

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
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Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

"It Is Well with My Soul" – arr. Hayes/Gaspard

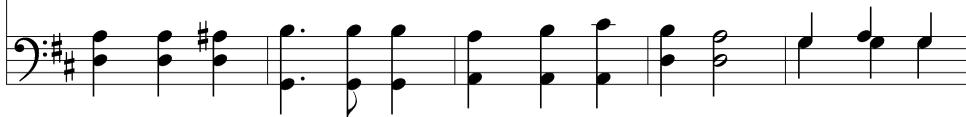
Bell & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

*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 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 grace and glory, you invite your people to contemplate heavenly things and urge us toward faith in you. Give us faith as deep as Abraham and Sarah, that we may follow you through all our days as did Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

*Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

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

Glory to you, O Lord

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

"Previously On...and in Today's Episode"



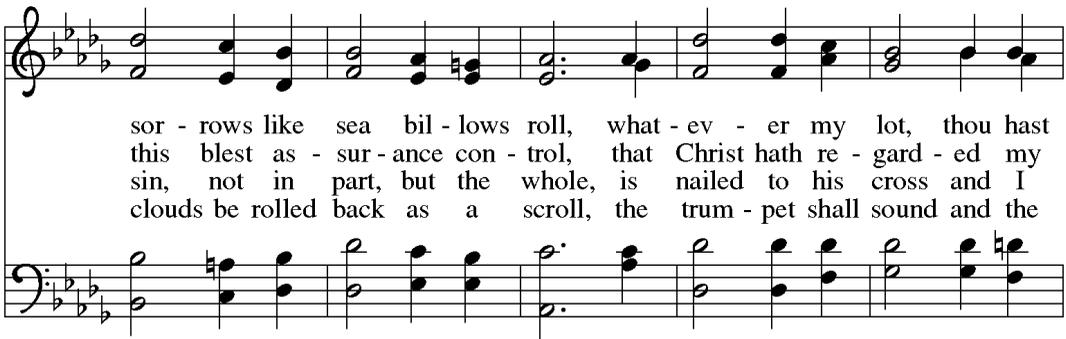
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

"It Is Well"



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul." The first line of the melody corresponds to the first line of the lyrics, and the second line of the melody corresponds to the second line of the lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

***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**

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

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, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, and with each breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness; through the past, in the present, and into the future.

We praise you, O God.

We give you thanks for your Son; at the heart of human life, near those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, and with us now.

We praise you, O God.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering his love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit in our gathering, upon this bread and cup, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Jesus Christ and by your Holy Spirit, without end.

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.

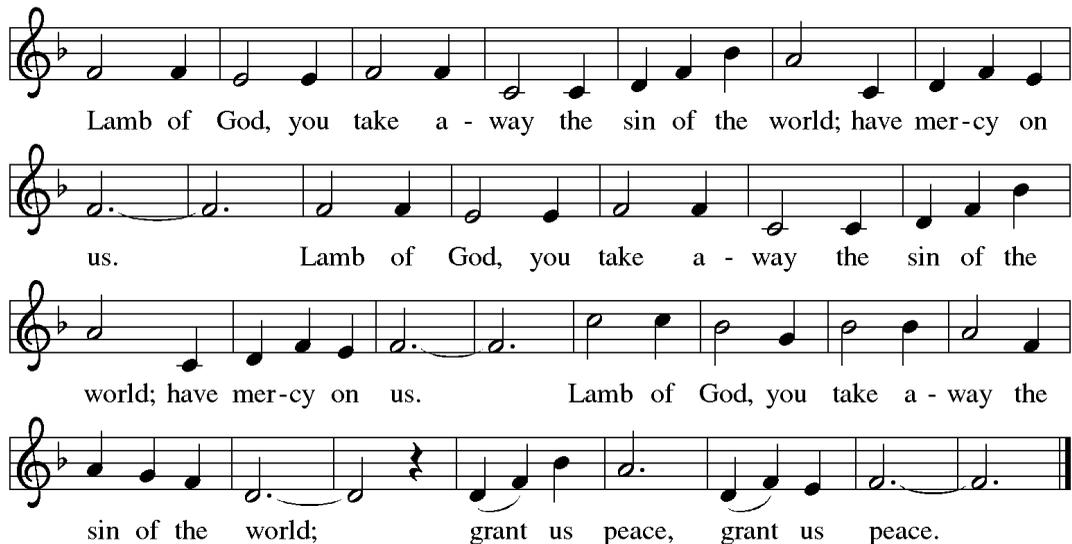
***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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

“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.

Communion Distribution

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**

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

* **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

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

Amen

*Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday

6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

-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

***We Welcome All to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us in
person and online to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ.***

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship -Everyone Present both near and far

Acolyte -Justin McCarty

Organist/Pianist -Deacon Steve Basselman

Lector -Jodi Grime

Usher Team -Butch Blankenship

Altar Guild -Sandy Thatcher, Robin Trudel

Sound System -Bill Phelps

Offering Counters -Jo Ann Liechty, Stan Schmidt

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – August 7

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion

Monday – August 8 - 12

ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Columbus, OH

Tuesday – August 9

Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 6:45, at McDonald's, Archbold

Sewing, 9:00 am

Community Meal, 5:00, at St. John's Christian

Wednesday – August 10

Welcome Place Wednesday Meal, 5:15 pm

Welcome Place Wednesday Worship, 6:00 pm

Thursday – August 11

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

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – August 14

Worship, 9:00 am, Blessing of the Backpacks

Worship includes the celebration of Communion today. We will be distributing communion **at the Altar Rail** . . . Come forward at the invitation of the ushers to the altar rail, where you may either kneel or stand. The dark glasses contain wine. The light center ring contains grape juice. After a blessing for each group, please place your empty wine glass in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

Welcome Place Wednesday . . . We are looking for people to help host the 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.

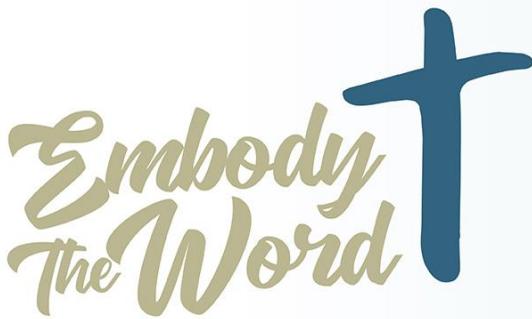
Blessing of the Backpacks & Briefcases, next Sunday, August 14 . . . All students (including college), teachers, helpers, administration, school staff are invited to have your backpacks/briefcases ready for a blessing as area public schools begin soon.

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .

Receipts Week of July 31, 2022, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$2,926.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$6,230.00
Benevolence Received	\$283.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$570.00
Other Designated Income	\$705.00	As of 6/30/2022	
Total Income	\$3,914.00	YTD Operating Received	\$132,768.05
Attendance: Sun/Wed/Total	81/18/99	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$89,725.84)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$43,042.21





2022 ELCA
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
August 8-12, 2022
Columbus, Ohio

The **2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly** will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 8-12, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. We gather under the theme, *Embody the Word*. There's an importance in the double meaning of the two words:

- Embody, meaning both the incarnation of Jesus Christ and the life of the church emerging from a pandemic.
- Word – both meaning Jesus Christ and scripture

Luke 24:45 states, “Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.” We embody the Word, both Jesus and the scripture, by speaking it and proclaiming it. In 1522: Martin Luther’s translation of the New Testament made the Word accessible to the people and revolutionized the Christian movement worldwide. 500 years later, the call to make Jesus accessible to the people still exists today and as we look to the future of this church.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God’s grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy;
- Worship together;
- Adopt a budget; and
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:

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 St. Martin's next Pastor &
Youth Leader

People of Ukraine during this time of unrest, may they know the presence of our Lord Jesus
ELCA Churchwide Assembly, August 8-12, Columbus, OH, as they discern the work God has
called us to do

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

Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend

Jerry Geiger

Tamara Hartman

Sharon Heckel

Sue Hurst

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

Dick Nagel

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

Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delaney, cancer

Janice Siegel, Dustin Bailey's mother, cancer

Al Siewert

Jonathan Siewert

Joe Wyse

Kelsy Wyse

Our Homebound Members – Steward Wyse, 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), Ashton Bradley, Ashtyn Frederick & Victoria Nilsson (Pat
Richards) Kennedy Hartung (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.)

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Goal for 300 School Kits, we need...

- 1200 – 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college ruled paper 8" X 10½"
- ~~300 – 30-centimeter rulers (or centimeters and inches)~~
- 300 – Pencil sharpeners
- 300 – Blunt scissors
- 1500 – Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 1500 – Black or Blue Ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 300 – Boxes of 24 crayons
- 300 – 2½" Erasers

PLEASE – NO GLUE!

Personal Care

Each Personal Care Kit includes:

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

Baby Care Kits

Each Baby Care Kit includes:

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