

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
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RALLY DAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Three weeks ago we heard the gospel of John's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark's gospel only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

Prelude

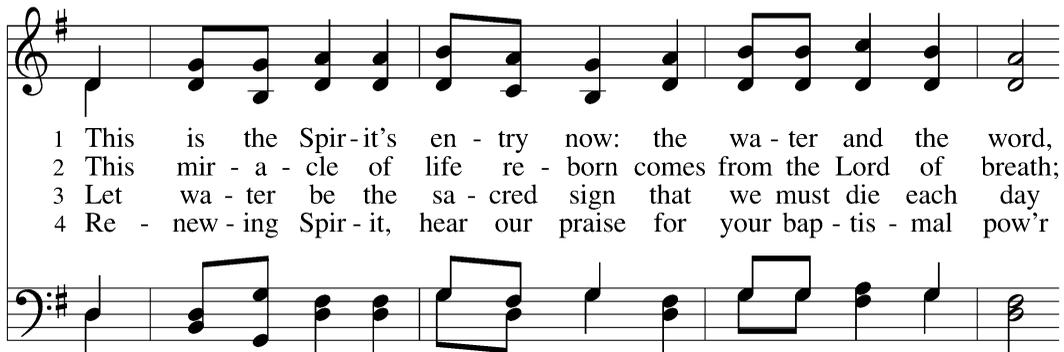
Variations on the tune "Azmon" – arr. R. Hobby

Bell & Announcements

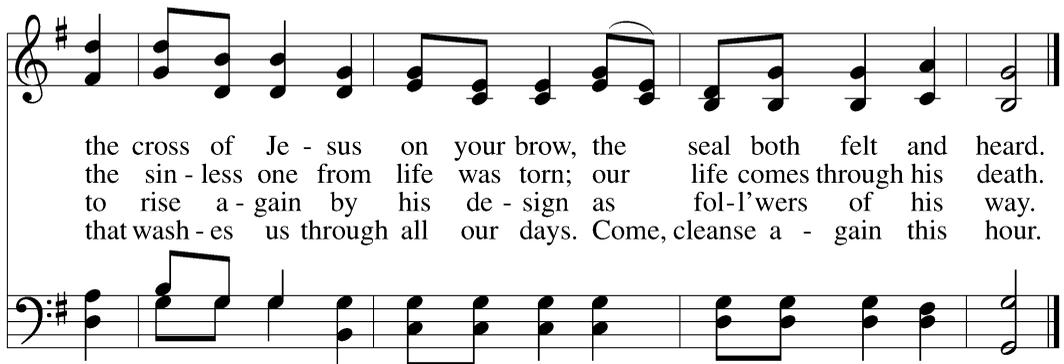
*Opening Hymn

"This is the Spirit's Entry Now"

Please sing unison on Verse 4



1 This is the Spir-it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol-l'wers of his way.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
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*Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Amen

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is in Baptism that we are first reconciled to God, and through Baptism that we hear the call to be reconciled to one another. Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, and marked with the cross of Christ.

We belong to Christ in whom we have been baptized.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

*Sharing of the Peace

Brothers and sisters, rejoice! Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *(2 Corinthians 13:11)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(We greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you.")

*Song of Praise

"Take My Life"



Take my life, that I maybe con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.



1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,



at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold:



take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev' - ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*
4. Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves: our minds to know you, our hearts to love you, our wills to serve you. Into your hands, gracious Savior, we place ourselves: draw us to you that we may follow your steps. Into your hands, sustaining Spirit, we place ourselves: take us and fashion us in your image. As your grace renews us, your fire refines us; we give ourselves body and soul to the work of your kingdom.

Amen

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-14

⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

¹² The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

New Living Translation

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

³We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

⁷People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. ¹⁰And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! ¹¹Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? ¹²Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

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*Gospel Acclamation - *please sing 2 times*

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

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

Hal - le - lu - jah.



*Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

"Who Are We?"

Spiritual Gifts Reflection & Prayer

*Hymn of the Day

"Listen God is Calling"

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

***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**

***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**

Dear Christian friends: Baptized into Christ, we are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the Lord of all creation in thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do for us. In Christ we are set free for work in the kingdom.

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise to God who chose us in Christ.

We live in love as Christ loved us.

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 Marching"

Verse 1: Marching

Verse 2: Dancing

Verse 3: Singing

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
 We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

*Meal Prayer & Sending

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

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

We Welcome All to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us in person and on line to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Rally Day 2021, following the Worship Service for Lunch & afternoon activities.

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship

-Everyone Present

Acolyte

-Charlee Forward

Organist/Pianist

-Deacon Steve Basselman

Lectors

-Jade Whitacre, Autumn Benecke

Usher Team Leader

-Mark Weaver

Sound System

-Darren Sonnenberg

Altar Guild

-Gwen Grisier, Cristie Sevey

Offering Counters

-Jo Ann Liechty, Gwen Grisier

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – September 12 – Rally Day

Worship, 10:30 am
Potluck Lunch, see announcements
Activities
Library Open House

Tuesday – September 14

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

Wednesday – September 15

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm
Informal Worship, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Catechism, 6:30 -7:15 pm, in the basement
Adult Circle, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Music Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday – September 16

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

Next Sunday – September 19 – Bible Sunday

Worship 9:00 am, Holy Communion
Sunday School, 10:20 am
Adult Sunday School 10:30

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Informational Meeting Sunday, September 19 – 11:15 am in the Sanctuary for students who are currently in grades 8 through 12.

Come learn more about the Youth Gathering, July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, MN, happening under the theme: *boundless: God beyond measure*



Community Prayer Walk, Saturday, September 18th, 9-11 am, Reighard Park, Wauseon, sponsored by Joy Ministries, Center for Women's Ministries. More information on the bulletin board in Narthex.

TPMG Virtual 5k Run/Walk/Bike . . .Techos Pa' Mi Gente,(TPMG) which translated means “roofs for my people” is sponsoring a Virtual 5k. They are the mission organization we went through to put roofs on for two years in Puerto Rico. This Virtual 5k run/walk/bike will raise money for more roofs. St. Martin’s is helping with the materials for the race; event metals, bibs, T-shirts, and shipping. This will be held on the 4th anniversary of Hurricane Maria September 20th. All proceeds will go to build more roofs.

I am organizing a run/walk/bike here at St. Martin if anyone wants to do the 5k together. We are leaving the parking lot at 9:00 am Saturday September 18th. If you can’t join us on Saturday, you can do the 5k anytime 13th – 20th, or just donate through their web site. If you are joining us on the 18th register at the link below. Any questions just call or email me. I can help you. Darren Sonnenberg (419)446-8244 sonnberg@rtecexpress.net



Lamp Lighters . . . are having a benefit at Mancino’s, on September 18 for lunch and/or dinner. The Lamp Lighters help support the Reach Up Ministry, who pray for the inmates at CCNO and with the funds from these benefits, they purchase glasses for the inmates.

Last Week at St. Martin’s . . .

Receipts Week of September 5, 2021, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$3,091.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,67.00
Benevolence Received	\$325.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$418.00	As of August 30, 2021	
Total Income	\$3,834.00	YTD Operating Received	\$176,188.31
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$150,441.93)
Attendance	79	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$25,746.38

RALLY DAY Today September 12

Worship at 10:30

Potluck Lunch following Worship (approx. 11:15)

Meat & Drinks provided

Activities (approx. 11:45)

Family Bingo

Prize Drawings at 1:00pm

Packing LWR Kits + Library Open House



Activities – approx. 11:45

- inflatables and games outside for all ages
- special activities for grades 4 and under
- Escape Room for 5th grade through 8th grade (in the Lodge)
- Scavenger Hunt for High School ages



Both the Adult (Upstairs) and the Kids (Downstairs) libraries will be having an open House on today, September 12 as part of the Rally Day festivities. Food, beverages and prizes will be available. Come on In!

Where St. Martin's Kits have gone		
New School Kit	2/19/2019	Nicaragua
New School Kit	2/22/2019	Dominica
New School Kit	5/14/2019	Lebanon
New School Kit	6/7/2019	Mali
New School Kit	2/28/2020	Honduras
New School Kit	3/26/2020	Rwanda
Baby Care Kit	6/7/2019	Mali
Baby Care Kit	2/11/2020	Bahamas
Baby Care Kit	6/25/2020	Lebanon
Baby Care Kit	9/1/2020	Zambia



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
- St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling the next Pastor to St. Martin's
- Family & Friends of Diana J. Stairhime-Kosier, sister of Connie Lauber who went to her eternal home, September 5, may we know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus
- All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers who have been in harm's way since the outbreak of the coronavirus, may we know the ever-present grace of God
- All who have lost family members and friends to the corona virus, may we know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
- For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God
 - Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt
 - Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
 - Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
 - Jerry Geiger
 - Sharon Heckel
 - Pam Howell-Beach, sister of Dennis Howell, cancer treatments
 - Kirk Hummel, son-in-law of Carl & Becky Collins, cancer
 - Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia
 - Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney
 - Michael, Pastor & Linda Koch, friends of Melanie & Dick Nagel
 - Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
 - Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delaney, cancer
 - Ann Ott
 - Lu Wolf, Judy (Paul) Wyse's mother
 - Joe Wyse

Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Dorothy Huner, 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 (June Hayes), Bradley Nilsson (Pat Richards), Christopher Goertz, Brendon Johns, Kasyn Schaffner, Spencer Short

🕉️🕉️ 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.)