

**"IF A HOUSE IS  
D I V I D E D  
AGAINST ITSELF,  
THAT HOUSE  
CANNOT STAND."**

**MARK 3:25**

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church**  
**203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502**  
**Deacon Steve Basselman**

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
*June 9, 2024*

# "Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Refrain*



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way; for if you



lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me



walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 9, 2024**

*A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.*

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**Bold text is spoken by the congregation**

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

***“Lead Me, Guide 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, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. *(Ephesians 4:32)*

**Amen**

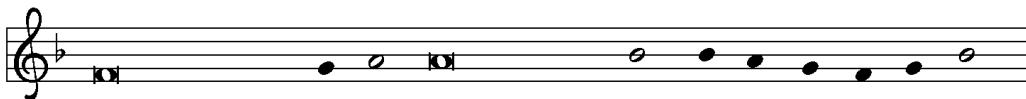
# \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



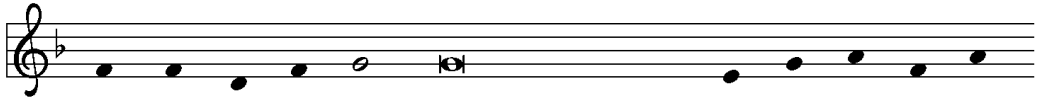
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



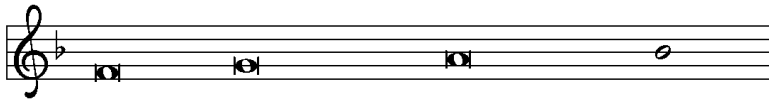
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

## \*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.**

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same 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

### FIRST READING

### Genesis 3:8–15

Late in the afternoon a breeze began to blow, and Adam and Eve heard the Lord God walking in the garden. They were frightened and hid behind some trees.

The Lord called out to the man and asked, "Where are you?"

The man answered, "I was naked, and when I heard you walking through the garden, I was frightened and hid!"

"How did you know you were naked?" God asked. "Did you eat any fruit from that tree in the middle of the garden?"

"It was the woman you put here with me," the man said. "She gave me some of the fruit, and I ate it."

The Lord God then asked the woman, "What have you done?"

"The snake tricked me," she answered. "And I ate some of that fruit."

So the Lord God said to the snake: "Because of what you have done, you will be the only animal to suffer this curse— For as long as you live, you will crawl on your stomach and eat dirt. You and this woman will hate each other; your descendants and hers will always be enemies. One of hers will strike you on the head, and you will strike him on the heel."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### PSALM 130 – *read responsively*

Out of the depths of trouble I call out to you, Lord. Hear my voice as I cry for mercy.

**If you kept record of our sins, no one could last long.**

But you forgive us, and so we will worship you.

**With all my heart, I am waiting for you, Lord! I trust your promises.**

I wait for you more eagerly than a soldier on duty waiting for the dawn.

**Yes, I wait more eagerly than a soldier on duty waits for the dawn.**

Trust the Lord, Israel. The Lord is always merciful, and has the power to save you.

**The Lord will save you, Israel, from all of your sins.**



## SECOND READING

## 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

In the Scriptures it says, "I spoke because I had faith." We have that same kind of faith. So we speak because we know that God raised the Lord Jesus to life. And just as God raised Jesus, he will also raise us to life. Then he will bring us into his presence together with you. All of this has been done for you, so that more and more people will know how kind God is and will praise and honor him.

We never give up. Our bodies are gradually dying, but we ourselves are being made stronger each day. These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing. Things that are seen don't last forever, but things that are not seen are eternal. That's why we keep our minds on the things that cannot be seen

Our bodies are like tents that we live in here on earth. But when these tents are destroyed, we know that God will give each of us a place to live. These homes will not be buildings that someone has made, but they are in heaven and will last forever.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

## \*GOSPEL READING

Mark 3:20-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — <sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## MESSAGE

***"Relationship Challenges"***

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

### "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries  
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and  
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with  
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a  
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

### \*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, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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")*

## **OFFERING OF GIFTS**

## \*OFFERTORY



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!

## \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### \*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 us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

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

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

Amen

### \*CLOSING HYMN

### *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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

Acolyte	-Kellen Schmidt
Lector	-Zach Basselman
Pianist	-Rick Breier
Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Usher Team Leader	-Ziegler/Pinter/Gericke
Sound System	-Cameron Thompson
Altar Guild	-Cristie Sevey & Jess Short
Offering Counters	- Jo Ann Benecke & Jo Ann Liechty

**TODAY – ELCA Youth Gathering Fund-raising Brunch**, following worship. Join the young people attending the Youth Gathering in July and support them with your free-will donations.

**We are looking for people or groups to help host the Wednesday Night Welcome Place Meals.** This can be for the summer, a single Wednesday, or multiple Wednesdays. Helpers are also needed. Meals will be for up to 40 people. They can be simple summer-style meals and costs can be covered if requested. Meals are served from 5:15 to 6:00 each week. We will need meals covered starting July 3<sup>rd</sup> through the summer. Contact Darren Sonnenberg for more information or to volunteer. [sonnberg@rtecexpress.net](mailto:sonnberg@rtecexpress.net)

**If you would like to bring cookies** for Cookies & Coffee after church this summer, you can sign up in the entryway. We currently don't have anyone signed up from June 16th through the summer.

**Summer Youth Activities...** check out the table in the entrance and share with friends all the activities planned.

**Youth Waterpark trip** was rescheduled to this Wednesday June 12.

**Youth Lunch & Devotions** is this Tuesday, June 11 @ The Healthy Spot.

**Church Council** meets this Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

**May is Missionary Sponsorship Month for St. Martin's.** The Maumee Valley Conference voted at their last gathering to continue supporting the Swanson's work in Tanzania. You may use your offering envelope marked "Missionary Sponsorship" or mark your envelope Missionary Sponsorship. Here is an update on the Swanson's work . . .

Dr. Stephen Swanson and his wife Jodi are dedicated medical missionaries serving in Tanzania. Their work focuses on improving healthcare for children and communities in the region. Let me share some details about their mission:

Stephen Swanson is a board-certified pediatric and infectious disease physician. He serves at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC) and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania. His responsibilities include:

- +Providing care for children
- +Engaging in educational and research efforts
- +Developing pediatric medical curriculum
- +Training Tanzanian nursing and medical students
- +Serving as an intermediary to the international global health community.

Jodi Swanson, Stephen's wife, is actively involved in:

- +Managing acute childhood malnutrition in hospitals and the community
- +Contributing to nursing and health education
- +Training community health workers.

Their work is essential for improving neonatal care and overall healthcare in Tanzania. Unfortunately, there's also some sad news. Steve Swanson passed away on March 17, 2024, but his legacy lives on through the impact he made during his missionary work. Donations can be given to this on-going missionary sponsorship through June 16.

**There will be a Blood Drive at the Ridgeville Corners Legion** on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-6.



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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

**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 . . .**

Week of 6/2/2024, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$9,110.25	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$6,657.00
Benevolence Received	\$515.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$677.00
Other Designated Income	\$930.00	<b>AS OF 5/31/24</b>	
Total Income	\$10,555.25	YTD Operating Received	\$122,121.80
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	97/20/117	YTD Operating Expenses	\$(143,991.83)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(21,870.03)

## **This Week at St. Martin's**

### **Sunday – June 9**

Worship, 9am

Youth Gathering Breakfast Fundraiser, 10am

### **Tuesday – June 11**

Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's

Sewing, 9am

Youth Lunch & Devotions @ The Healthy Spot

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

### **Wednesday – June 12**

Youth Water Park- 8:45am

Welcome Meal, 5:15pm

Worship, 6pm

### **Thursday – June 13**

Women's Breakfast Study, 7am @ Home Restaurant

Bulletin Deadline, 9am

Church Council, 7pm

### **Next Sunday – June 16(Father's Day) Holy Communion**

Worship, 9am

## **Join Us on Sundays in July for...**

### **"The Inside Scoop" – a four-week coffee hour series featuring various topics**

July 7 – "Behind the Scenes" history of St. Martin's. Little known facts that shaped St. Martin's led by Steve Basselman

July 14 – "All Creation Sings" workshop: with the 2020 hymnal supplement, led by Matthew Wachtman

July 21 – "On the Corner...": a building history of St. Martin's, led by Jim Wyse

July 28 – ELW Setting 1 workshop: a 'get-to-know-you' with a new setting of the liturgy, led by Matthew Wachtman/Steve Basselman

## 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, the Ukraine, and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.
- ❖ The family & friends of Phyllis Corbin who passed away June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ The family of John & Chris Schaffer whose sister, Paula Miller, passed away May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

Tim Anderson, Bjorlin cousin, cancer

Rick Breier

Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son

Jerry Geiger

Tom Heckel

Marlene & Tim Huber

Steve Hurst, health concerns

Jayne Jewell, Diana Ziegler's cousin

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

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

Eric and Susan Rupp, Greg Rupp's brother and sister-in-law, health concerns

Keith Sevey

Al Siewert

Joan Smith

Sandy Thatcher

Joe Wyse

Homebound – Louise Wyse

For those who need God's protection and the assurance of God's presence:

- 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

**Any prayer requests to add or remove can be sent to the Church Office by Thursday of each week: [smartin@the-welcome-place.org](mailto:smartin@the-welcome-place.org)**

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

