

Today is the 29th day of the Easter season. Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

St. Martin's
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Affirmation of Baptism
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

CONFIRMATION – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022



Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of catechism ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in their Baptisms. Today these young people affirm their baptisms with a public profession of their faith.

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

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

"Joyful, Joyful" – M. Castello

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN

"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.

Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen

Rejoicing in the resurrection news, let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

we confess that we are held captive to doubt and fear, dismissing the resurrection news. We place trust in ourselves and fail to love our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

This is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent Jesus Christ to die for us. *(1st John 4:10)* In the name of Jesus our sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others proclaiming the glorious news of Christ's resurrection.

Amen.

***GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

And also with you.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE CHURCH LISTENS

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1–18

Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God.² But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him.³ “You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!” they said.

⁴ Then Peter told them exactly what had happened. ⁵ “I was in the town of Joppa,” he said, “and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me. ⁶ When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of tame and wild animals, reptiles, and birds. ⁷ And I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.’

⁸ “No, Lord,’ I replied. ‘I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.’

⁹ “But the voice from heaven spoke again: ‘Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times before the sheet and all it contained was pulled back up to heaven.

¹¹ “Just then three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. ¹² The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the man who had sent for us. ¹³ He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, ‘Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. ¹⁴ He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!’

¹⁵ “As I began to speak,” Peter continued, “the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I thought of the Lord’s words when he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸ When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, “We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 – *read responsively*

Hallelujah! Shout praises to the Lord!

Praise the Lord in the highest heavens. All of you angels, and all who serve in the heavens.

Come and praise the Lord,

Sun and moon, and all of the shining stars.

Come and praise the Lord,

The highest heavens, and the water above the highest heavens.

Come and praise the Lord.

Let everything praise the Lord, because they were created at God's command.

Come and praise the Lord,

All creatures on earth, all animals of the sea.

Come and praise the Lord,

Fire and hail, snow and frost, and every stormy wind.

Come and praise the Lord,

All mountains and trees, every animal on land, every animal in the air.

Come and praise the Lord,

Every king and every nation on earth, all the young and old of the earth.

Come and praise the Lord.

Praise God's name. The glory of God is greater than heaven and earth.

Hallelujah! Shout praises to the Lord!

Sing praise to the Lord.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1–6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 Christ is God's nev - er chang-ing 'Yes!' Ev - ery one of God's prom - is - es
2 O - pen us to your sav - ing Word, with Christ Je - sus our hearts are stirred.
3 Love has con - quered, though Je - sus died; he is ri - sen and glo - ri - fied;



is con - firmed in the love that died, by the one who was cru - ci - fied.
Je - sus is the Word in the flesh, Him, the Lord of Love, we con - fess.
this is prom - ised, and noth - ing less, all cre - a - tion will an - swer, 'Yes!'



'Yes' from God and then, 'Yes' from Christ a - gain! In the Spir - it we say, 'A - men!'

*GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord!

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

"Renewing, Refreshing, Recreating...REAFFIRMING"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(P =Presiding Minister R =Confirmand Response C =Congregation)

Presentation

The mentors and confirmands gather at the front.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for Drew, Autumn Charlee, Miley, Emma, and Jade, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

The congregational mentor presents each confirmand:

I present *Drew Michael Bailey, Autumn Kaylynn Benecke, Charlee Nichole Forward, Miley Gene Gericke, Emma Rae Martenies, Jadelynn Lou Whitacre*, who desires to affirm his/her baptism.

Profession of Faith

P: Dear brother and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from the Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Today you are asked the same questions that were asked of your parents and sponsors on the day of your baptism. As you now answer for yourself and affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Each Sunday when you gather with this faith community you profess the faith in which you were baptized. Together with all those gathered here today, I ask you:
Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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**

The Prayers

P: Let us pray for Drew, Autumn, Charlee, Miley, Emma and Jade, who are affirming their Baptisms, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be sustained in their faith journey and preserved with your mighty power so that they may not be overcome by adversity: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth and that they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love and that they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Other prayer petitions are offered.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Commitment

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- +to live among God's faithful people,
- +to hear God's Word and share in the Lord's supper,
- +to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- +to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- +and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

P: People of God, do you promise to continue to support these Christian brothers and sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help us.

Blessing

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Drew, Autumn, Charlee, Miley, Emma, and Jade, your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; (*Isaiah 11:2*) through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

Each confirmand kneels. A verse of scripture selected by each confirmand is read and the following prayer is offered. Mentors, parents and others join laying their hands on the confirmands.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *Drew/Autumn/Charlee/Miley/Emma/Jade* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

R: Amen

After prayers have been offered, the confirmands stand and face the congregation

P: Let us rejoice with Drew, Autumn, Charlee, Miley, Emma and Jade, affirming their baptisms, as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

C: As your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

P: Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING Chancel Choir

"O Praise the Name"

by M. Samson, B. Hastings, D. Ussher, arr. D. Clydesdale

*I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see his wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree.
His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.*

*Oh, praise the name of the Lord our God. Oh, praise His name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise, O Lord, O Lord our God.*

*Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King!*

*He shall return in robes of white; the blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.*

*OFFERTORY

"I Come With Joy"



I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
- live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.

WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

*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 God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*

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

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

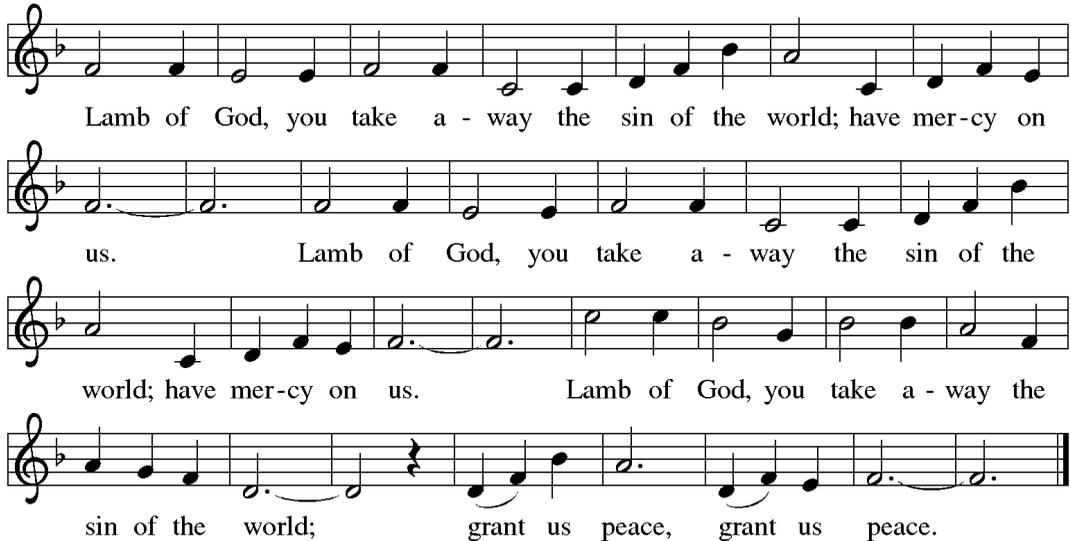
* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is distributed in a continuous fashion. Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and move to the side to receive the wine either by individual glass. The center ring in each tray is grape juice. Please return to your seat by the side aisle and place the empty individual glasses in the basket.

“Lamb of God”



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.

"You Are Mine"



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Refrain
 Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

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

*PRAYER

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION

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

Christ before you to lead you;

Christ behind you to encourage you;

Christ beside you to befriend you;

Christ above you to watch over you;

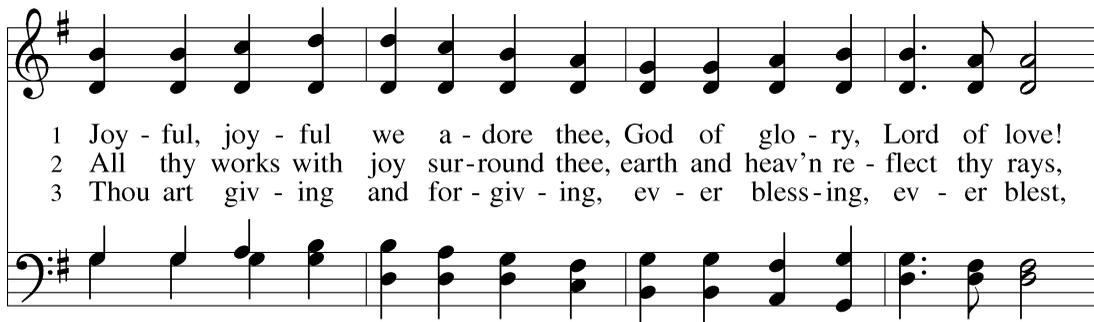
Christ within you to give you peace.

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

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Worship Matters

What does it mean to be confirmed? Although a person is baptized once in a lifetime, the gifts of baptism are continually renewed in the lives of God's people. We are to remember our baptism daily, but additionally the church takes moments like today to mark a significant milestone in the faith journey of individuals. Having been nurtured in the faith through this faith community, these young people affirm today the promises made by their parents and sponsors at their baptisms as a sign of their renewed participation in the life of the church. They are confirming their faith. Having completed the congregation's program of catechism ministry, we also rejoice in the work they have done.

Why the white robes? White robes (or albs) are worn by the confirmands today to emphasize the connection with baptism. Alb is the Latin word for "white." As a symbol of baptism, the alb also acknowledges that we are all the same before the Lord.

The large white *Paschal Candle* is placed on a stand near the baptismal font as a visual reminder that in our baptism, we are crucified and resurrected with Christ. The candle is lighted at each celebration of Baptism, at which time small baptismal candles are lighted from it for presentation to the baptized or sponsor. This act is a reminder of the integral connection between Baptism and Easter. The paschal candle is also lighted on the Sundays of Easter and for funerals. The paschal candle visually proclaims the message of Romans 6:3-5 (used at the beginning of the funeral liturgy): "In our Baptism we have already died and been raised with Christ."

An *adult mentor* is chosen by each confirmand as they begin their two-year Catechism instruction. This mentor is an active member of the church and provides guidance through this particular part of their faith journey.

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday

6:00 pm each Wednesday

-9:00 Sunday – live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

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

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present
Acolyte	-Kennedy Bailey
Organist/Presiding	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Pianist	-Rick Breier
Lector	-Confirmands
Communion Assistants	-Confirmands
Usher Team Leader	-Butch Blankenship
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Altar Guild	-Michelle Collins, Gwen Grisier
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Jeff Benecke

Worship includes the celebration of Communion today. We will be distributing communion in a continuous fashion. As you come forward you will receive the bread and then you can move to the side to receive the wine. Please pick up your own glass from the wine tray unless you need assistance. The center light-colored glasses are grape juice. Please place your empty glass in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle

Burger Bash, Today, May 15, 11 – 1:00 . . . is returning to Archbold's Ruihley Park. Please stop in to enjoy a burger and make the world a better place. Free-will donations help fund two critical projects in Haiti. Local cattle feeders have an on-going relationship (and a board seat) with Growing Hope Globally, the international organization that not only sends money to areas in need, but knowledgeable people to work and walk beside community members. The Haiti project aims to improve agricultural practices to create healthier crops and animals for a brighter tomorrow.

St. Martin's is serving the Community Meal, May 17 . . . Joyce Winzeler is looking for people to help serve. Sign up on desk in the Narthex if you can help serve.

Baskets and Bibles for our High School Graduates . . . you will find baskets in the Church entrance for gifts – what you think a graduate needs as they take the next step in their lives. Bibles – highlight your favorite verse/s to share with them. We will honor our graduates on **May 22nd** during Worship; Josh Basselman, Brady Johns, Abbie Short & Addison Ziegler.

May is Missionary Sponsorship at St. Martin's . . . The Maumee Valley Conference Women just voted to continue Missionary Sponsorship for \$6,000 a year. Our new missionaries are Dr. Stephen and Dr. Jodi Swanson. They are serving in Arusha, Tanzania. More information will be in the June/July Newsletter. You will find an envelope in your offering envelope box or you can mark your envelope: Missionary Sponsorship.

Welcome Place Wednesday . . . will be switching from its school year program to the summer. We are looking for people to help host the meals. This can be for the summer or single Wednesday or multiple Wednesdays. Helpers are also needed. Meals will be for up to 40 people. They can be simple summer style meals. Meals are served from 5:15 to 6:00. See Darren Sonnenberg if you can help.

The Lamp Lighter's were organized to support the Reach Up Ministry and to pray for the inmates and staff at the Correction Center of Northwestern Ohio and the Juvenile Center. We meet each month and we have been involved in projects to help show Christ's love to the people incarcerated. Our main project now is to purchase glasses for the indigent. Our funds are low so we are having a benefit at Mancino's in Archbold on Saturday, May 21st. Please come for a meal.

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – May 15 – Confirmation Sunday

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion

Tuesday – May 17

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonald's

Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian, St. Martin's Serving

Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm at St. Martin's

Wednesday – May 18

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm

WPW Worship, 6:00 pm

Adult Circle, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Thursday – May 19

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00 am, at Home Restaurant

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Newsletter Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – May 22 – High School Graduate Recognition Sunday

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion

Last Week at St. Martin's . . .

Receipts Week of date, 5/8/2022, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$4,387.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$6,230.00
Benevolence Received	\$305.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$570.00
Other Designated Income	\$154.00	As of 2/28/2022	
Total Income	\$4,846.00	YTD Operating Received	\$90,155.52
Worship: Sun./Wed./Total	130/12/142	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$59,253.05)
Sunday School	42	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$30,902.47

Drew Michael Bailey

Born: October 9, 2007

Baptized: December 9, 2007, at St. Martin's

Parents: Tonya Bailey & Dustin Bailey

Baptismal Sponsors: Aaron & Brean McCutcheon

Congregational Mentor: Steve Basselman

Confirmation Verse:

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

- 1st John 4:10 NLT

Affirmation
of **Baptism**



Autumn Kaylynn Benecke

Born: January 14, 2008

Baptized: February 24, 2008, at St. Martin's

Parents: Dan & Gina Benecke

Baptismal Sponsors: Kate Dominique, Jeff Benecke

Congregational Mentor: Janet Wyse

Confirmation Verse:

Hear O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. -

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NRSV

Charlee Nichole Forward

Born: May 19, 2007

Baptized: March 2, 2016, at St. Martin's

Parents: Jeff & Kristin Forward

Baptismal Sponsors: Ryan & Lindsey Short

Congregational Mentor: Amy Maassel

Confirmation Verse:

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. -

Isaiah 40:31 NLT

Miley Gene Gericke

Born: March 13, 2008

Baptized: May 18, 2008, at St. Martin's

Parents: Zach & Jessica Gericke

Baptismal Sponsors: Tess Pinter, Cagney Bostelman

Congregational Mentor: Shelly Conway

Confirmation Verse:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? - Psalm 27:1 NRSV

Emma Rae Martenies

Born: April 26, 2007

Baptized: August 15, 2018, at St. Martin's

Parents: Mike Cowgill & Elyse Martenies

Baptismal Sponsors: Jerry & Cecily Rohrs

Congregational Mentor: Jo Ann Benecke

Confirmation Verse:

Be still, and know that I am God! – Psalm 46:10 NLT

Jadelynn Lou Whitacre

Born: July 18, 2008

Baptized: August 9, 2008, at St. Peter's, Archbold

Parents: Greg & Amy Whitacre

Baptismal Sponsors: Kathie Brenon, Gavin Whitacre

Congregational Mentor: Mark Weaver

Confirmation Verse:

She is clothed in strength and dignity and laughs without fear of the future. - Proverbs 31:25 NLT

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, Tanzania, St. Martin's Companion Congregation and our Mission
Partner, Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo, as they carry out God's ministry and mission
People of Ukraine during this time of unrest, may they know the presence of our Lord Jesus
All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers and all who have lost family members & friends to
covid may we know the ever-present grace of God
St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling St. Martin's next Pastor &
Youth Leader

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

Drew Bailey, medical Issues

Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son

Jan Delaney

Jerry Geiger

Sharon Heckel

Pam Howell-Beach, sister of Dennis Howell, cancer treatments

Tanya Howell

Sue Hurst

Amy Johns

Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia

Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney

Richard Kleck, friend of John & Janette Trudel, cancer

Michael, Pastor & Linda Koch, friends of Melanie & Dick Nagel

Bonnie R. Lauber

Steve (Bonnie) Meyer

Heather Nehls Witten, daughter of Marie Nehls and Tarry Nehls, cancer

Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delaney, cancer

Doris Perry, Andi Erbskorn's mother

Stan Schmidt

Cristie Sevey

Janice Siegel, Dustin Bailey's mother, cancer

Al Siewert

Joe Wyse

Steward Wyse

Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Louise Wyse

For those who need God's protection and the assurance that he is near

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

①① Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's ①①

(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)