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like
fire?

J E R E M I A H 23:29

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022

"How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 14, 2022

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen

In this place where your glory dwells, O God, your free redeeming word is spoken.

Open our hearts to this word and make us mindful of your commandments so that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

We have often thought better of ourselves than others. We have said hurtful things and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new! *(2 Corinthians 5:17)* In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. *(Ephesians 4:32)*

Amen

***GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we may have faith to live by your word in our time, courage to persevere in the race set before us, and endurance in the time of trial; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE CHURCH LISTENS

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23–29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29 -12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were

killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your
word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where
love can grow and peace is un - der - stood. When my heart is hard,
break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

⁴⁹I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain!'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat!'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

"Jesus is Too Divisive"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Faith of Our Fathers"

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro-claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

***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**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

***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")

MUSICAL OFFERING

"How Great the Father's Love For Us"
MacKenna Whitacre, soloist

*How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many ones to glory*

*Behold the Man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished*

*I will not boast in anything, no gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom*

***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.

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*** 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**

“Jesus Loves Me”

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present
Acolyte	-Maddox Pinter
Organist/Pianist	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Vocalist	-MacKenna Whitacre
Lector	-Jamison Grime
Usher Team Leader	-Butch Blankenship
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Sandy Thatcher, Robin Trudel
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Butch Blankenship

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – August 14

Worship, 9:00 am, Blessing of the Backpacks

Tuesday – August 16

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

Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian

Wednesday – August 17

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm

Welcome Place Worship, 6:00, Fellowship Hall

Thursday – August 18

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

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Newsletter Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – August 21

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion

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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

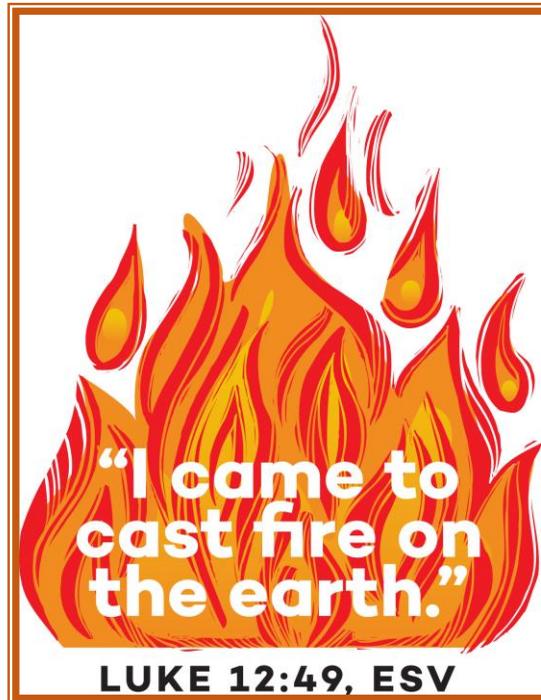
Blessing of the Backpacks & Briefcases, today, August 14 . . . All students (including college), teachers, helpers, administration, school staff are invited to have your backpacks/briefcases ready for a blessing as area public schools begin soon.

Welcome Place Wednesday . . . We are looking for people to help host the last few meals. There is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Narthex. We welcome individuals or groups to help cook and serve the meals.

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .

Receipts Week of date, 8/7/2022, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$5,270.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$6,230.00
Benevolence Received	\$60.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$570.00
Other Designated Income	\$478.00	As of 7/31/2022	
Total Income	\$5,808.00	YTD Operating Received	\$151,765.78
Worship: Sun./Wed./Total	69/20/89	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$103,433.64)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$48,332.14



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 & Friends of Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delaney, who has gone to her heavenly
home. May we know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling St. Martin's next Pastor &
Youth Leader
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
For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jan Delaney
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
Jerry Geiger
Sharon Heckel
Steve & Sue Hurst, Health Concerns
Amy Johns
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
Bonnie R. Lauber
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
Heather Nehls Witten, daughter of Marie Nehls & Tarry Nehls, cancer
Janice Siegel, Dustin Bailey's mother, cancer
Al Siewert
Jonathan Siewert
Joe Wyse
Kelsy Wyse
Homebound – Louise Wyse, Steward 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), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Ashtyn
Frederick, 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.)

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Goal for 300 School Kits, we need...

- 987 – 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college ruled paper 8" X 10½"
- ~~300 – 30-centimeter rulers (or centimeters and inches)~~
- ~~300 – Pencil sharpeners~~
- 176 – Blunt scissors
- 312 – Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 1147 – Black or Blue Ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 231 – Boxes of 24 crayons
- ~~300 – 2½" Erasers~~

PLEASE – NO GLUE!

Goal for 75 Personal Care

We need . . .

- 75 – Light to medium-weight, bath-size towel (52" X 27" or smaller), dark color
- 150 – 2-Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, original wrapping
- 65 – Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 73 – Sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 71 – Metal nail clippers (with or without file), remove packaging

Goal for 75 Baby Care Kits

We need . . .

- 150 – Lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 150 – Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 150 – Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- 300 – Cloth diapers,
- 75 – Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 150 – Pairs of socks
- 75 – Hand towel, dark color recommended
- 150 – Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- 150 – Diaper pins or large safety pins