159	38	197	\$5,284.00

Receipts Week of January 26, 2020 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$4,478.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,224.00
Benevolence Received	\$515.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$512.00
Other Designated Income	\$291.00	As of 12/31/2019	
Total Income	\$5,284.00	YTD Operating Received	\$290,527.40
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$270,059.37)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$20,468.03

\*Wednesday activities cancelled weather related

Sunday School: 2019 – 30                      2020 – 28 (kids only)

## 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 of Herbert Chilstrom, who went to his heavenly home on January 19, we remember his  
leadership as the first ELCA Presiding Bishop (1987-1995), who served out of the  
conviction that it was God's will to raise up an ELCA witness to the gospel, and with God,  
all things are possible.  
The twelve Puerto Rico Mission Trip Members, keep them safe as they travel and work in service  
to God  
For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God

### Members of St. Martin's

Kay Badenhop  
Sharon Heckel  
Milla Kohv  
Dick Nagel  
Rosemary Short  
Al Siewert  
Joe Wyse  
Willie Ziegler

### Family & Friends of St. Martin's

Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt  
Paul L. Bockelman, Deb Schmidt's father  
Phillip Calvin, Tanya Howell's brother  
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son  
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend  
James Dilyard, Peg Winzeler's great grandson  
Daphne Hannaford, Edon 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, brain tumor  
Greg Jenkins, Pastor Paul's brother-in-law  
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia  
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin  
Joan Mortenson, Pastor Paul's sister-in-law  
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

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.)