

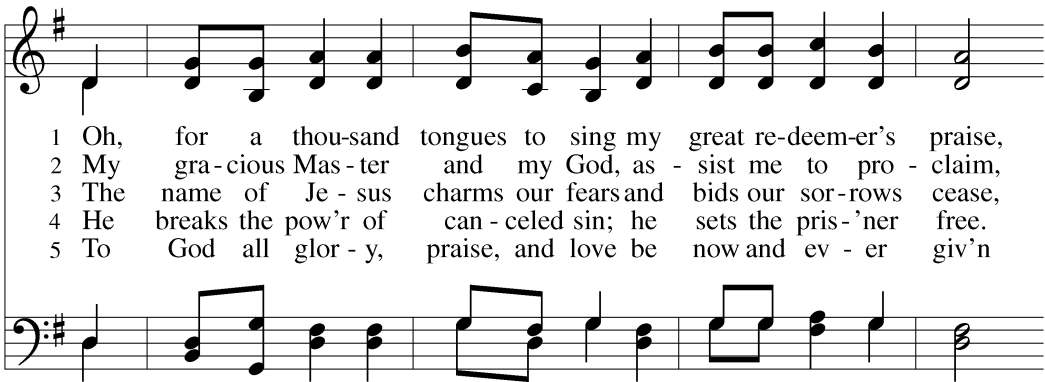


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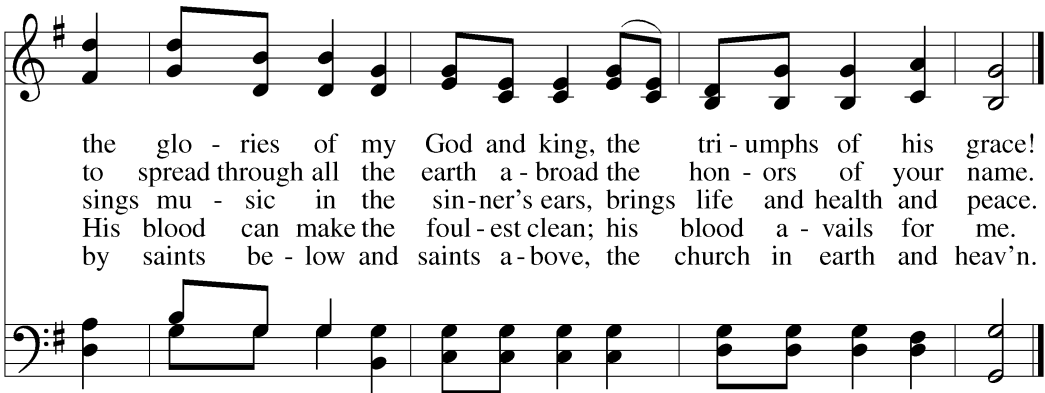
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Please sing Unison on Verses 3 & 5



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he sets the pris - 'ner free.
5 To God all glor - y, praise, and love be now and ev - er giv'n



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vails for me.
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

Bold text is spoken by the congregation

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Bell & Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Amen

In the presence of God who gives life to all things, in the light of Christ who came to save sinners, and with the sustaining gift of the Holy Spirit, we confess our sins.

Silence for personal reflection

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions.

We have sinned against you when we have ignored the poor at our gates.

We have sinned against you when we have used others for our own gain.

We have sinned against you when we have not listened to your word that calls us to repentance.

Turn us again to you that we may live in newness of life and serve you and our neighbors for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

God’s mercy endures forever (*Psalm 136:26*)

By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, our sins are forgiven and we are made free. Rejoice with one another, we are home in God’s mercy forever.

Amen

***Opening Hymn**

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*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.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you. Help us to see those in our midst that long for peace, security, and wholeness; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray.

Amen

THE CHURCH LISTENS

Old Testament Reading

Amos 6:1, 4–7

¹Sorrow awaits all of you who lounge in luxury in Jerusalem, and all of you who feel secure in Samaria!

⁴How terrible for you who sprawl on ivory beds and lounge on your couches, eating the meat of tender lambs from the flock and of choice calves fattened in the stall. ⁵You sing trivial songs to the sound of the harp and fancy yourselves to be great musicians like David. ⁶You drink wine by the bowlful and perfume yourselves with fragrant lotions. You care nothing about the ruin of your nation. ⁷Therefore, you will be the first to be led away as captives. Suddenly, all your parties will end.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 146 – *read responsively*

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God; ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 6:6–19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Bible Presentation

Message

“You Didn’t Even Notice Me”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

*Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love’s re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.



***Profession of Faith** – *Apostles Creed and St. Martin's Mission Statement*

As the people of God building the Welcome Place, we confess the faith of the Church as the values by which we live, the faith in which we welcome all people, the faith in which we baptize.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

As a church commanded by our Lord to make disciples of all nations, we confess our mission according to the Word of God. Called to make disciples, we are

Welcoming friends and strangers with God's love.

Called to teach all that our Lord commanded, we are

Working to build deeper relationships with Jesus.

Called to go out to serve all nations, we are

Witnessing to share God's love with everyone

As a church led by the biblical vision that we should all be united by our faith and understanding of the Son of God, to become mature, and completely like Jesus (*Ephesians 4:11-13*), we affirm God's vision for us.

We shall be people serving one real God, living one real faith, making one real difference.

Together we have made profession of this vision grounded in the faith of the Church. In Building the Welcome Place, we pray for the gifts of the Spirit upon us all.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Amen. (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (*We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you"*)

Musical Offering Chancel Choir

"Doxology"

S. Boosahda, arr. L. Shackley

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below;

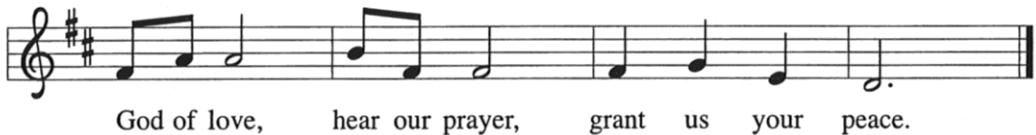
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, sing praises to the Lamb: Alleluia, gloria!

Alleluia, we worship and adore; Alleluia to the Lord!

*Prayers of the Church

Please sing the Refrain at the beginning and after each petition: "we sing to you..."



*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

* 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

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - er'd us; we go in Je - sus' name.

*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

-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	-Maddox Pinter
Organist/Pianist	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Pianist	-Rick Breier
Lector	-Diane Phelps
Usher Team Leader	-Mark Weaver
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Gwen Grisier, Cristie Sevey
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Aaron Short

The new **7th grade Catechism** students will be receiving their study Bibles today as they begin their Confirmation instruction: Grayson Forward, Wyatt Gericke, Justin McCarty, Maddox Pinter, Maddox Schneider.

Luther League will meet for pizza and games on October 2, 12-2pm in the Lodge. All high schoolers and their friends are invited to join Matt & Winter Sevey to kick off the year.

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – September 25

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

Tuesday – September 27

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonald's
Sewing, 9:00 am
Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian

Wednesday – September 28

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm
Welcome Place Worship, 6:00 pm
Adult Circle, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Catechism, 6:30 in the basement
Bells, 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir, 7:30 pm

Thursday – September 29

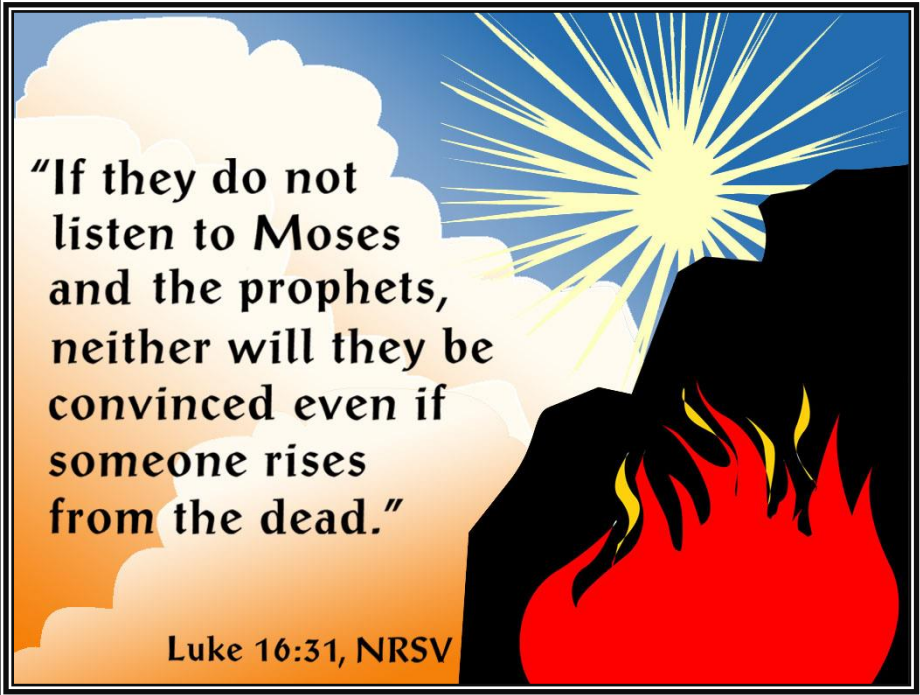
Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00 am, at Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – October 2

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion
Sunday School, 10:20 am
Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am
Luther League Kick-off, 12-2:00pm

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 St. Martin's Youth Leader
Family & Friends of Thelma Bassett, Butch Blankenship's grandmother, who went to her eternal
home this past week, may we know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus
People of Ukraine during this time of unrest, may they know the presence of our Lord Jesus
People in the paths of devastating storms, may they know the presence of our Lord
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.)



**"If they do not
listen to Moses
and the prophets,
neither will they be
convinced even if
someone rises
from the dead."**

Luke 16:31, NRSV

