Go and learn what this means...

I Desire

Mercy

Not

Sacrifice

Matthew 9:13

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

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(Please sing unison on Verse 3)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *JUNE 7, 2026*

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE **TRIO ON "LOBE DEN HERREN"** – ARR. GERRE HANCOCK

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *(BASED ON PSALM 50:7-15)*

Hear, O people of God: the Lord speaks and calls us together.
We come to worship the One who gathers us in grace.

God does not seek our offerings alone, but rather seeks our hearts filled with thanksgiving.
We offer our praise, our prayers, and our whole lives before God.

In our times of trouble, the Lord says, "Call upon me."
We call upon the Lord, trusting in mercy and steadfast love.

The Holy One delivers and sustains us.
And we respond with joyful hearts glorifying God.

Come let us worship the Lord.
We offer our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise! Amen

***GATHERING HYMN** **"JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE"**

*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.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading — Hosea 5:15—6:6

15 I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

1 "Come, let us return to the Lord,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

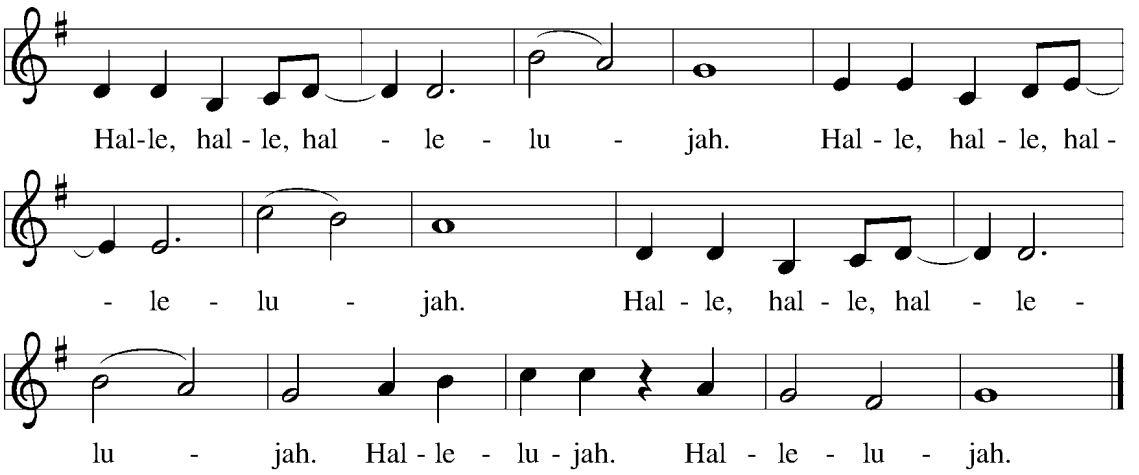
New Testament Reading — Romans 4:13-25

13The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his
descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents
of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings
wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and
be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those
who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, "I have
made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed,
who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping
against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to
what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." 19He did not weaken in faith
when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about
a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20No distrust
made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave
glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had
promised. 22Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." 23Now the words,
"it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be
reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was
handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation



*HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 9:9-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

9As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and
he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.
10And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and
were sitting with him and his disciples. 11When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his
disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12But when he
heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are
sick. 13Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to
call not the righteous but sinners.”
18While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came
in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand
on her, and she will live.” 19And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20Then
suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up
behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21for she said to herself, “If I only touch his
cloak, I will be made well.” 22Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter;
your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. 23When Jesus
came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a
commotion, 24he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed
at him. 25But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand,
and the girl got up. 26And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE — *MacKenna Whitacre*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Please sing Verse 4 in Unison)

***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**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

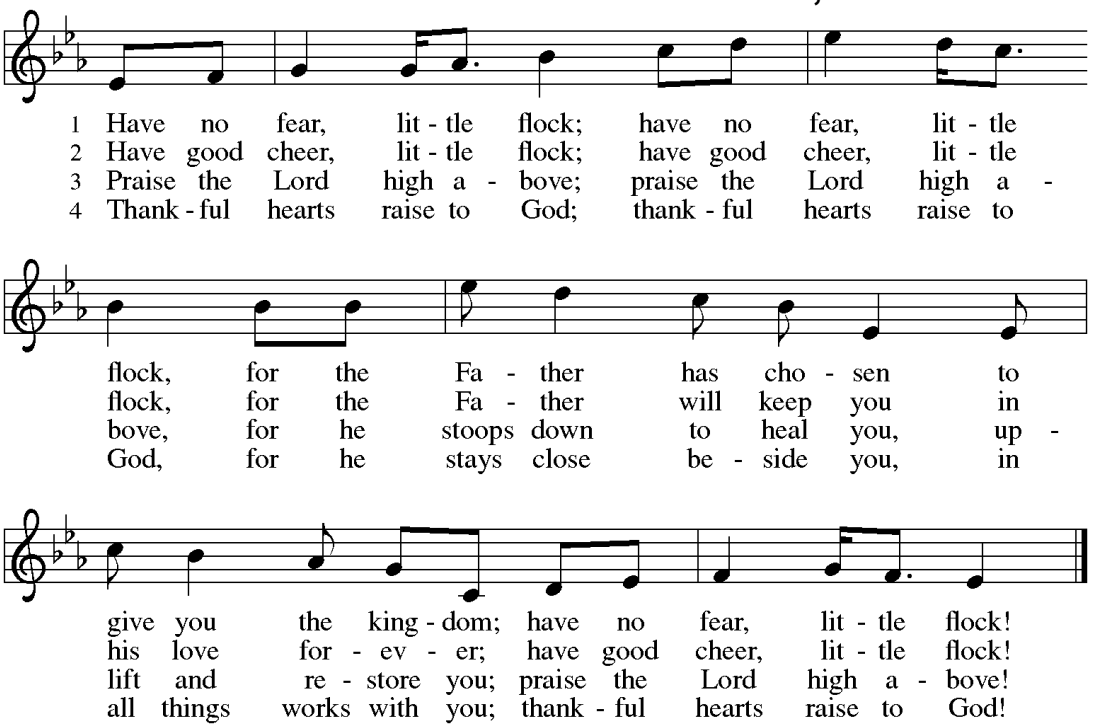
***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

"HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK"



*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

*THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

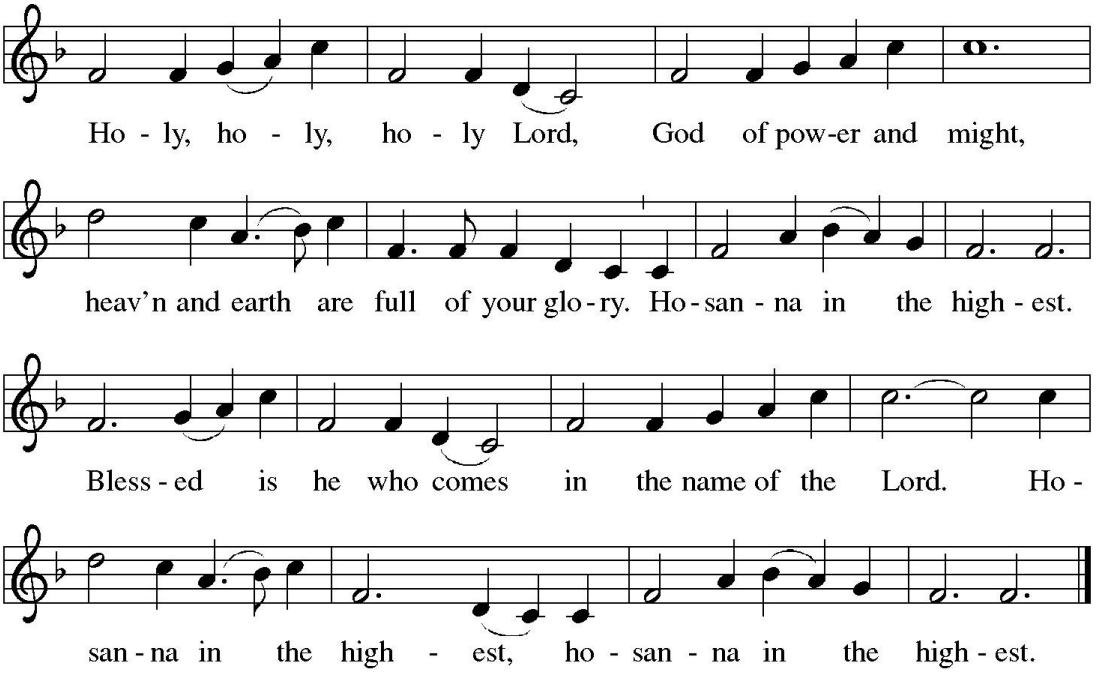
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"



*Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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.

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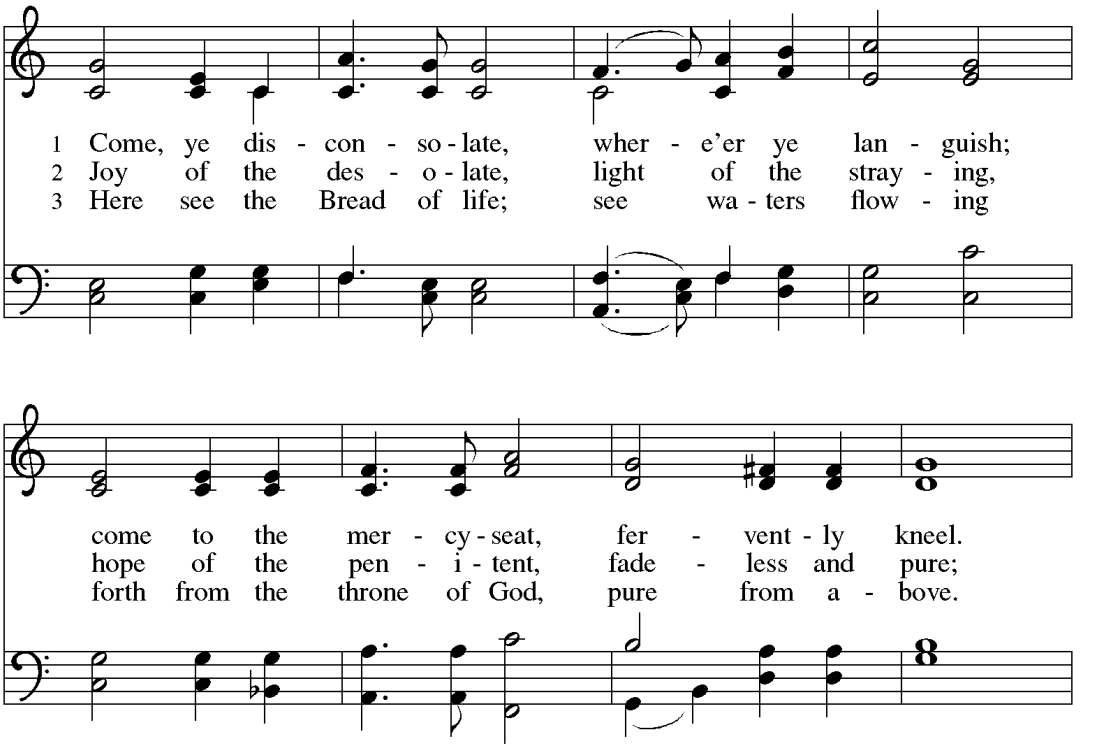
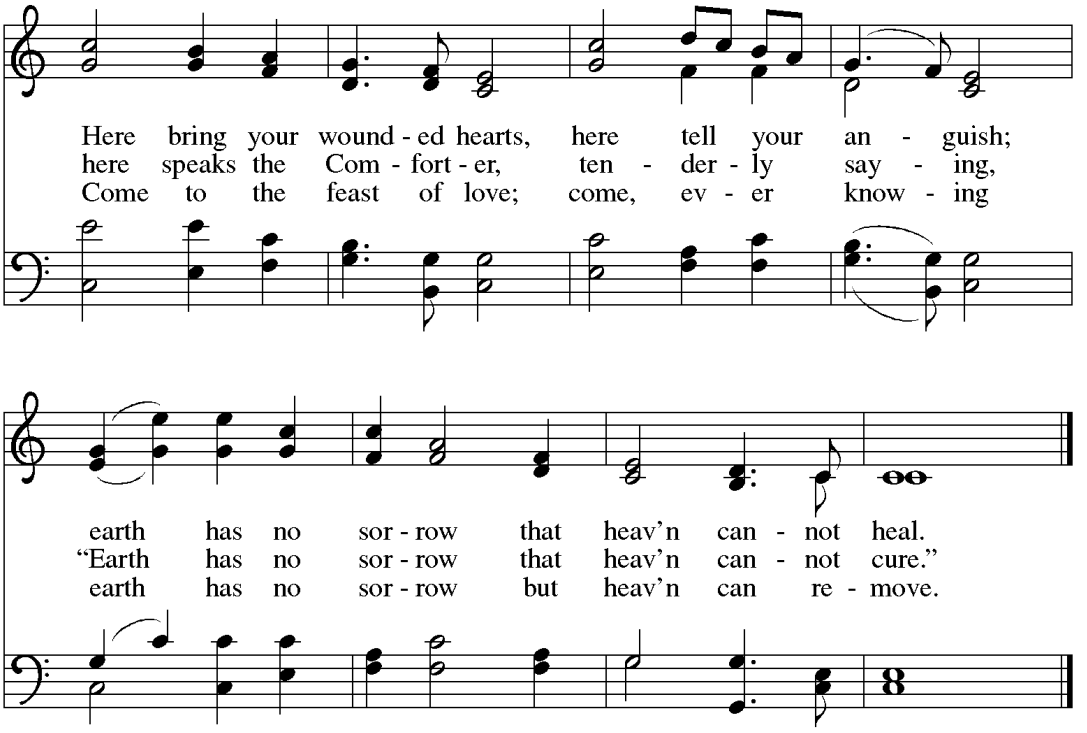
"LAMB OF GOD"

"COME, YE DISCONSOLATE"





*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

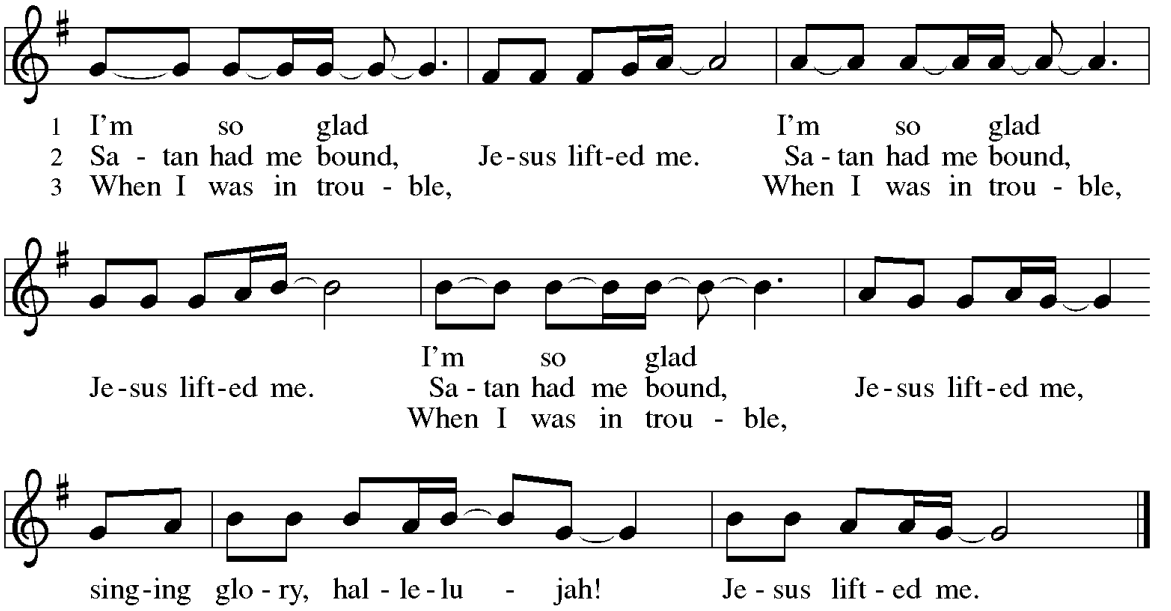
Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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



*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Acolyte	-Andi or Emi Pinter
Lector	-Aaron Schmidt
Worship Leader	-Stan Schmidt
Presider	-Pastor Dana Bjorlin
Usher Team Leader	-Butch & Amy Blankenship
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Cristie Sevey & Jessica Short
Offering Counters	-Cameron Thompson

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!

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.

A musical program featuring concert organist, Matthew Wachtman and nearly 30 other outstanding musicians will present a program honoring America 250. It will be held at First United Methodist Church, 113 W. Central Avenue in Van Wert, Ohio on **June 14th at 4:00 pm.**
The program features solo organ pieces on the recently renovated Noehren Pipe Organ at First UM Church. Matthew will be joined on the first half by tenor, Jake Wilder, pianist, Annette Hoverman, and a brass quintet, with members of the Lima Symphony Orchestra.
The second half features musicians from throughout the region in a Celebration of America 250. Matthew will be joined by a 16-voice choir, seven-piece wind ensemble, percussion, and piano 4-hands. The second half features some of the most beloved American patriotic music ever written.
Sponsors are the Paul & Annette Hoverman Music Fund of The Van Wert County Foundation, Gary Taylor in honor of his father, Don Taylor, an anonymous donor, and in cooperation Visit Van Wert and First United Methodist Church of Van Wert.

There will be a First Aid training class that will be **held Thursday, June 18th at 6pm**. Staff, ushers, and team leaders are highly encouraged to attend if they are available. The training will be led by Dan Benecke and other first responders from the Ridgeville Township Fire Department. If you would like to join us , you can sign up in church office or let Whitney or Matthew know you will be attending.

Pastor Steve will be out of the office June 1-14. For any pastoral care needs, please contact the church office. Pastor Mindy Elliot of St. Peter's, Ridgeville and Pastor Alan Furhhop of Bethlehem, Okolona are available.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – June 7
Worship, 9am

Tuesday – June 9
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Sewing, 9am

Wednesday- June 10
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm

Thursday- June 11
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am
Church Council, 7pm

Next Sunday – June 14
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 5/31/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$5,038.56	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$797.00		
Total Income	$5,835.56	**AS OF 5/31/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$144,789.39
		YTD Operating Expenses	($172,246.89)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	93/22/115	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

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

10th Anniversary Season

All programs are free and open to the public.

2026 ~ 2027

St. MARTIN'S CONCERT SERIES

Friday, July 3, 2026 7:00pm

The Raleigh Ringers

Concert at Founders Hall
22611 State Rte 2, Archbold, OH 43502
with reception to follow

Celebrate the holiday weekend with the Emmy nominated, internationally-acclaimed concert handbell choir from North Carolina. This concert is generously sponsored by the Archbold Area Foundation.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026, 3:00pm

Hymn Festival with Dr. David Cherwien

Concert at St. Martin's Lutheran Church
with reception to follow

An afternoon of hymn-singing led by acclaimed organist Dr. David Cherwien with St. Martin's Chancel Choir.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026, 3:00pm

Dr. Cole Burger, piano

Concert at St. Martin's Lutheran Church
with reception to follow

BGSU Professor of Piano Dr. Cole Burger presents a wide range of music from classics to popular tunes.

Sunday, Feb. 21, 2027, 3:00pm

Marie Engle, mezzo soprano with Robert Levinger, piano

Concert at St. Martin's Lutheran Church
with reception to follow

A Northwest Ohio native presents an afternoon of vocal repertoire from art songs to opera and more! This concert is generously sponsored by the Black Swamp Arts Council

Sunday, April 25, 2027, 3:00pm

Andrew Hoverman, violin

Concert at St. Martin's Lutheran Church
with reception to follow

Our anniversary season closes with 12-year-old violinist Andrew Hoverman, an award-winning San Francisco musician who performs with prestigious youth orchestras.

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