St. Martin's Lutheran Church
Archbold, OH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, June 28, 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 **TOCCATA PONTIFICALE** - *Gordon Young*

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.

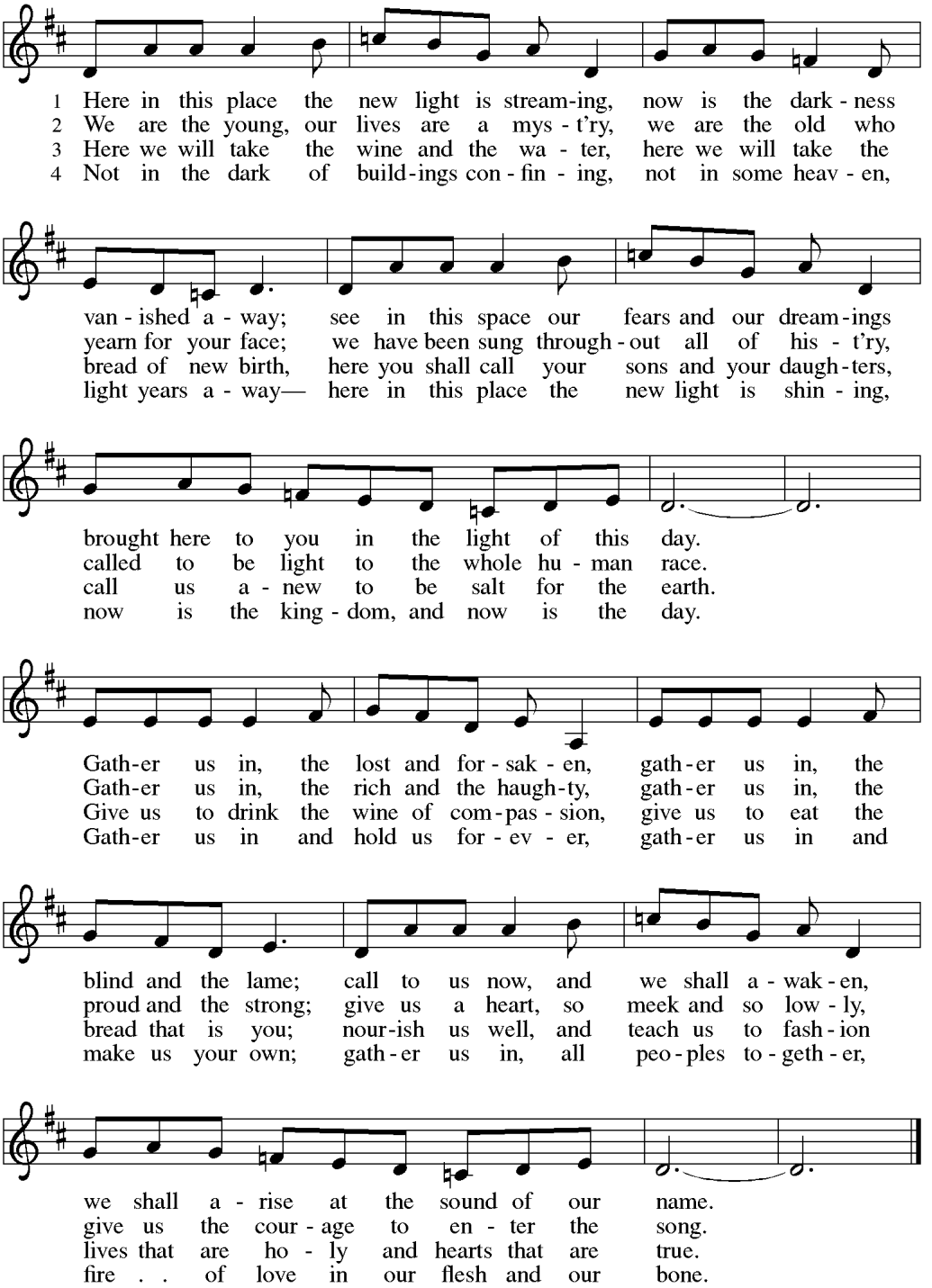
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-10)*

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 — *"Gather Us In"*



*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

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty Creator, you are the One who laid the foundations of the earth, and you speak to us with questions that draw us back into relationship with you. When we try to take control or demand answers like Job, remind us of your wisdom, your power, and your care for all creation. Lift our eyes from our worries to your glory, and from the troubles of this world to the hope you have promised. Teach us to trust you as God, and to rest in the grace you freely give; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

The Church Listens

Psalmody — Psalm 104:1-9

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,2 wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent;
3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind;
4 you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.

5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.
6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
7 At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,
to the place that you appointed for them.
9 You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Job 38:1-7, 42:1-6

Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind:

2 "Who is this that questions my wisdom
with such ignorant words?
3 Brace yourself like a man,
because I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them.
4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
Tell me, if you know so much.
5 Who determined its dimensions
and stretched out the surveying line?
6 What supports its foundations,
and who laid its cornerstone
7 as the morning stars sang together
and all the angels shouted for joy?

42:1 Then Job replied to the Lord:
2 "I know that you can do anything,
and no one can stop you.
3 You asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?'
It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about,
things far too wonderful for me.
4 You said, 'Listen and I will speak!
I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them.'
5 I had only heard about you before,
but now I have seen you with my own eyes.
6 I take back everything I said,
and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

THE QUESTIONS GOD ASKS:

"WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH?"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Praise the Lord! O Heavens"

*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)*

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

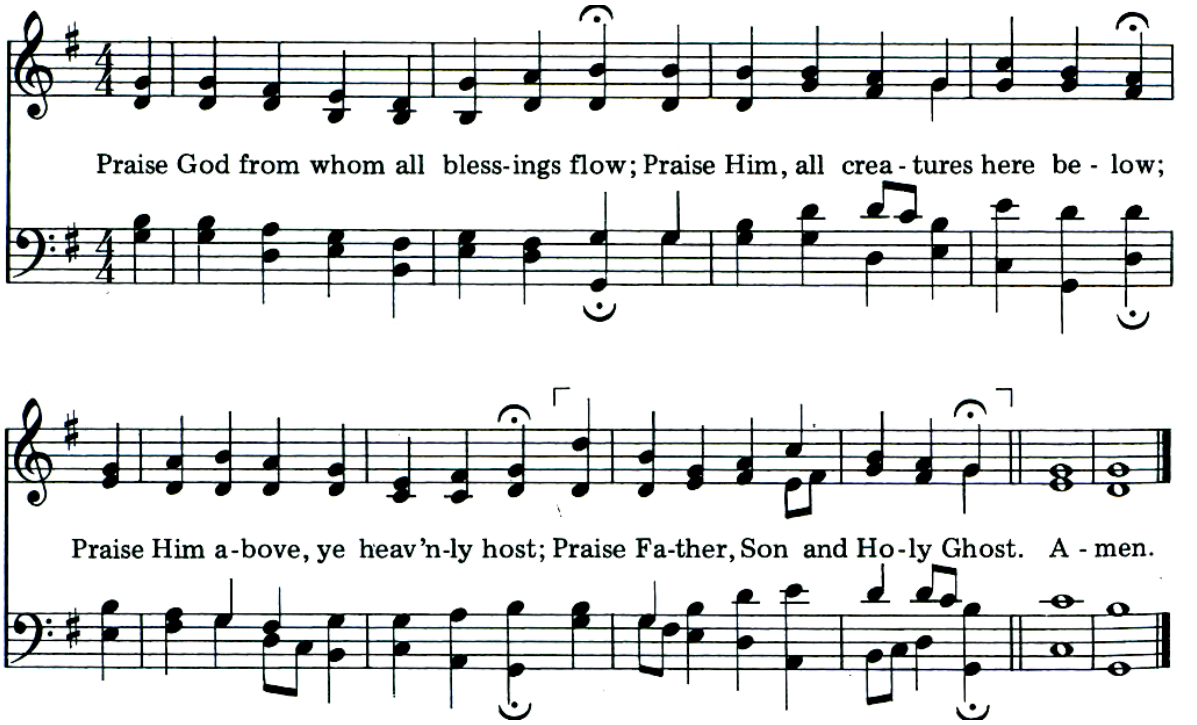
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. *(Please share God's peace with those around you)*

OFFERING OF GIFTS **"THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY"**

VOCAL ENSEMBLE *-ARR. SCHWEIZER*

***OFFERTORY**



***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

God of grace,

Receive 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.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

*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 *"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"*

(Verses 2 & 4 – Men and Low Voices only; Verses 3 & 5 – Women and High Voices only)

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Acolyte	-Violet Schneider
Usher Team Leader	-Butch & Amy Blankenship
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Cristie Sevey & Jessica Short
Offering Counters	-Mark Weaver & 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!

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 28
Worship, 9am

Tuesday – June 29
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's

Wednesday- June 30
Mary-Martha Circle, 1pm
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm

Thursday- July 1
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Friday-July 3
Concert Series-Raleigh Ringers, 7pm @ Founders Hall

Next Sunday – July 5
Worship, 9am

Summer Sunday Sermon Series: The Questions God Asks

6/21 Where are you? - Genesis 3:9
6/28 Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? - Job 38:4
7/5 Can these bones live? - Ezekiel 37:3
7/12 What do you want me to do for you? - Mark 10:51
7/19 Which of these was a neighbor? - Luke 10:36
7/26 Do you love me? - John 21:15

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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 6/21/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$9,232.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$1,849.00		
Total Income	$11,081.00	**AS OF 5/31/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$144,789.39
		YTD Operating Expenses	($172,246.89)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	95/18/113	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(27,457.50)

Archbold Community VBS updates:

We are excited for this year's VBS - Sunday, July 19 - Thursday, July 23rd, 6:30-8:30pm at Zion Mennonite Church! St. Martin's is partnering with Zion and Peace Mennonite and Archbold United Methodist again this year!

In addition to registering your children/grandchildren for VBS, here are more ways you can get involved:

Volunteer Sign Up: Are you available to serve as a leader or a helper with one of the activity rotations at VBS? Would you like to serve as Shepherd and lead a group of children from one rotation to another? Set up crew? Clean up crew? There is a link in the Friday email to sign up.

Yard Games Needed: Do you have yard games that you'd be willing to loan to the Archbold Community VBS this summer? The last evening of VBS has traditionally been Family Night, in which the children bring along their parent(s), grandparent(s), and sibling(s) to enjoy a fun evening together. This year, Family Night will be Thursday evening, July 23rd. Following a short program in the sanctuary, we'll head outside (or use space inside, if rain) for some fun, snacks, and games. We'd love to be able to use a few sets of corn hole, ladder golf, giant Connect Four, or whatever other yard games you have. We'd also love for you to be present to help explain how to use your game, and to take it home at the end of the evening. If you have something to loan, let us know at: archboldcommunityvbs@gmail.com

Crafty People Needed: We are looking for folks to make some giant Lego blocks out of cardboard boxes (any size). These will be for decor only, and do not need to 'fit together' like actual plastic bricks. One idea would be to tape boxes shut, and then either spray paint, or wrap the boxes like a gift with a plain colored plastic tablecloth. (Like what you'd find at a party store or dollar store. You may need to wrap it in plain white paper first to hide any lettering on the box). To complete the Lego, attach some small paper plates on one side in the same color as the box. If you are willing to make a few of these, any color, contact us at: archboldcommunityvbs@gmail.com

Paper registration forms are available in the Entrance.

Archbold VBS COMMUNITY

July 19-23
6:30-8:30pm

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches." (John 15:5) Come learn about connecting to Jesus and to one another through Bible stories, music, art and science fun, and games!

Age 4 through Grade 5

HOST: ZION MENNONITE

300 Short-Buehrer Rd.
Archbold

Questions?
archboldcommunityvbs@gmail.com
Click the QR code to register.

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.**