



St. Martin's Lutheran Church
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Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

JOY AND CELEBRATION

HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. LEE J. AFDAHL

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Beloved of the Maker”

Verse 2 – Women and Children; Verse 4 - Men



1	Come,	be - lov - ed	of	the	Mak - er,	come,	be -
2	See	the	Morn - ing - star	now	beck - on	to	those
3	Fol -	low	to	the	birth	of	new - ness;
4	There	we	too	will	burn	and	bright - en,
5	Christ,	bright	im - age	of	the	Mak - er,	God,
							whose



hold	the	First - born	One;	see	re - vealed	cre - a - tion's
bound	to	doubt	and	night;	“Fol - low	me,”
to	the	life	of	peace;	fol - low	to
splen - dent	work	be - gun;	glo - ry	will	as -	end
glo - ry	none	may	pass,	Spir - it,	sun	of
						love
						and



splen - dor	crowned	in	glo - ry	like	the	sun.
wel - come,	“come	from	dark - ness	in -	to	light.”
an - guish;	fol - low	to	the	gar - den	bliss.	
height - en,	crown - ing	us	with	glo - rious	sun.	
splen - dor,	bear	us	in - to	light	at	last.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen

Our creating God spoke and the world was created;

God speaks and calls us to listen and follow;

God speaks and sends us to bring light to the dark corners of this world.

With quiet minds to hear God's call again, let us open our hearts and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. When we cherish the excess of the world around us we cause others to stumble. We do not listen to your voice when we put our selfish actions ahead of your call. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God gives power to the weary, and strengthens the powerless. *(Isaiah 40:28-29)* With God's forgiveness we are free to serve in the name of the Lord.

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 God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Stir us with your voice, strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call to mission and ministry, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

Amen

THE CHURCH LISTENS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalmody - *responsively*

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 14-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Would You Go There?"

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

***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**

***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

"FOR THE LIFE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN"

(HOLY MANNA) ARR. DALE WOOD

***OFFERTORY**

“For the Life that You Have Given”



1 For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
2 Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!



with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor - ship, praise!



here we of - fer, Lord, our prais-es; heart and mind and strength we bring;
We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.
By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans-form!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful Word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 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."

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this holy food and all the baptized gathered for this feast. Refresh us so that we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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 COMMUNION

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.

“One Bread, One Body”

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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**

Ever-faithful God, you have taken us into your arms through the waters of baptism and nourished us as your dear children at this table. Lead us and guide us, that we may share our bread and your healing light with those who hunger and thirst. Embolden us to share the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

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. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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

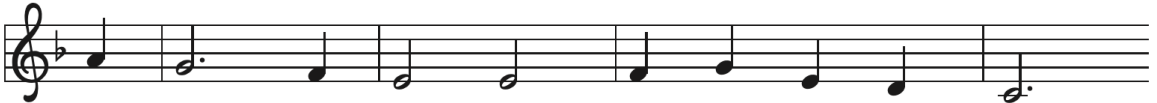
Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

“Go to the World!”



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 “Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!”



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God! *(1 Corinthians 15:57)*

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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

***We Welcome All** to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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	-Justin McCarty
Lector	-Abbie Short
Organist/Pianist	-Matthew Wachtman
Usher Team Leader	-Ziegler, Pinter, Gericke Families
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Altar Guild	-Cristie Sevey, Robin Trudel
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Jo Ann Benecke

Puerto Rico Mission Trip...The St. Martin Mission Team will be going to Puerto Rico on February 4-11 to repair a roof destroyed from Hurricanes. The roof repair is through “Techos Pa’ Mi Gente” which is “roofs for my People”. Plans are all set. Hard to believe that we leave in a few weeks. We are still waiting to find out what house we will be repairing.

The team is hosting a Coffee TODAY January 21st after worship. Please make plans to stay and support our mission trip. Come, visit, and wish our team good luck.

Team members are: Bill & Diane Phelps, Albert & Yanira Reyes, Darren & Jane Sonnenberg, Aaron Short, John Poulson, Jane Trudel, Tim Ziegler, and Jo Ann Liechty.

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Wednesday Kids Club meets 6-7:30pm each week. February’s theme is ***Pet Project: See It Through***. For the entire month, we’ll be talking about *Responsibility*.

Sunday Night Youth meets 6-7:30pm each week. February’s theme is *Culture*.

Are you being called to serve?

Volunteers are needed to help support our continued ministry. How is God calling you to serve? Here are some opportunities:

Synod Assembly Voting Members – the Northwestern Ohio Synod will gather for a one-day meeting on Saturday, June 1 from 9am to 5pm at St. Mark’s, Bowling Green. St. Martin’s is allowed 3 voting members in addition to Deacon Steve: one Male, one Female, and one Youth/Young Adult. Please email the Church Office or Deacon Steve if you are interested in serving by February 1st.

Church Van Search Team – interest has been expressed about acquiring a Church Van. If you would be interested in gathering information for Church Council, please contact Council President, Butch Blankenship or the Church Office.

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .

Receipts Week of 1/14/2023, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$4039.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$6,135.00
Benevolence Received	\$52.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$640.00
Other Designated Income	\$110.00	AS OF 12/31/23	
Total Income	\$4201.00	YTD Operating Received	\$293,800.62
Worship: Sun/Wed	76/0/76	YTD Operating Expenses	\$(281,769.82)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$ 12,030.80

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.



Annual Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, January 28 following worship.

2023 Annual Reports are available in a hard copy format. Please only one per household. A link was sent out through email on Friday so that you can also view it electronically. Please bring the report (or a device to view it) with you for the meeting next week.

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – January 21 - Communion

Worship, 9:00 am

Sunday School, 10:20

Monday – January 22

The Chosen – Zoom Discussion Group, 8:30pm

Tuesday – January 23

Men's Breakfast, 7:00am @ McDonald's

Sewing, 9am

Community Meal @ St. John's Christian, 5-6:00pm

Women's Study, Cultivating Holy Beauty, 7:30 @ Church

Wednesday – January 24

Welcome Meal, 5:15pm

Welcome Place Worship, 6pm

Wednesday Kids Club, 6-7:30pm

NO Bell Choir

Catechism, 6:30pm

NO Chancel Choir

Thursday – January 25

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

Bulletin Deadline, 9am

Next Sunday – January 28 – Annual Meeting

Worship, 9:00am

Annual Meeting following Worship

Sunday School, 10:30am

St. Martin's Prayer Line

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

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Those caught in the fighting between Israel and Palestine, and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

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

Tim Anderson, Bjorlin cousin, cancer
Richelle Avers
Tonya Bailey
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Phyllis Corbin
Jan Delaney
Jerry Geiger
Tom Heckel
Steve & Sue Hurst, health concerns
Amy Johns
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon Blair, Leukemia
Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney
Michael Koch, friend of Melanie & Dick Nagel
Bonnie R. Lauber
Lydia Lehman, niece of Joyce and Jo Ann
Jason Miller, Schmidt family friend
Frankie Molina, Joe Schneider's brother-in-law
Ann Ott
Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law
Ava Pahl, Pat Basselman's niece, health concerns
Bruce Pearson, Trudel family friend, cancer
Tom Plezia, friend of Karen Stevenson
Peg Roth, back surgery
Keith Sevey
Al Siewert
Joan Smith
Peg Winzeler
Joe Wyse
Kelsy Wyse – in hospice care
Homebound – 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: Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Ashtyn Frederick, Brendon Johns, Kasyn Schaffner, Spencer Short

Any prayer requests to add or remove can be sent to the Church Office by Thursday of each week: stmartin@the-welcome-place.org

We include a person's name and details only with their permission.