St. Martin's Lutheran Church
Archbold, Ohio

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, July 12, 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

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

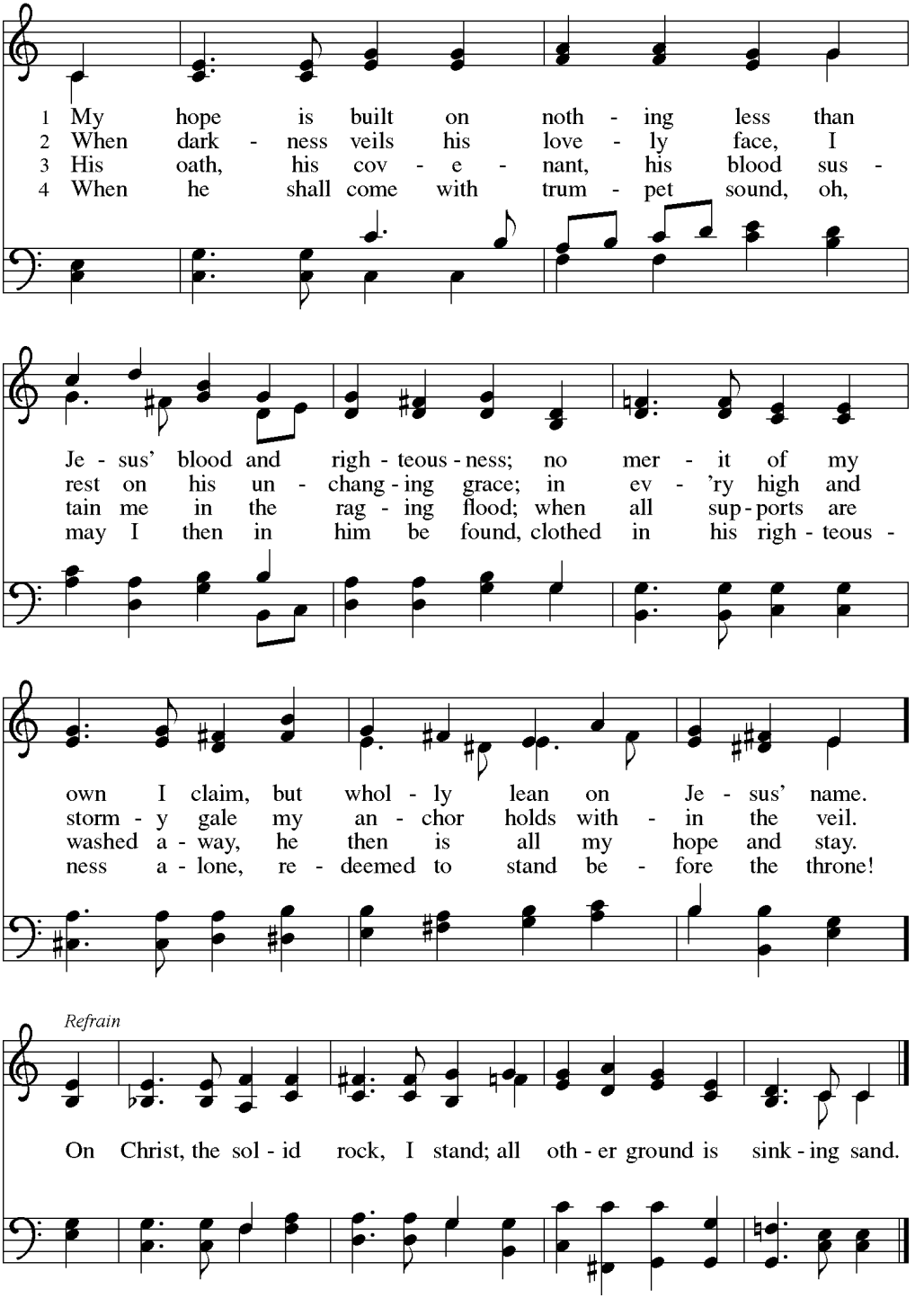
Let us confess our sins in the presence of God, and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy, O God,

against you, you alone, we have sinned.
In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.
Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above, earth so vast is God's love for you. *(Psalm 103)*
As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
Thanks be to God.

*OPENING HYMN *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

*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 13:13)*

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, you reach out to us and call us into a relationship with you. Forgive us when we only reach out to you when we want something instead of as a Savior who loves us. Teach us to ask like Bartimaeus—honestly, humbly, and trusting in Your mercy. Open our eyes to Your presence and our hearts to Your grace. Draw us deeper into relationship with You today and always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE CHURCH LISTENS

PSALMODY — Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL READING Mark 10: 35-52

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher,
we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” 36 And he said to them, “What is it you
want me to do for you?” 37 And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand
and one at your left, in your glory.” 38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are
asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am
baptized with?” 39 They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I
drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be
baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those
for whom it has been prepared.”

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus
called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they
recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But
it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your
servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of
Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho,
Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard
that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have
mercy on me!” 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly,
“Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they
called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” 50 So throwing off
his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want
me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” 52 Jesus said
to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed
him on the way.

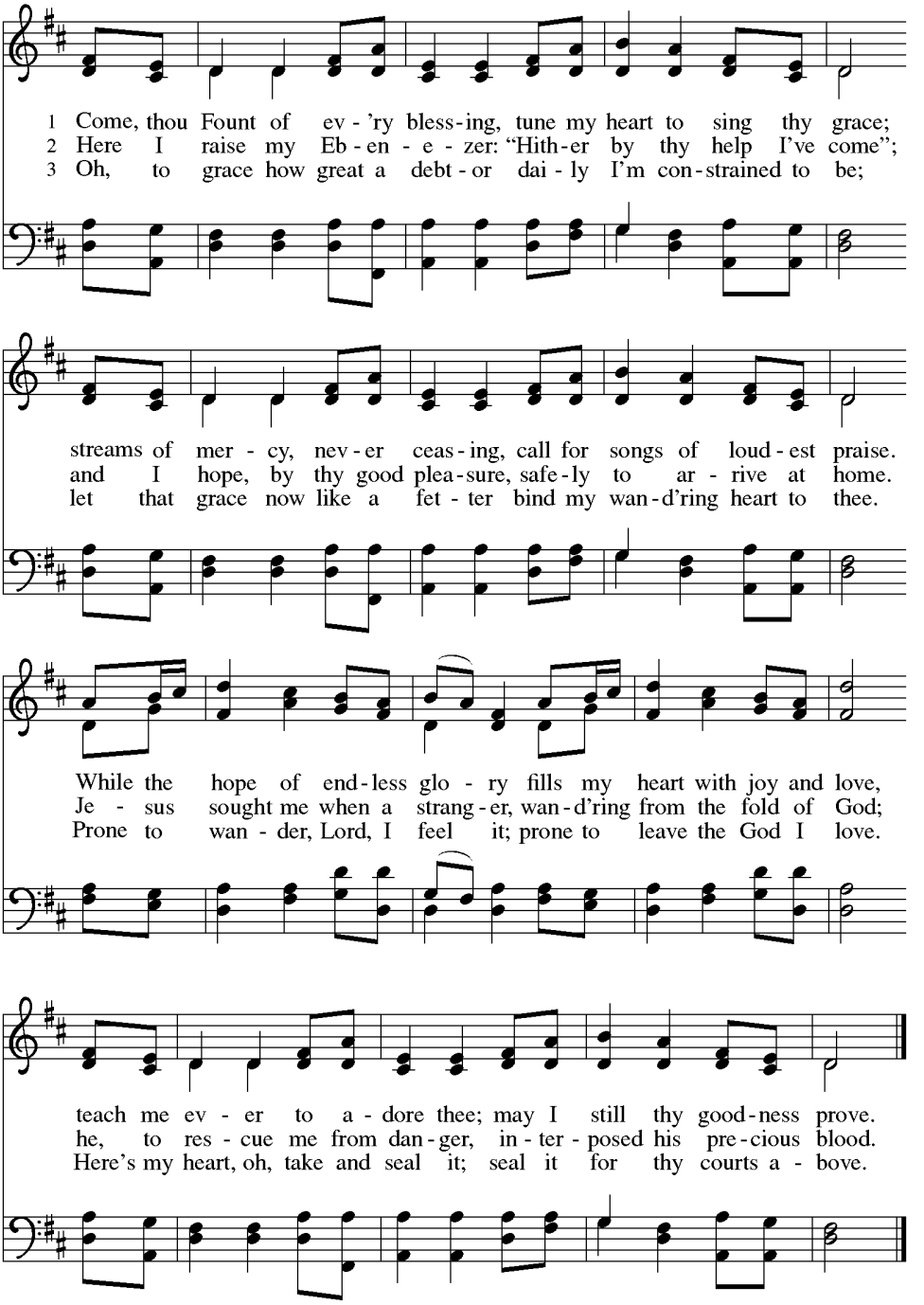
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE THE QUESTIONS GOD ASKS:

“WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*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

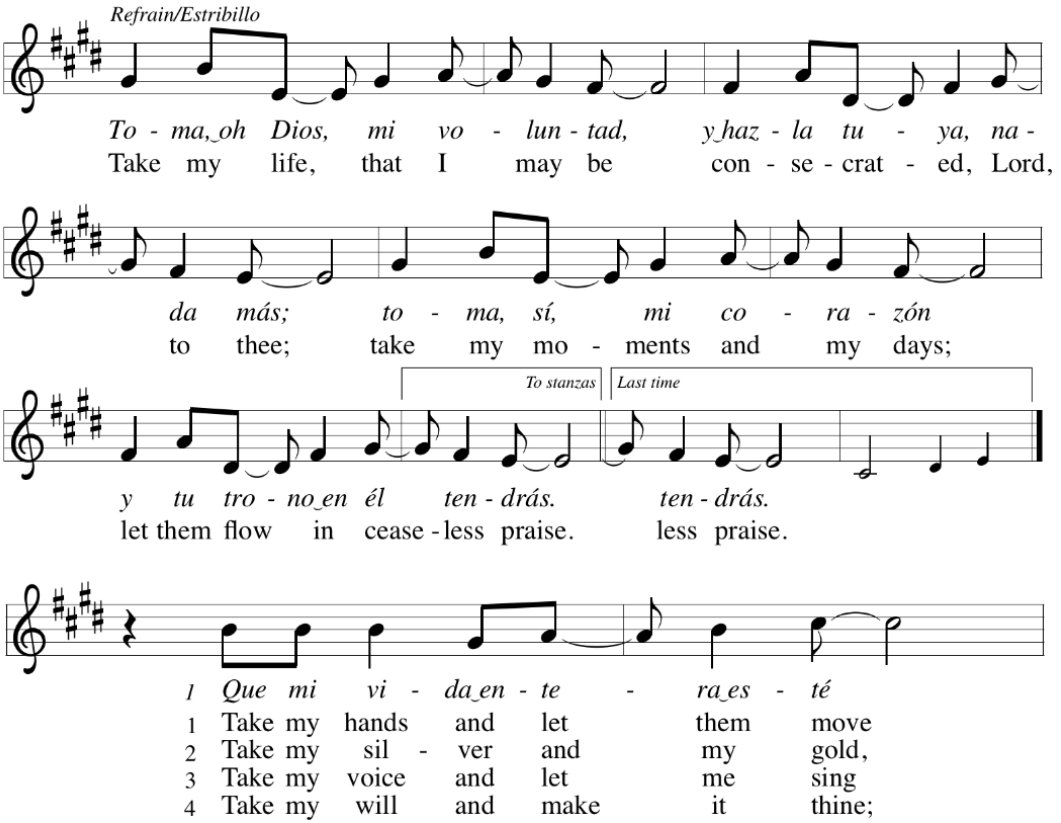
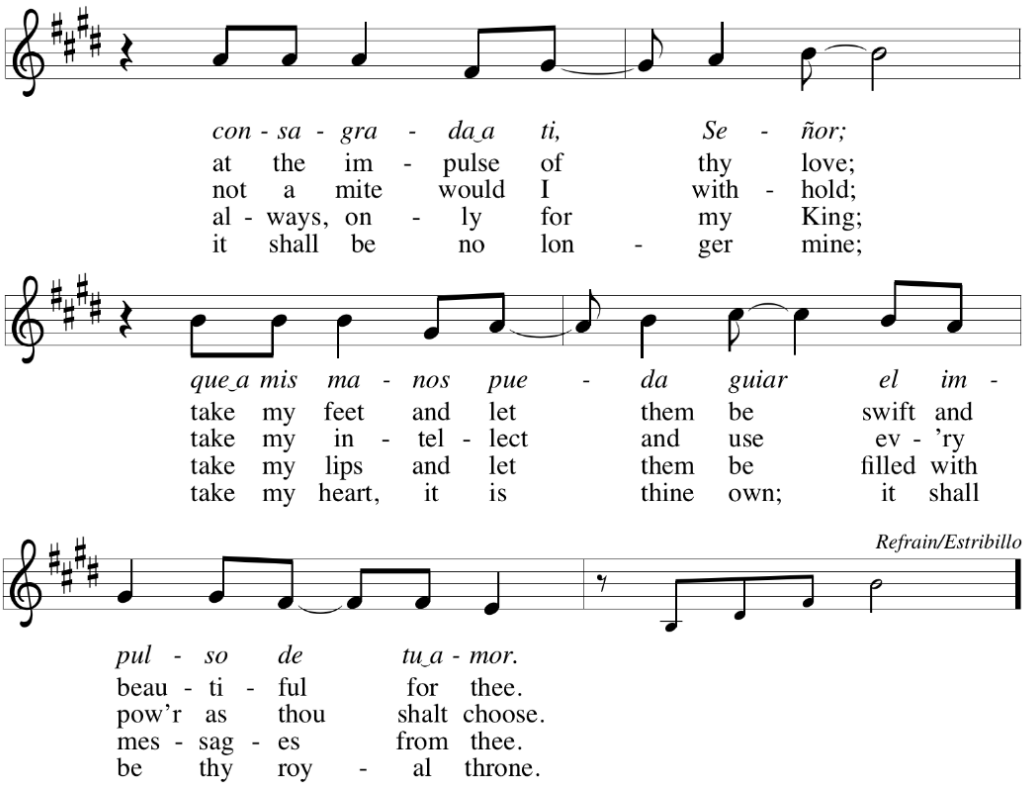
*Sharing of the Peace

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 — *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*



*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

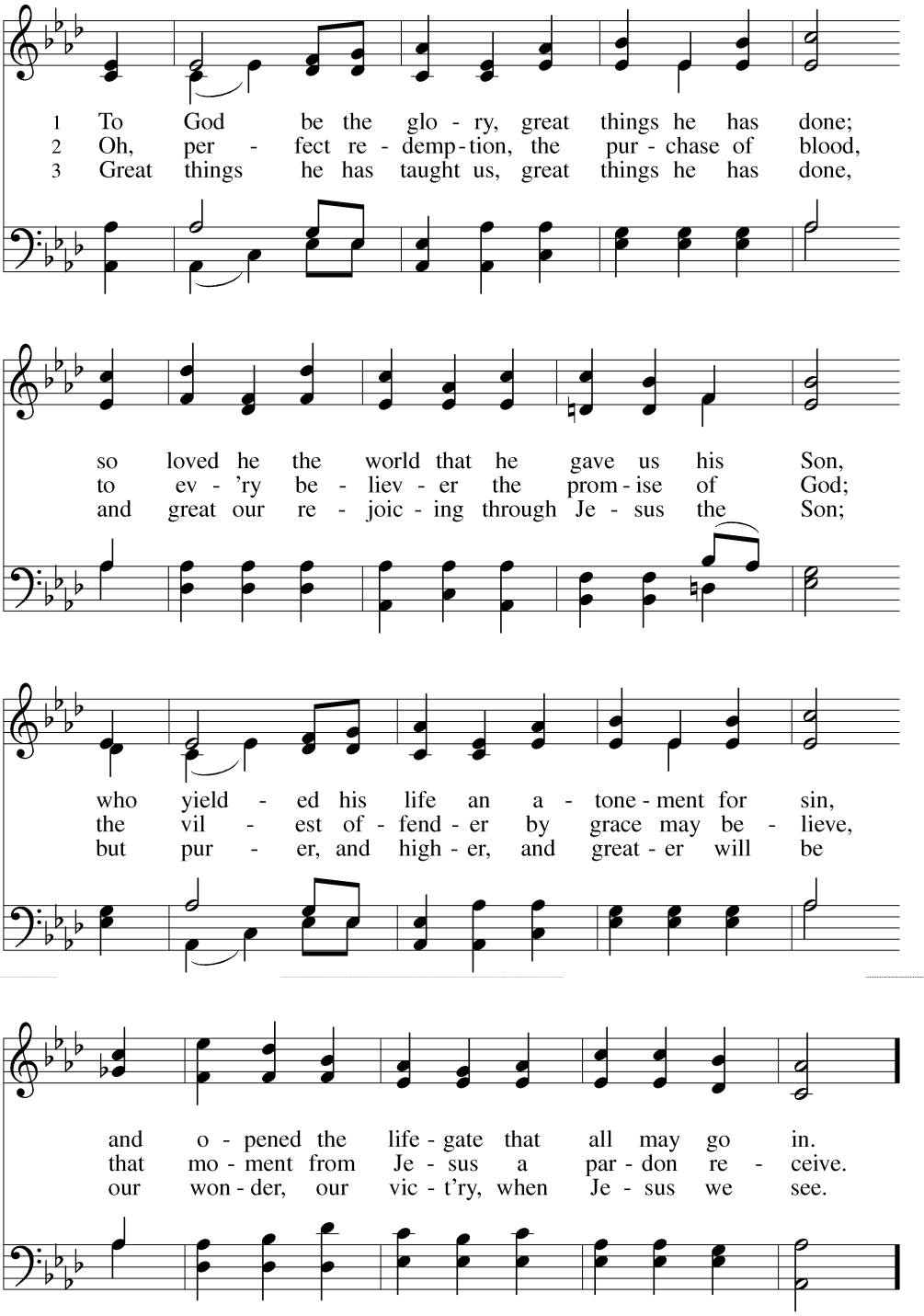
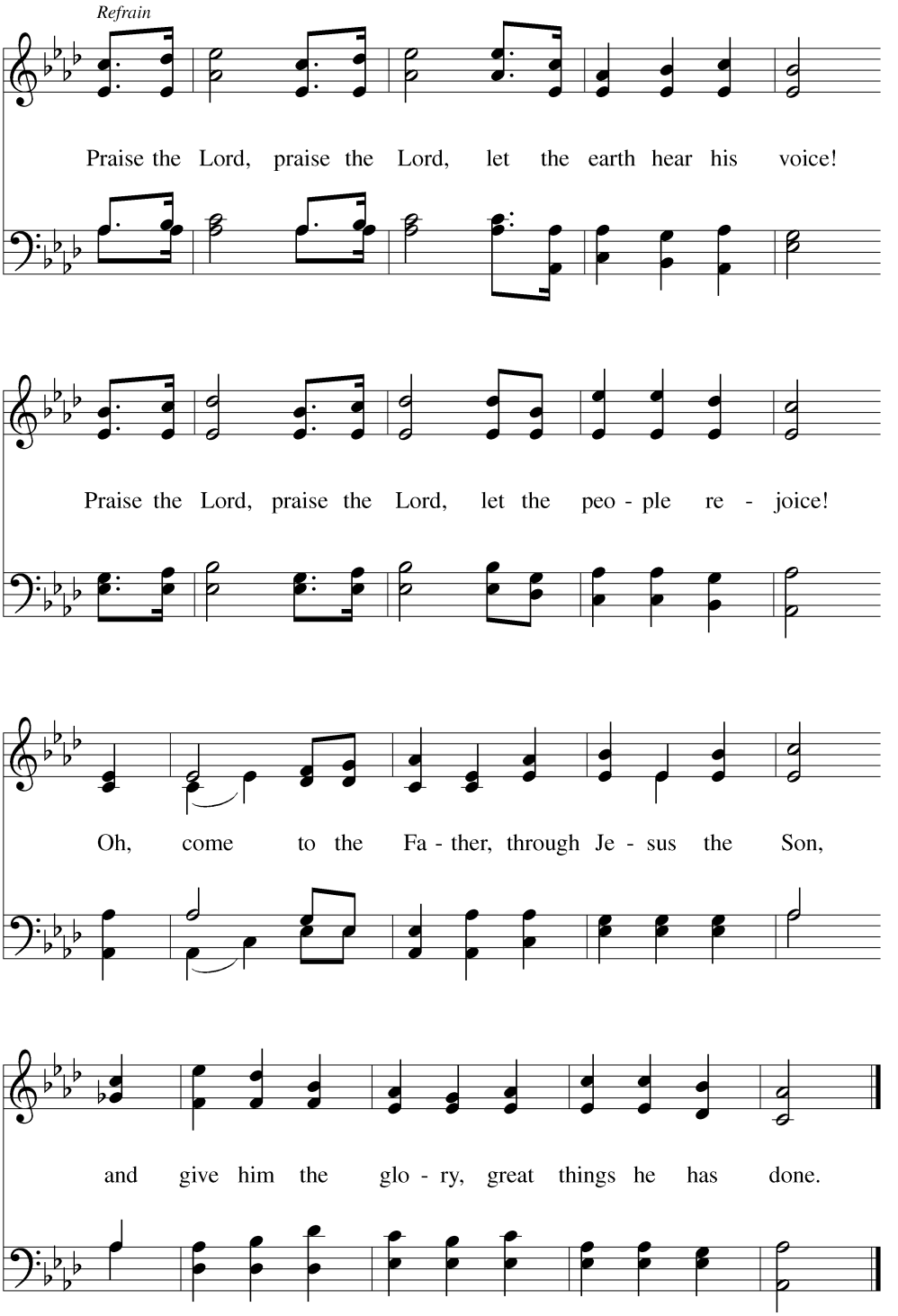
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

* BENEDICTION

Now, may God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
bless you all, now and forever.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN *"To God Be the Glory"*

Refrain
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!
Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,
and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Pastor Steve
Usher Team Leader	-Ziegler Family
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Altar Guild	-Joan Meyer & Janet Wyse
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!

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.

We invite you to a Two-Part Funeral Preplanning Event. On Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., join Pastor Steve Basselman and Matthew Wachtman, Director of Music and Worship, along with Adam Grisier, St. Martin's member and experienced funeral director, for an informational session. The first evening will focus on the peace of mind that comes with planning ahead, covering topics like worship service planning, basic funeral choices, financial considerations, and more. Then, on Monday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m., we offer an optional workshop, where participants can return to apply what they've learned—beginning the process of choosing specific worship service elements, scripture readings, music, and having those wishes recorded with St. Martin's. All are welcome to attend both or just one evening. In these conversations, clarity is an act of love—giving your loved-one's peace of mind so that when the time comes, they can focus on grieving, not guessing. Expect each evening to end by 8pm.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – July 12
Worship, 9am

Tuesday – July 14
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Sewing, 9am

Wednesday- July 15
Youth-Cedar Point
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm

Thursday- July 16
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – July 19
Worship, 9am
VBS Night 1 @ Zion Mennonite

Summer Sunday Sermon Series: The Questions God Asks

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 7/5/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$9,988.56	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$2,784.00		
Total Income	$12,772.56	**AS OF 6/30/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$175,138.97
		YTD Operating Expenses	($200,892.43)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	78/20/98	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(25,753.46)

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.

Family Night snack donation*: We are looking for donations of boxes of wrapped ice cream sandwiches for Family Night on July 23rd. If you'd like to donate a box (or several boxes), please call the Zion Mennonite Church office (419-445-3796) to arrange a day and time to drop them off. We'd like to have the boxes of ice cream sandwiches by Monday, July 20th.*

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

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.

CHECK THOSE SCHOOL SALES AND GARAGE SALES . . .

We are collecting items for School, Baby Care and Personal Care Kits for Rally Day. Since school supply sales begin earlier and earlier, here is the list of supplies needed for each kit. Also be watching garage sales for baby care kit items. When you see good sales, take advantage of them and bring the supplies to the Fellowship Hall beginning now! We will pack them on **Rally Day, September 13.**

Watch your bulletin in August. We will keep you updated on the amount of each item still needed.

Each kit contains:

School Kits . . .

-4-70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10
-1-pencil sharpener
-1-blunt scissors (ex: safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
-5-unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
-5- black or blue ballpoint pen
-1-box of 24 Crayola crayons
-1-2½" "pink" eraser

Personal Care Kits . . .

-1-light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
-2-bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
-1-adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
-1-sturdy comb, remove packaging
-1-metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Baby Care Kits . . .

-2-sleepers with no feet
-2-blankets
-2-pairs of socks
-2-bars of gentle soap

Want to help financially instead? You can help with shipping. St. Martin's does not pay for shipping, but Lutheran World Relief does when they ship the kits and comforters to their destinations all over the world. Mark your offering envelope "LWR Shipping" and drop it in the Offering plate.

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
Laurie Fetzer, Greg Rupp's niece
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.**