St. Martin's Lutheran Church
Archbold, Ohio

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026
Summer Sermon Series – The Questions God Asks

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE **SCHERZO** *FROM GRAND SONATA*
- Dudley Buck

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

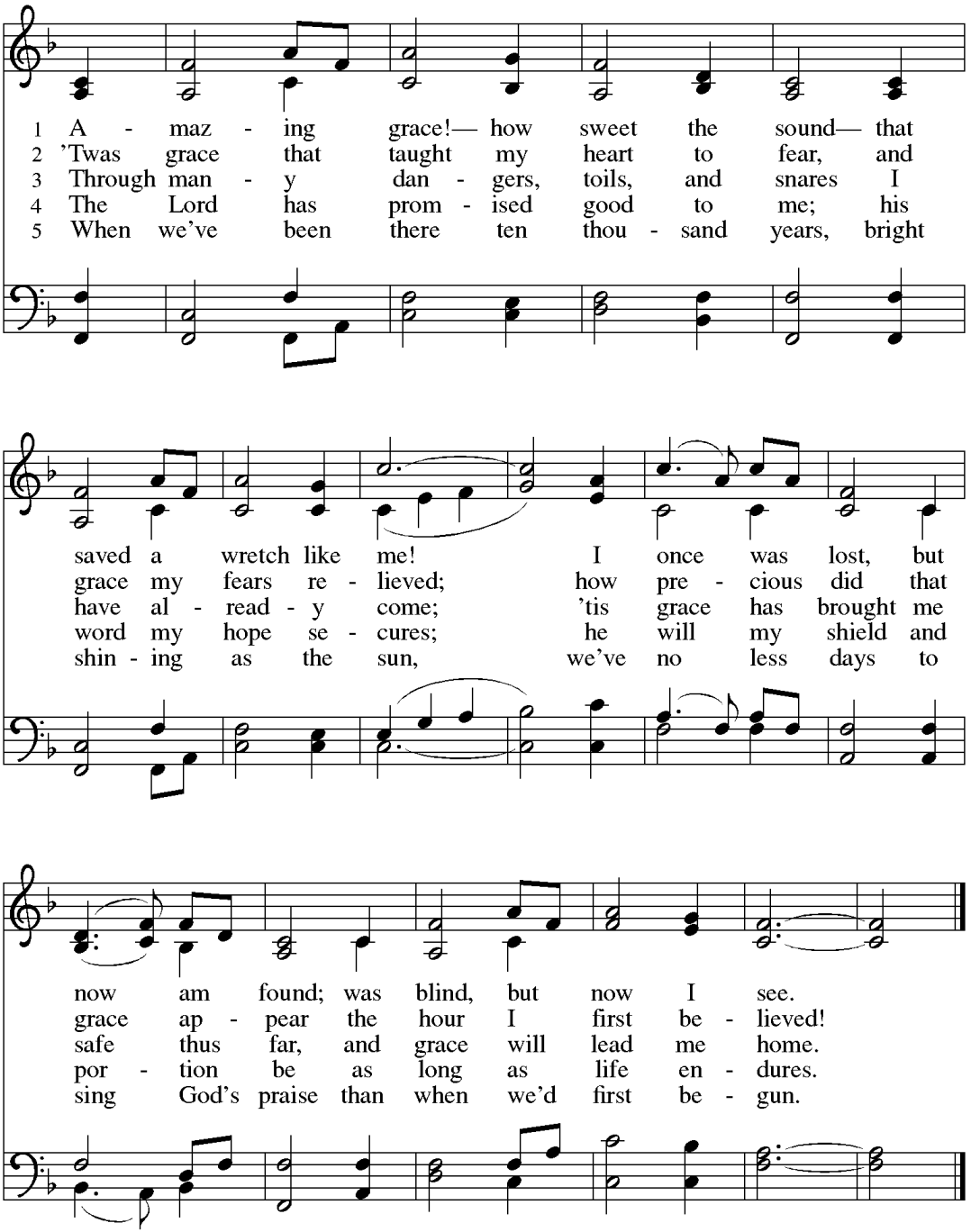
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-10)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

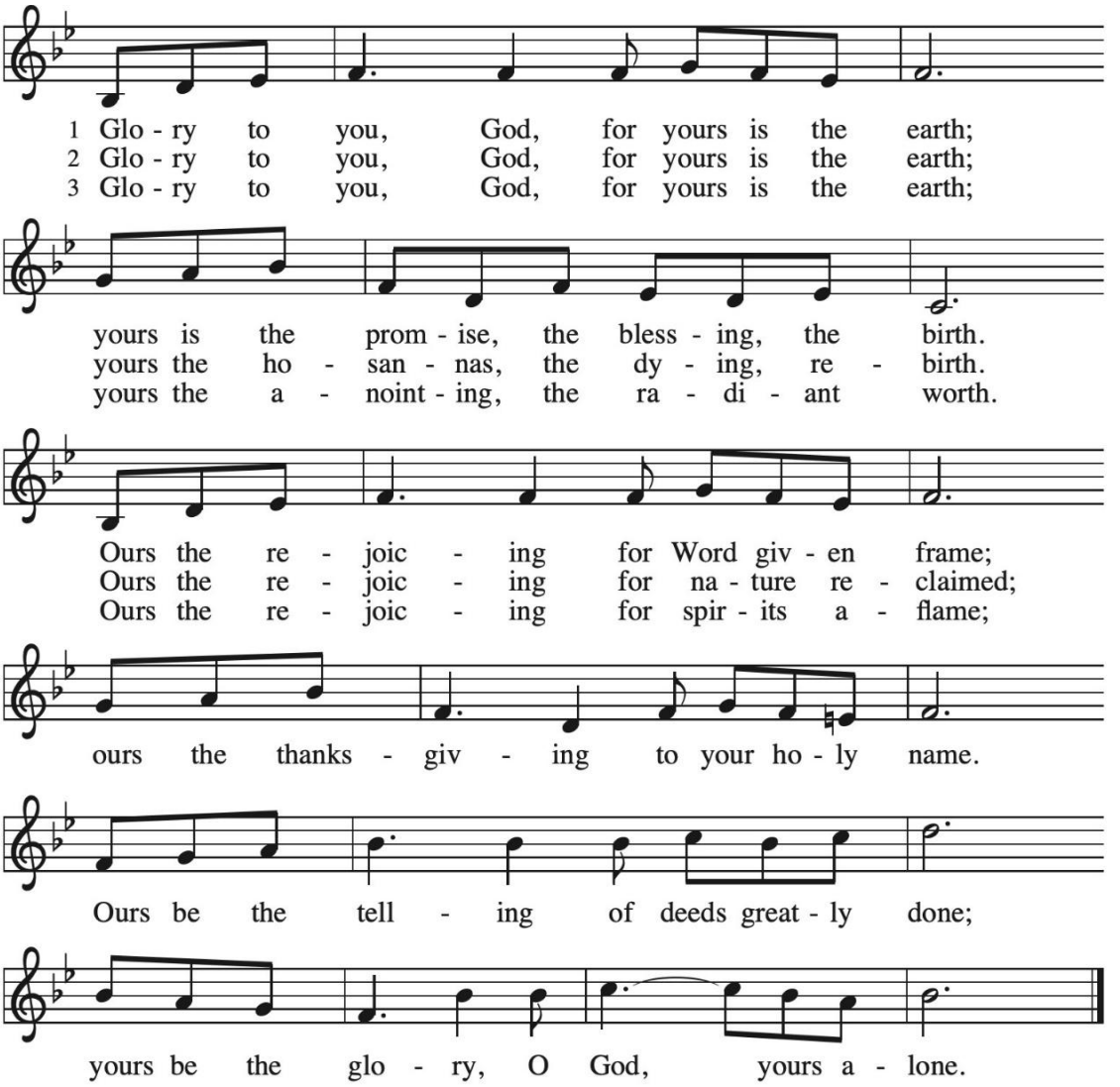
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound!"*

(Verse 2 – Men and Low Voices only; Verse 4 – Women and High Voices only)

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Loving God, you come looking for us even when we're hiding. Help us drop our fear and our excuses so we can be honest with you and with ourselves. Cover us with the grace of Jesus when our own solutions fall apart. Fill us with your Spirit so we can walk in the freedom and forgiveness you give. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

THE CHURCH LISTENS

PSALMODY **Psalm 139** *(selected verses)*

1 O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. 2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. 5 You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

8 If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. 13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! I am wonderfully and marvelously made.

16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

17 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Genesis 3:1-21

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made.
He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The
woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said,
'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch
it, or you shall die.' " 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, 5 for God knows
that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and
evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to
the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate,
and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of
both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together
and made loincloths for themselves.

8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening
breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among
the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are
you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was
naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from
the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave
to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the LORD God said to the
woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I
ate."

17 And to the man God said,
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;
you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

20 The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And
the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

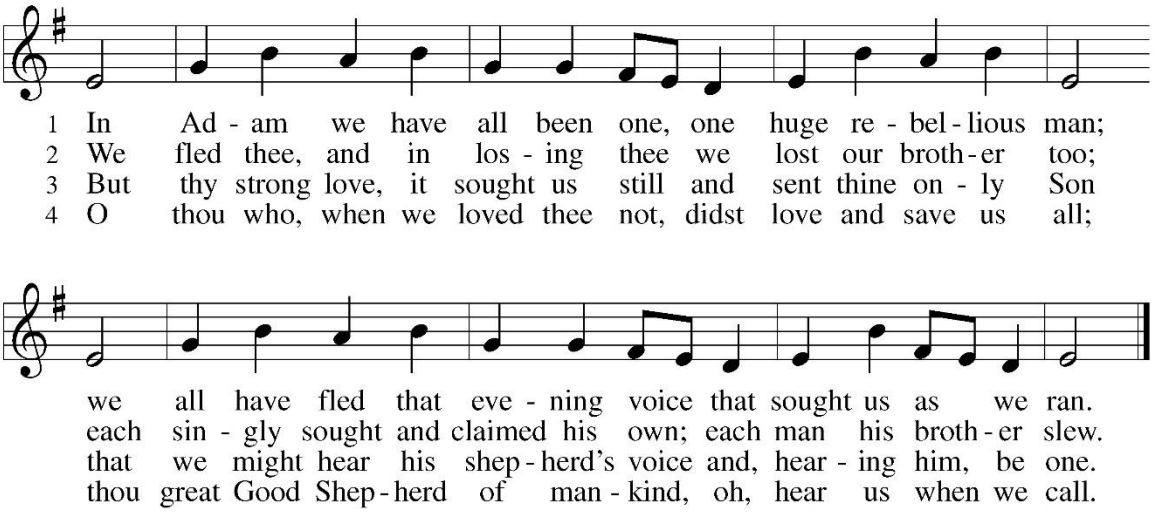
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

THE QUESTIONS GOD ASKS: "WHERE ARE YOU?" Genesis 3:9

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"In Adam We Have All Been One"



5 Send us thy Spirit, teach us truth;
thou Son, oh, set us free
from fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
and make us one in thee.

6 Then shall our song united rise
to thine eternal throne;
where with the Father evermore
and Spirit, thou art one.

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

As the people of God building a 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 a 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)*

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each prayer petition ends:
God of grace,
receive our prayer.

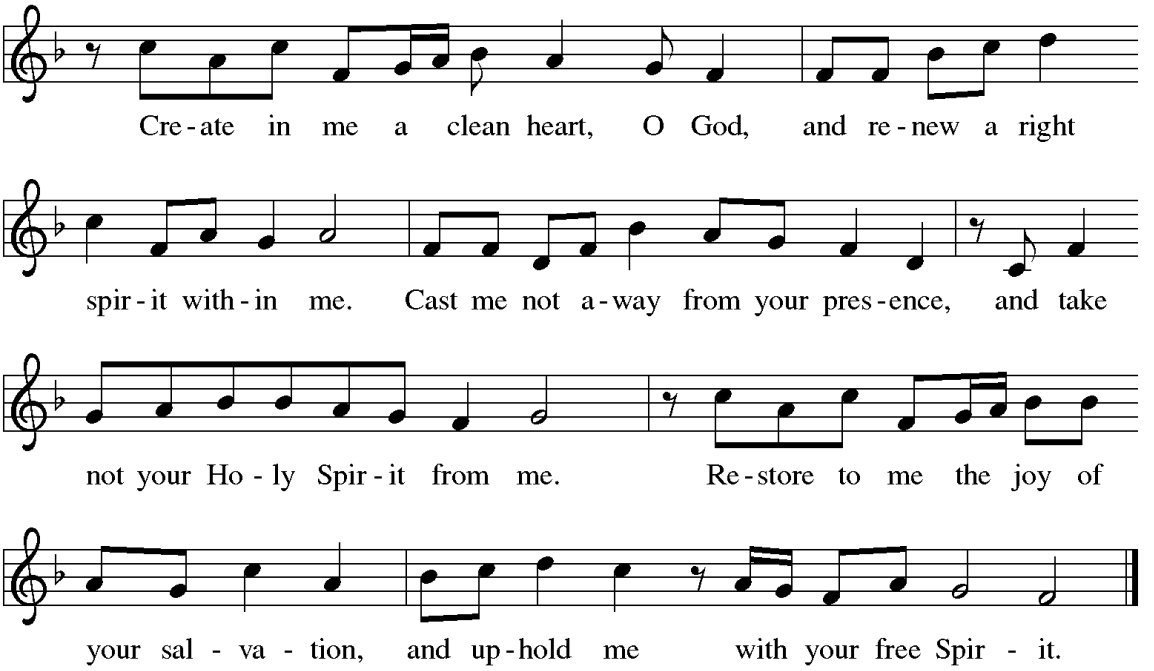
*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you. *(Please share God's peace with those around you)*

OFFERING — "PRAELUDIUM AND ALLEGRO"

ANDREW HOVERMAN, VIOLIN — *-FRITZ KREISLER*

*Offertory



*Offering Prayer

Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Share in the Meal

*The 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, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

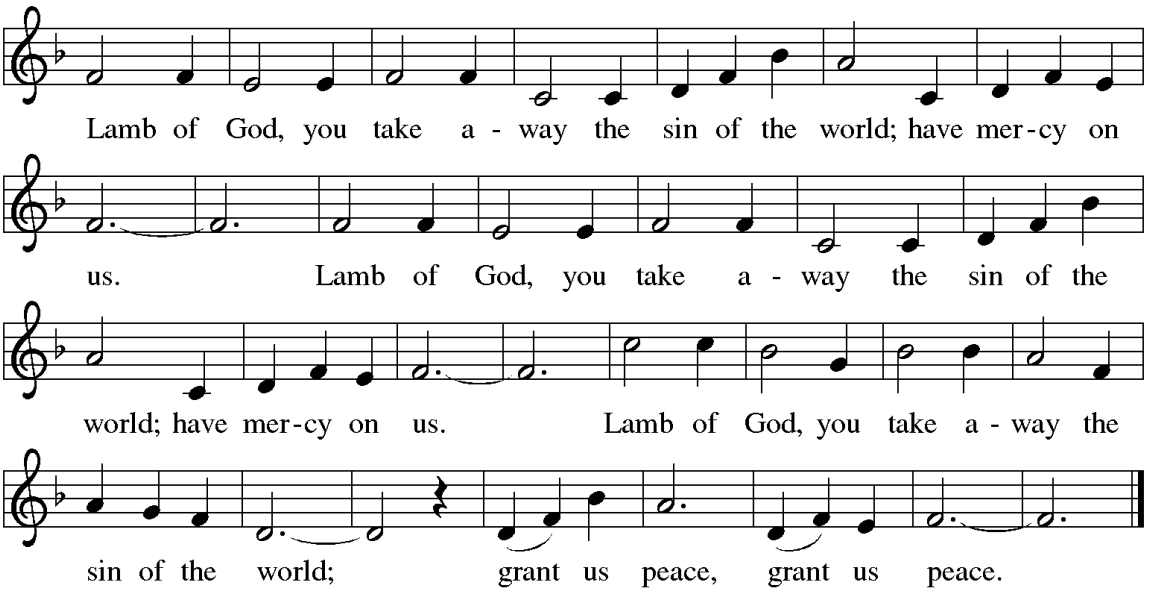
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

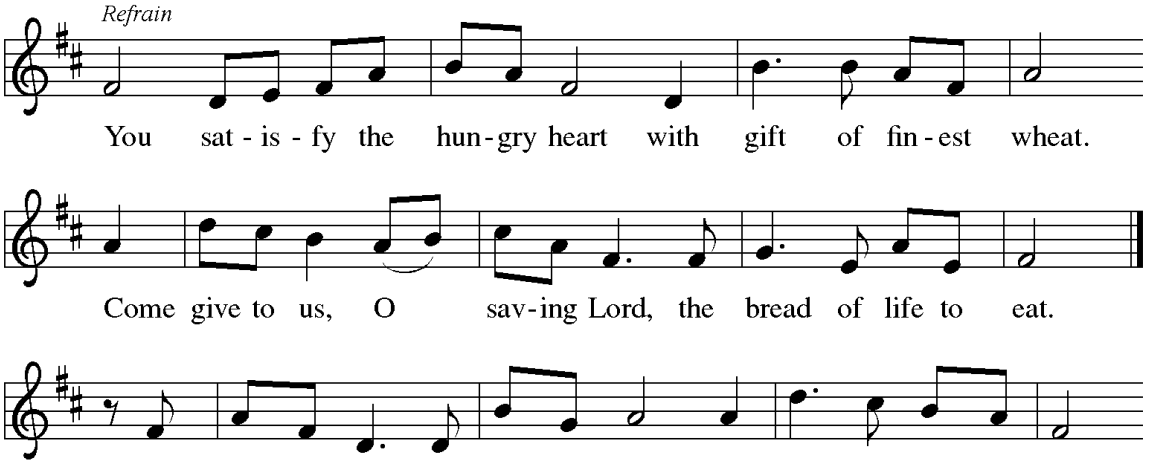
*The Lord's Prayer

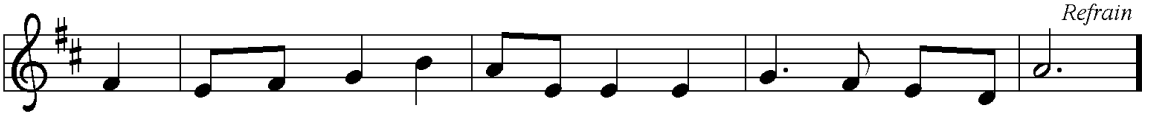
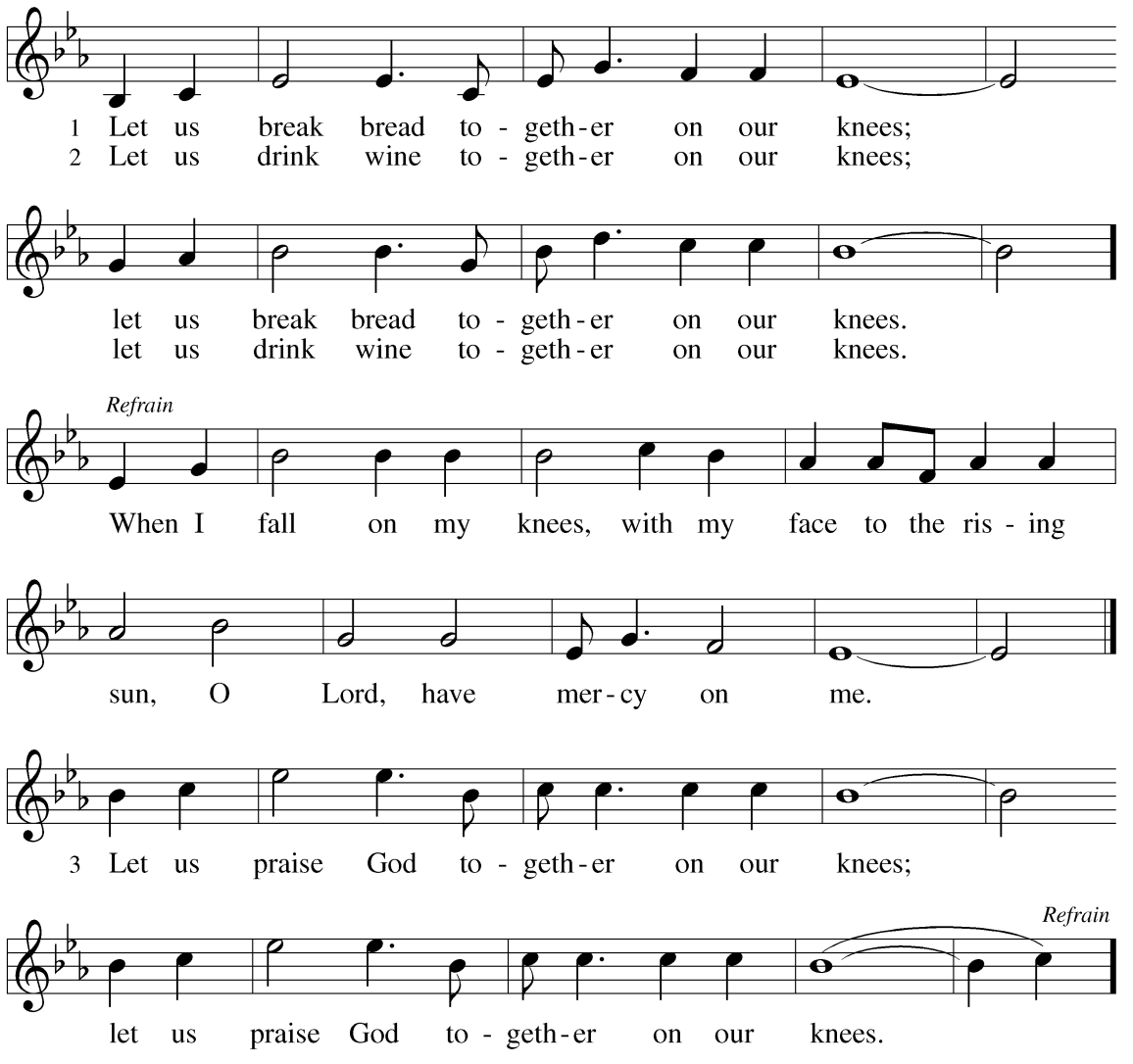
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION — "LAMB OF GOD"



"YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART"



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES"

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.

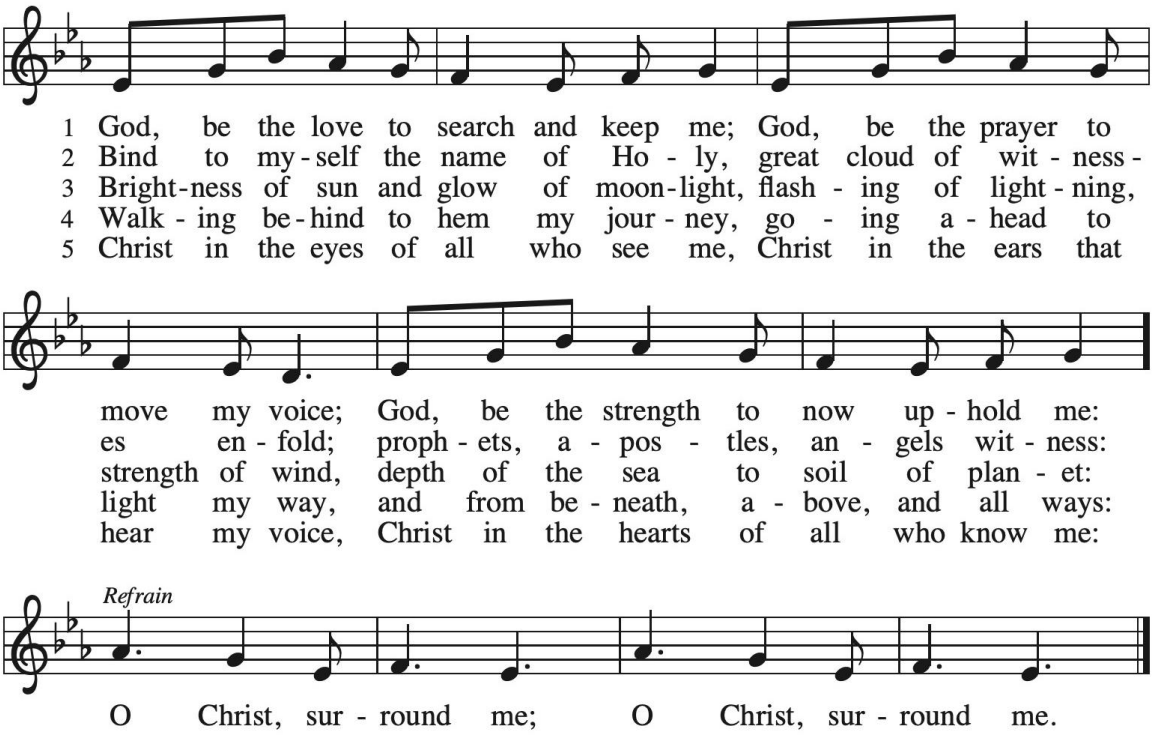
Amen

*PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"*



*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Violinist	-Andrew Hoverman
Acolyte	-Jalen Thompson
Usher Team Leader	-Butch & Amy Blankenship
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Altar Guild	- Cristie Sevey & Jessica Short
Offering Counters	-Janet Wyse & Jo Ann Liechty

The St. Martin's Webstore has some new items as of 5/6/2026! If you would like to order some apparel you can go to https://stmartinsarchbold.itemorder.com, click the link in your Friday email.

We are looking for people who would like to **provide the Wednesday Night meals**. Erinn Thompson is organizing this, so you can contact her if you would like to help. You can also scan the QR code provided or click the link in your Friday email to sign up!

We are looking for several people who would be interested in being part of an usher team. Each team only ushers every five months and usually once or twice during that month. If you would be interested in considering doing this or have any questions, please reach out to Jim or Janet Wyse.

Volunteers needed! If you can thread a needle, and tie a knot, you are qualified! The sewing group is looking for more volunteers to help knot quilts. Our numbers have dwindled, and although we have done about 100 quilts for Lutheran World Relief, we need more people to do the knotting as we start our Christmas Cheer quilts in June. Teachers, high schoolers, college students, moms and even dads, who are "home" for the summer, please give us some of your time. Our sewing group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, so in June that is June 9th and 23rd. We start at 9:00 a.m. and are done by noon. You can even come late and leave early to fit into your schedule. Come help us Do God's Work with Your Hands!

SAINT & SINNER Trivia Night, this Tuesday, June 23, 6-8pm at Knotty Vines Winery. Their regular menu items are available to purchase. Trivia will begin about 6:30. We recommend a team of 6, but if you don't have a team, come on out anyway! We'll either put you on a team or make up the rules as we go. If you're not a trivia person, and just want to observe, please come!

Local Ministry Opportunity – the Friendship House, our community's homeless shelter, is seeking a faith-based live-in House Mom or House Parents to provide friendship and guidance to those who have come to start over. Grit and Grace the two most important qualifications. The new addition offers a private first-floor room and bath. No-cost housing a perk. Candidate could be employed outside the home, but needs to be home for most evening meals and healthy early- evening interaction. (Volunteers available for days away) Is God calling you or someone you know to explore this opportunity further? If so contact Cecily Rohrs at 419-572-9530.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church is proud to announce the 2026–2027 season of the St. Martin's Concert Series as we celebrate the series' 10th Anniversary Season. For the past decade, the series has brought outstanding musicians and meaningful musical experiences to the Archbold community, enriching the cultural life of Northwest Ohio.
This milestone season reflects both celebration and gratitude—celebrating ten years of music-making and expressing thanks to the many supporters, volunteers, sponsors, and audience members who have made the series possible. All concerts are free and open to the public, continuing St. Martin's commitment to making high-quality music accessible to everyone.
The season begins Friday, July 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Founders Hall at Sauder Village with the internationally acclaimed: The Raleigh Ringers. This Emmy-nominated concert handbell choir from North Carolina will bring an energetic and entertaining performance to kick off the anniversary season. The concert is generously sponsored by the Archbold Area Foundation

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – June 21-Holy Communion
Worship, 9am

Tuesday – June 23
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Sewing, 9am
Knotty Vines SAINT & SINNER Trivia Night, 6pm

Wednesday- June 24
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm

Thursday- June 25
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – June 28
Worship, 9am

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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 6/14/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$7,154.57	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$522.00		
Total Income	$7,676.57	**AS OF 5/31/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$144,789.39
		YTD Operating Expenses	($172,246.89)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	68/22/90	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(27,457.50)

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, Iran; those recovering from natural disasters and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief and other relief agencies.

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

Bob Alley, Louise Beldon's brother-in-law, health concerns
Tim Anderson, Bjorlin cousin, cancer
Bonnie Badenhop, pancreatic cancer
Beverly Bettison, friend of Angie Avers, health concerns
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jan Delaney, surgery
Jodi Downey, sister of Mark Weaver, health concerns
Jim Hayes, brother of June Hayes, health concerns
Jeanise Hoeffel, Jane Sonnenberg's sister
Jayne Jewell, Diana Ziegler's cousin
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon Blair, Leukemia
Colleen Kelly
Sue Keil, Jake's mom
Bill Knause, Jess Short's father, health issues
Bonnie R. Lauber
Ann Ott
Dorothy Gifford, Diane Parsons' sister, cancer
Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law
Bill Phelps
Peg Roth
Eric and Susan Rupp, Greg Rupp's brother and sister-in-law, health concerns
Mary Schwartz, Dianne Parsons' sister
Trent Sholl, son of Marilyn Sholl, health concerns
Al & Lois Siewert
Joan Smith
Brad Welsh, brother-in-law of John & Chris Shafer, cancer
Joyce Winzeler
Paul Wyse, health concerns
Joe Wyse

Homebound – Milla Kohv, Jerry & Alice Geiger

All members, family & friends who serve in our military: Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Brendon Johns

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.**