St. Martin's Lutheran Church
Archbold, Ohio

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, July 19, 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 **"PROCESSIONAL"**
-William Mathias

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.

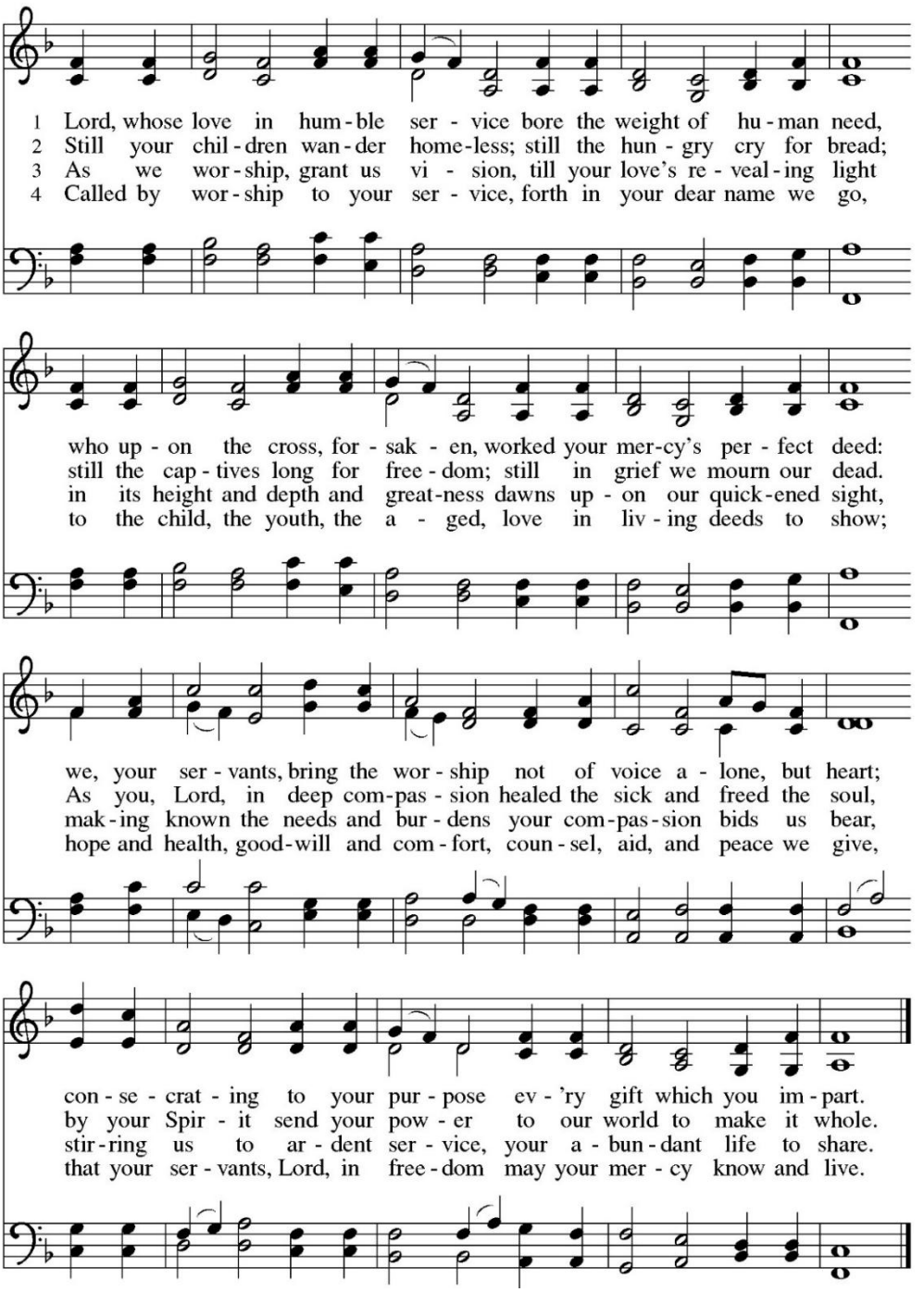
Have mercy, O God,

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 a parent is 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 — *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

(Verse 2 – Women and High Voices only; Verse 3 – Men and Low Voices only)



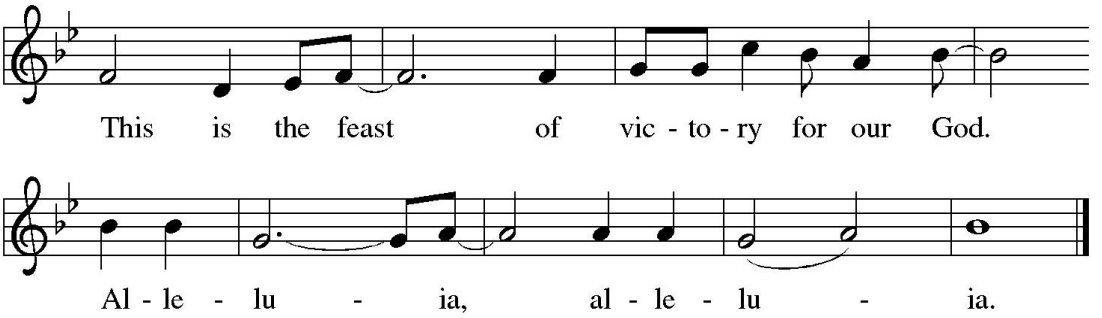
*GREETING

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

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
Refrain
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of mercy, you invite us into conversation not just as individuals, but as a community shaped by your love. Open our eyes to see the neighbors you place along our path and open our hearts to respond with compassion. Teach us to move toward need rather than away from it, trusting your Spirit to guide our steps. Form us into people who reflect your kindness in all we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Church Listens

Responsive Reading from the Psalms

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed and a stronghold in times of trouble. *(Psalm 9)*
We trust you, Lord. You do not forget the cry of those in need.

You hear the desire of the afflicted and strengthen their hearts. *(Psalm 10)*
Teach us to see those in need as you see them and to love as you love.

Blessed are those who care for the poor; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble. *(Psalm 41)*
Make us generous in mercy and rich in compassion.

Defend the weak and the orphan; uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed. *(Psalm 82)*
Let Your justice be our guide and Your love our calling.

The Lord sets prisoners free, gives sight to the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down, and watches over the vulnerable. *(Psalm 146:7–9)*

We praise you, Lord, for your faithfulness to the poor, the stranger, and the brokenhearted.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. *(Psalm 34)*

We place our hope in you.

GOSPEL READING — Luke 10:25-37

25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to
inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read
there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as
yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will
live."
29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus
replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of
robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance
a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other
side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the
other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he
was moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them
with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care
of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said,
'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you
spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the
hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him,
"Go and do likewise."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE — THE QUESTIONS GOD ASKS: "WHICH OF THESE WAS A NEIGHBOR?"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"When the Poor Ones"

*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

God of grace,

Receive 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

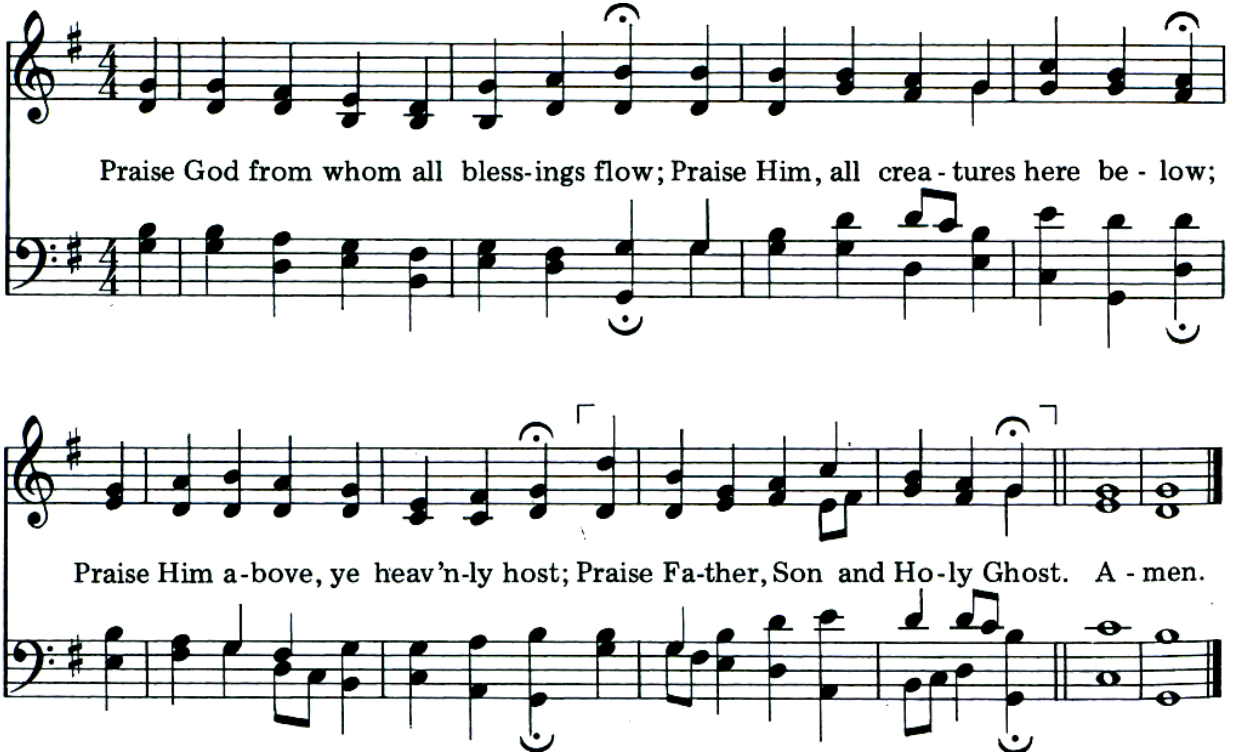
"THE PEACE MAY BE EXCHANGED."

- Dan Locklair

*Offertory

"The Doxology"

(Please sing in Unison)



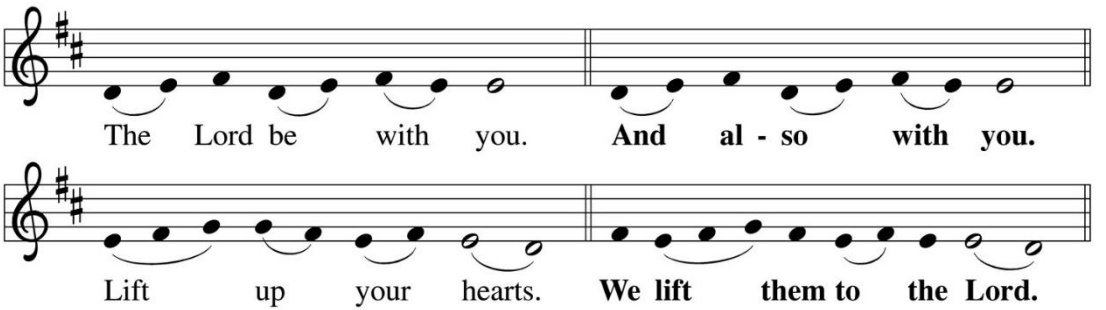
*Offering Prayer

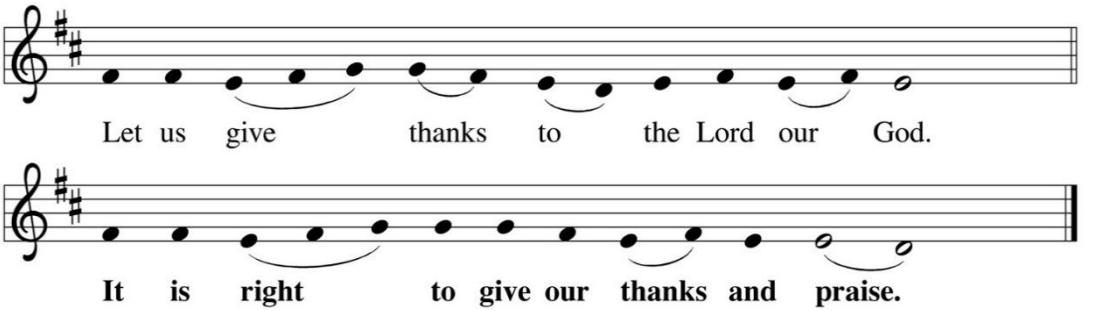
God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

The Church Shares the Meal

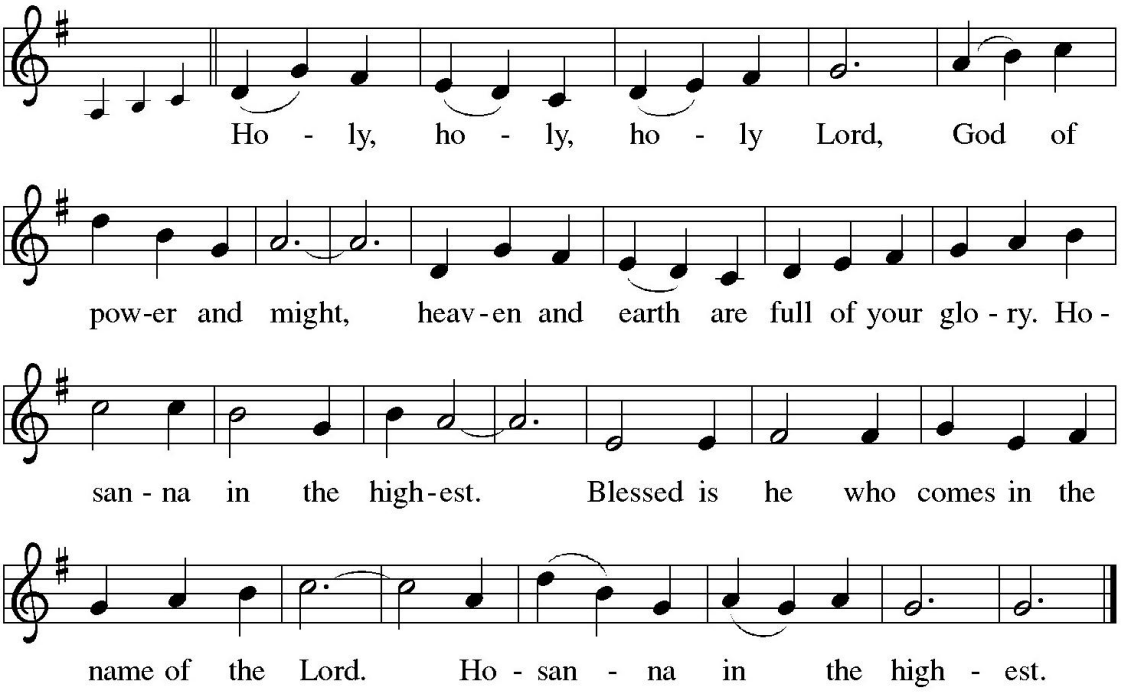
*The Thanksgiving





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:
our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit
with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope;
the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings.
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:

*SANCTUS



*Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, mighty and merciful,
your people praise you, saying:
Your mercy endures forever.
Your mercy endures forever.

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.

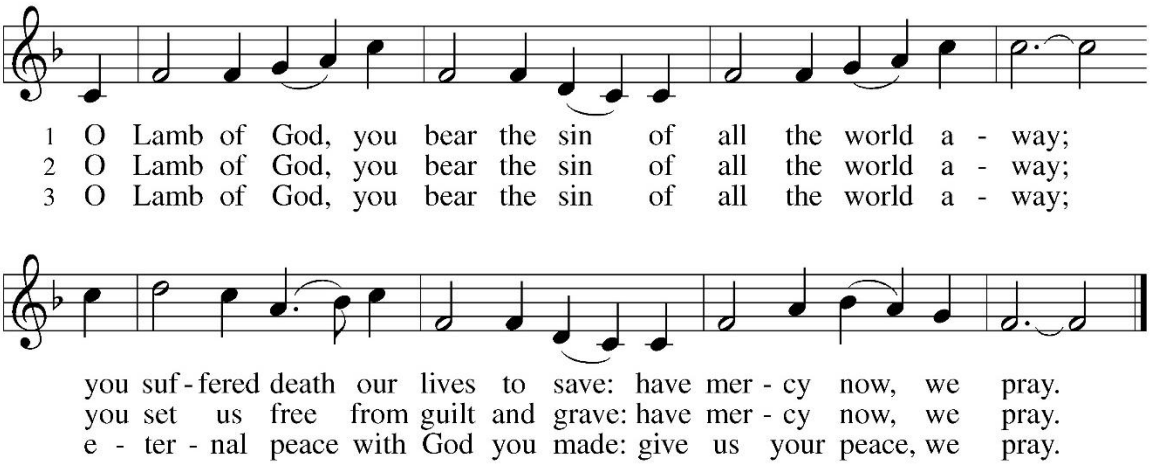
With this bread and cup
we remember his life laid down and lifted up
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless us to be a blessing.
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.
Send us to tend and cherish the earth
and to serve the world with mercy and love.
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.

Communion Distribution *"Lamb of God"*



"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" ***WOV 765*** *(Blue Hymnal)*

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*BLESSING

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

Amen

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever.

Amen.

* BENEDICTION

May the God who breathed life into creation be our joy.
May Christ Jesus give hope to our dreaming,
and may the Holy Spirit, set our hearts ablaze.

The blessing of the living God; Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, sustain us in our ministry now and always.

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"*

(Please sing Verse 3 in Unison)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Percussion	-Jacob Thatcher
Usher Team Leader	-Ziegler Family
Sound System	-Cameron Thompson
Altar Guild	-Joan Meyer & Janet Wyse
Offering Counters	-Jane Trudel & 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.

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 19
Worship, 9am
VBS Night 1 @ Zion Mennonite

Monday-July 20
VBS Night 2 @ Zion Mennonite

Tuesday – July 21
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
ACT Auditions in Fellowship Hall, 6pm
VBS Night 3 @ Zion Mennonite

Wednesday- July 22
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm
VBS Night 4 @ Zion Mennonite

Thursday- July 23
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am
VBS Night 5 @ Zion Mennonite

Next Sunday – July 26
Worship, 9am
Funeral Planning Workshop, 6:30pm

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 7/12/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$5,798.81	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$630.00		
Total Income	$6,428.81	**AS OF 6/30/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$175,138.97
		YTD Operating Expenses	($200,892.43)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	107/23/130	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(25,753.46)

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.
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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(104) . . .

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

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.

We're excited to share that starting this fall, we're adjusting our Wednesday night schedule to better serve everyone! By shifting rehearsal times and activities, we're creating a more seamless, family-friendly evening. Chancel Choir rehearsal, Circle Group discussion, and Kids Club will now pair together, helping all ages participate in ministry groups under the same roof. We hope this brings renewed energy and added connection to our midweek gatherings. This makes it the perfect time to plug in, try something new, and get involved in a way that speaks to you—whether it's joining a choir, helping with Kids Club, serving at the community meal, or participating in worship or circle discussion. Join us! If you feel called to create a new study group to meet on Wednesdays, please reach out to Pastor Steve.

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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 <u>only</u> with their permission.**