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Save  
Me!

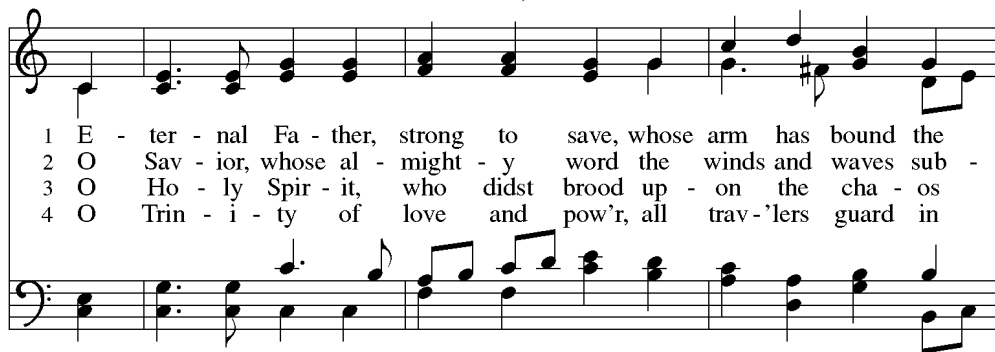


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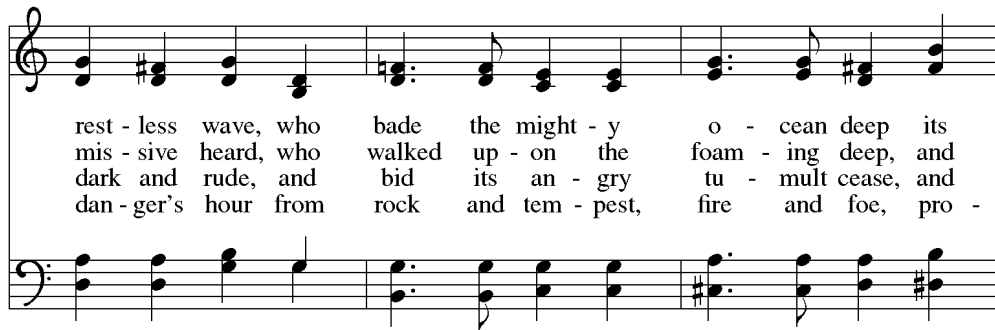
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# “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

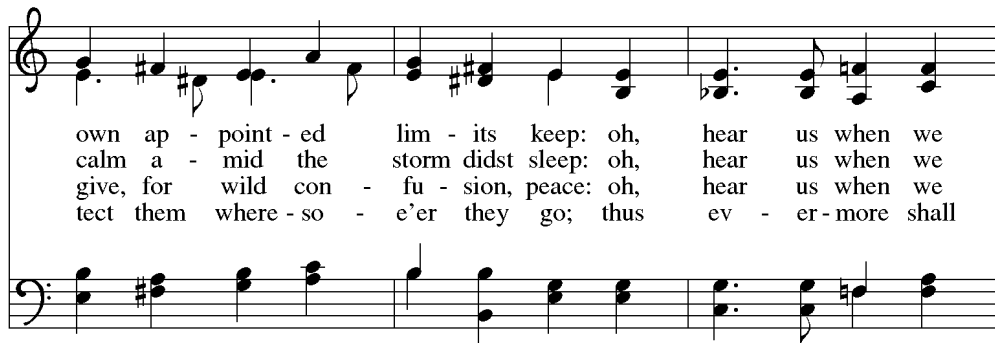
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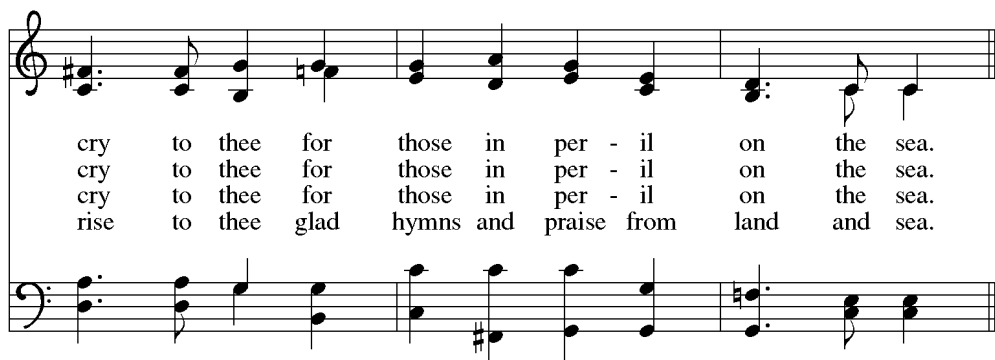
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

## **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 13, 2023**

*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

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Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor

**Bold text is spoken by the congregation**

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

#### **Prelude**

**"In Thee is Gladness"** -Robert Hobby

#### **Bell & Announcements**

#### **\*Opening Hymn**

**"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

#### **\*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 knows our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our strength,

**we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us.**

**We put ourselves first and others last.**

**What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more.**

**Even when we strive to do what is good, we find ourselves being tempted to do less than what is expected of us.**

**Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; (*Romans 3:23*) therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, (*Romans 8:39*) in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

**Amen.**

## \*Greeting

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.

## \*Hymn of Praise

### *"In Thee is Gladness"*



1 In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can



true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry tell of his



break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly  
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es



and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,  
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, 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**

### **1 Kings 19:9–18**

<sup>9</sup>At that place Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## New Testament Reading

## Romans 10:5–15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the first staff. The second staff is identical to the first, but it ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the second staff.

## **\*Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**

***“Beaten into You, or Reaching Out to You?”***

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of the Day

### "When Peace Like a River"

*Please sing unison on Verse 4*



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*

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**

**\*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")*

**Offering of Gifts**

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" -Wilbur Held**

## \*Offertory



1 Oh, what shall I ren - der in thanks to my Lord  
2 My hands take the cup of sal - va - tion you give;



for all the good gifts by which I am re - stored?  
I'll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.



No trea - sure I ten - der could ev - er re - pay  
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,



God's mer - cy and faith - ful - ness, new ev - 'ry day.  
with all of your peo - ple your good - ness pro - claim.

## \*Prayers of the Church

*Each petition ends:*

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

## \*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## \*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine 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

# "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
when my life is al - most gone;  
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

## \*Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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***We Welcome All*** to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite you to sign the Welcome Insert in your Bulletin and fill in the appropriate information. If you are visiting, we would like to invite you back to worship with us at your earliest convenience. If you are looking for a church home, come join us here at "The Welcome Place" for worship and allow us to introduce ourselves and the Lord whom we serve. Join us for coffee, cookies and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

## St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present
Acolyte	-Maddox Pinter
Organist/Pianist	-Matthew Wachtman
Preacher	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Lector	-Mark Weaver
Usher Team Leader	-Butch Blankenship
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Altar Guild	-Sandy Thatcher, Robin Trudel
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Jane Sonnenberg

**Blessing of the Backpacks, next Sunday, August 20 . . .** All students (including college), teachers, helpers, administration, school staff are invited to participate in a blessing (with or without your backpacks) as area schools begin.

**Parent & Student Meeting** on Sunday, August 27 at 10:30 for anyone interested in attending the **2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering** July 16-20 next year in New Orleans. You don't have to commit to going, this is just for information. This can include those students currently entering 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

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Wed. & Thur. afternoon

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Tue – Thurs. 9-4:00 pm

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

6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

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

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**Welcome Place Wednesday Meals...**We are looking for people to help host the meals. Meals are needed through the month of September. This can be for a single Wednesday or multiple Wednesdays. Cooks, helpers and servers are 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 on Wednesday. There are funds available for reimbursement of items purchased up to \$50 a week if needed. A sign-up sheet will be in the entry way.

**Puerto Rico Mission Trip...**We are planning to send a team from St. Martin to repair roofs damaged from Hurricanes in Puerto Rico. St. Martin has sent teams in the past. The roof repair is through "Toldos Pa' Mi Gente" which is "roofs for my People". You can check out their Facebook page to see some of the recent projects. We will be going in February of 2024. Please contact me if you would like to go. Talk to some of the members that have gone in the past. It has always been a very rewarding trip. We would like to have a team of 10-12 people. More information to come once the team is in place and a date is selected. Please pray that the plans will come together.

**VBS** collected almost 300 items for the Archbold Elementary School Supply Drive.

## This Week at St. Martin's

### Today – August 13

Worship, 9:00 am

### Tuesday – August 15

NO Men's Breakfast this week

### Wednesday – August 16

Devotions with Jake @ Ruihley Park, 2:00 pm – last one for summer!

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm

Welcome Place Worship, 6:00 pm

### Thursday – August 17

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

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

### Next Sunday – August 20

Worship, 9:00 am – Blessing of Backpacks

**Help is Needed at Care & Share Thrift Shops.** . . Care & Share is looking for someone to manage the pick-up and delivery part of our furniture area. This would be approx. 15-20 hours per week. Part of the hours would be working in the store, preparing furniture for sale, as well as helping out wherever needed. Contact Pat King, Furniture Coordinator 419 445 1926 Ext 202 or Kathy Nofziger General Mgr. Ext 100

**Deacon Steve will be on vacation** August 15-18. If you need pastoral care for an emergency, Pastor Mindy Elliot of St. Peter's, Ridgeville is available. Her cell phone is: 419-906-2888.

### Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one time donations directly from phones using this QR code.

To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to:

<https://givingtools.com>

and sign in to your account.



## Last Week at St. Martin's . . .

Receipts Week of 8/6/2023, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$5,689.27	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$6,135.00
Benevolence Received	\$858.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$640.00
Other Designated Income	\$135.00	<b>AS OF 7/31/23</b>	
Total Income	\$6,682.27	YTD Operating Received	\$164,368.36
Worship: Sun./Wed./Total	114/18/132	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$174,620.62)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$10,252.26)

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**...St. Martin's was approached about our interest in purchasing the grass lot just south and adjacent to the Lodge property at the south end of our property. Church Council has set a date for a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 27** following worship. The following resolution will be presented:

BE IT RESOLVED that Saint Martin's Lutheran Church pursue purchasing the grass lot directly south of the "Lodge", lot size being 62 feet by 132 feet, for the asking price of \$2,500.00 plus legal fees. Funds for this purchase would come from the Distributable Endowment Fund.

## 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, and Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer,  
Toledo, may they continue to carry out God's ministry in their areas of mission

People of Ukraine during this time of unrest, may they know the presence of our Lord Jesus

All First Responders, Hospital Staff, and Caregivers

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

Owen Basselman, Pat Basselman's grandson

Rick Breier

Leo Brennan, brother-in-law of John Trudel

Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son

Phyllis Corbin

Jerry Geiger

Jeanise Hoeffel, Jane Sonnenberg's sister

Steve & Sue Hurst, Health Concerns

Amy Johns

Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia

Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney

Michael Koch, friend of Melanie & Dick Nagel

Bonnie R. Lauber

Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law

Ava Pahl, Pat Basselman's niece, health concerns

Tom Plezia, friend of Karen Stevenson

Chris Shafer

Marilyn Sholl

Al Siewert

Peg Winzeler

Joe Wyse

Kelsy Wyse

Homebound – Louise Wyse

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

All St. Martin's Members as they prepare for Ministry

Our College students both close to home and far away

All members, family & friends who serve in our military, Steve & Sara (Delaney) Adams,

Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), 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.)