

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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 9, 2020

## "In Thee Is Gladness"



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cre-ly  
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ning to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,  
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

## **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

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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**

***“In Thee Is Gladness”***

## **\*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.** (*Psalms 89:15*)

For with you is the fountain of life;

**in your light we see light.** (*Psalms 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, we 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.**

God of Light, as you shone in the life of Jesus, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening your whole creation with deeds of justice and mercy, all done in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 58:1-10**

"Shout with the voice of a trumpet blast. Shout aloud! Don't be timid.

Tell my people Israel of their sins!

<sup>2</sup>Yet they act so pious! They come to the Temple every day and seem delighted to learn all about me. They act like a righteous nation that would never abandon the laws of its God. They ask me to take action on their behalf, pretending they want to be near me.

<sup>3</sup>'We have fasted before you!' they say. 'Why aren't you impressed? We have been very hard on ourselves, and you don't even notice it!'

"I will tell you why!" I respond. "It's because you are fasting to please yourselves. Even while you fast, you keep oppressing your workers.

<sup>4</sup>What good is fasting when you keep on fighting and quarreling? This kind of fasting will never get you anywhere with me.

<sup>5</sup>You humble yourselves by going through the motions of penance, bowing your heads like reeds bending in the wind. You dress in burlap and cover yourselves with ashes. Is this what you call fasting? Do you really think this will please the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>"No, this is the kind of fasting I want:

Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you.

Let the oppressed go free and remove the chains that bind people.

<sup>7</sup>Share your food with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

<sup>8</sup>"Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind.

<sup>9</sup>Then when you call, the LORD will answer. 'Yes, I am here,' he will quickly reply.

"Remove the heavy yoke of oppression. Stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors!

<sup>10</sup>Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

New Living Translation

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm 112** – *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments! <sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

**<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. <sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. <sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

## **New Testament Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. <sup>2</sup>For I decided that while I was with you, I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. <sup>3</sup>I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. <sup>4</sup>And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. <sup>5</sup>I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. <sup>7</sup>No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began.

<sup>8</sup>But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. <sup>9</sup>That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined  
what God has prepared for those who love him.”

<sup>10</sup>But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. <sup>11</sup>No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

New Living Translation

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

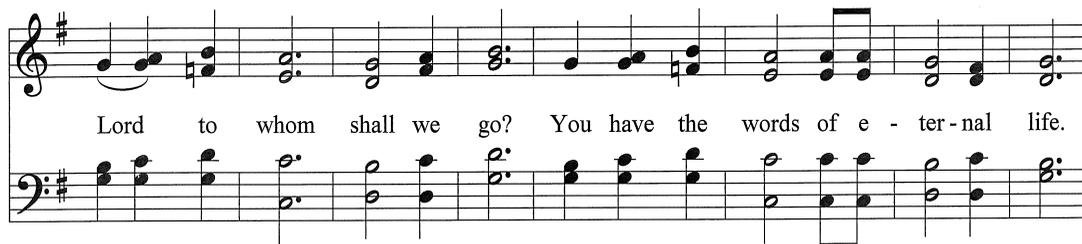
# \*Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## **\*Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **Children’s Message**

***Andi Erbskorn***

## **Message**

***“Salty and Bright” – Steve Basselman***

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## \*Hymn of the Day

## "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Leader All

- 1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
- 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
- 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
- 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader All

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!  
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

*Refrain*

Bring forth the king-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus - tice,

bring forth the cit - y of God!

**\*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

## Chancel Choir

### **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

K. Thomerson, arr. M. Hayes

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.*

*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.*

### **\*Offertory**

### **“Oh, What Shall I Render”**



1 Oh, what shall I ren - der in thanks to my Lord  
2 My hands take the cup of sal - va - tion you give;



for all the good gifts by which I am re - stored?  
I'll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.



No trea - sure I ten - der could ev - er re - pay  
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,



God's mer - cy and faith - ful - ness, new ev - 'ry day.  
with all of your peo - ple your good - ness pro - claim.

## \*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.

### \* Benediction

○ God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.

**Amen**

Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

**Amen**



**\*Closing Hymn**

***"This Little Light of Mine"***

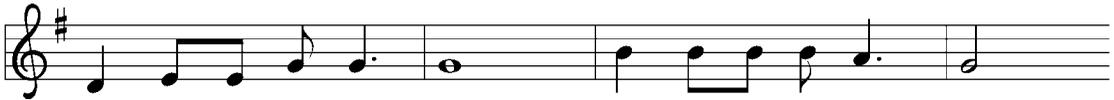
***Between Vs 2 & 3, add the verse:  
"Hide it under a bushel, No!"***



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**\*Dismissal**

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

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## Office Hours:

Pastor Paul 9-12, Mon. Tues, Thurs  
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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, 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.

**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	
Worship Leader	-Kris Jemmott
Acolyte	-Autumn Benecke
Organist/Pianist	-Steve Basselman, Beth Reichert
Trumpet	-Tom Jenny
Lector	-Mason Conway
Greeter Team Leader	-Susan Dominique
Usher Team Leader	-Butch Blankenship
Sound System	-Tracy Ziegler
Altar Guild	-Gwen Grisier, Joan Meyer
Offering Counters	-Diana Ziegler, Steve & Kate Rettig

**Puerto Rico Mission Trip Members will be returning February 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.

**Friendship Circle Raffle Tickets** are on sale! Purchase yours today after church 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.

**Church Council Meeting** has been changed to **February 20** instead of February 13 so members on the Mission Trip can get their reports finished.

**Archbold Community Meal, February 18,** Joyce is cooking for the Archbold Area Ministerial Association. They will be serving, but Joyce needs extra help in the kitchen. Please let her know today if you can help.

**Free for All! Books . . .** check out the books in the Fellowship Hall that were cleared out of our library to make room for new additions. Please take home any that interest you and Do Not Return them!

## This Week at St. Martin's

### Today – February 9

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

### Monday – February 10

No Monday Night Bible Study

### Tuesday – February 11

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonalds  
 Fairlawn Bingo, 1:30 pm, South Dining Room  
 Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian

### Wednesday – February 12

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 13

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

### Next Sunday – February 16

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

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

	9:00	6:00	Total Attendance
February 3, 2019	124	27	151
February 2, 2020	115+	29	144

+12 Worshiping in Puerto Rico

Sunday School 2019 – 60; 2020 – 52

## 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

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  
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  
Melinda, daughter of Lee & Marilyn Opdyke, biopsy  
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  
Dale VonDeylen, friend of Gene & Jan Delaney, cancer  
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.)