St. Martin's Lutheran Church

203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502

Pastor Steve Basselman

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

"What Is This Place"

Please sing unison on Verse 3

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *AUGUST 2, 2026*

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the congregation
***** *Indicates to stand as you are able*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude **"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord"**
– arr. David Cherwien

Bell & Announcements

Opening Hymn** ***"What Is This Place"

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

In this place where your glory dwells, O God, your free redeeming word is spoken. Open our hearts to this word and make us mindful of your commandments so that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for personal reflection

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have often thought better of ourselves than others. We have said hurtful things and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new! *(2 Corinthians 5:17)* In Christ, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. *(Ephesians 4:32)*
Amen

*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.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 55:1–5

Hear, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
[2]Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. [3]Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
[4]See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. [5]See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

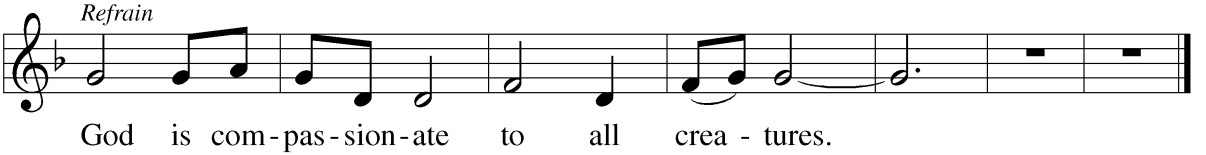
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 145

Verses – Leader; Refrain – All



Ev'ry day I will bless you, O God.
I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great are you and highly to be praised;
The myst'ry of your goodness is unsearchable.
Refrain

Let all creatures give you thanks, O God.
Let your whole creation bless you with singing.
We will tell the glory of your works
And live the story of your power and your love.
Refrain

Be to all the healing core of life.
With the splendor of the universe fill us.
You are faithful to creation;
Your mercy flows to ev'ry generation. ***Refrain***

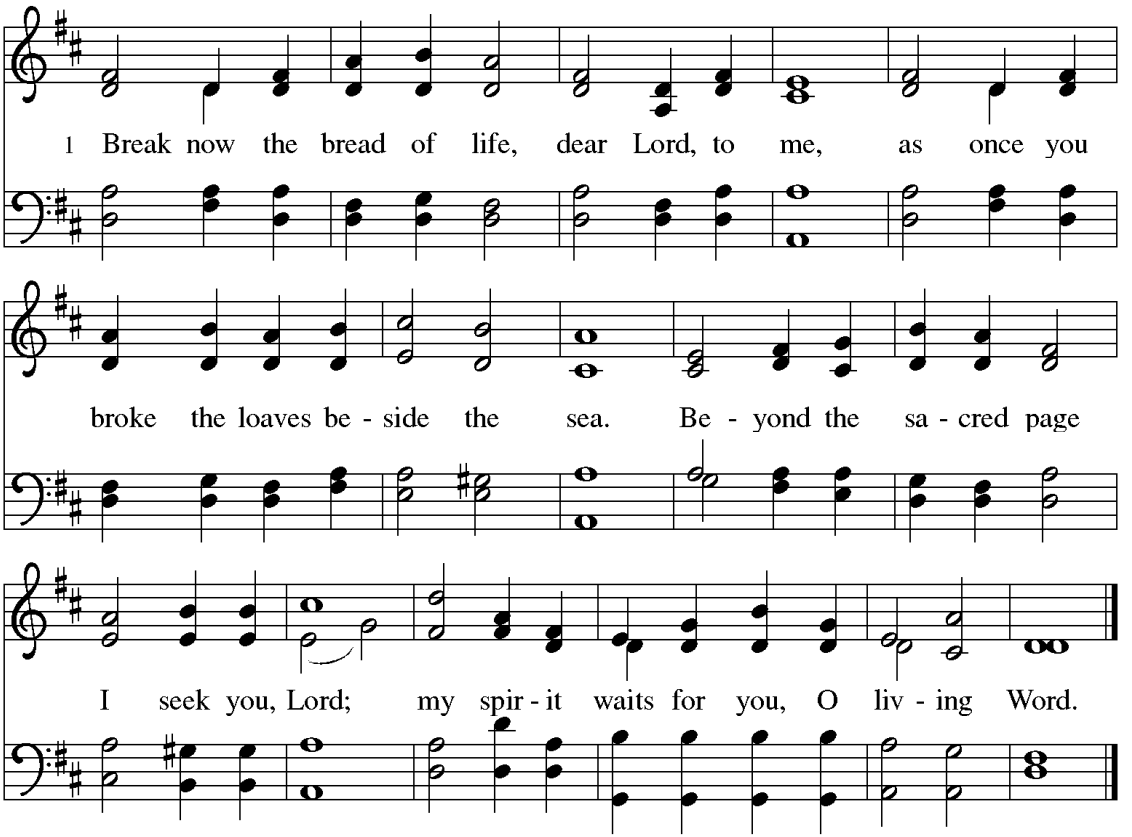
Second Reading — Romans 9:1-5

With Christ as my witness, I speak with truthfulness. My conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm it. **2** My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief **3** for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed—cut off from Christ!—if that would save them. **4** They are the people of Israel, chosen to be God's adopted children. God revealed his glory to them. He made covenants with them and gave them his law. He gave them the privilege of worshiping him and receiving his wonderful promises. **5** Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are their ancestors, and Christ himself was an Israelite as far as his human nature is concerned. And he is God, the one who rules over everything and is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.

New Living Translation

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation



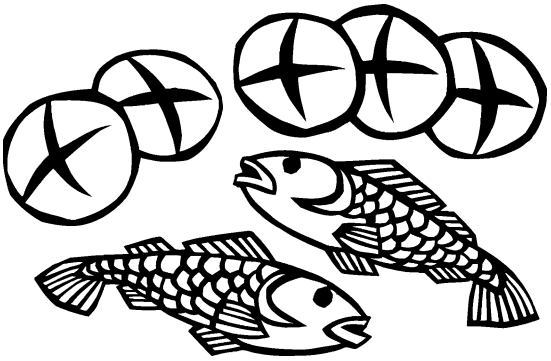
*Holy Gospel — Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord!

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by
himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When
he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their
sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted
place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages
and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give
them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two
fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down
on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed
and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the
crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken
pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides
women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Message — *"Abundance in the Scraps"*



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day** ***"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

(Please sing verse 2 in a 2-part round)

*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

*Each petition ends…*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

Deb Schnitkey, soloist

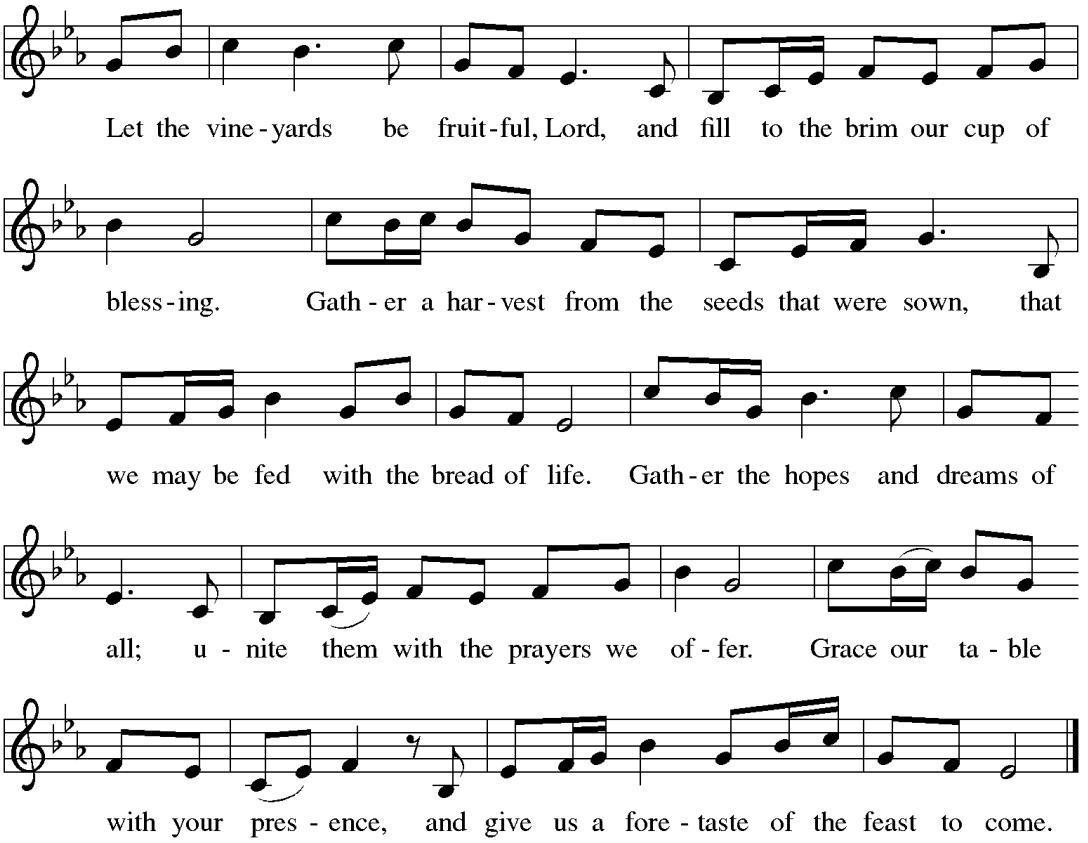
Nuestro Padre nos invita
a la mesa de la vida,
donde hay vino, luz y pan;
y nosotros nos reunimos,
y lo nuestro compartimos,
pues así es la comunión;
pues así es la comunión.

"God Extends an Invitation"

Miria T. Kolling

God extends an invitation
to the table of creation,
where there's wine and light and bread.
Here we gather in thanksgiving
and we offer all our living.
Here the feast of life is spread;
here the feast of life is spread.

*Offertory



*Offertory Prayer

Merciful God,
you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through 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. *(Lamentations 3:41)*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. *(2 Thessalonians 1:3)*

*Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

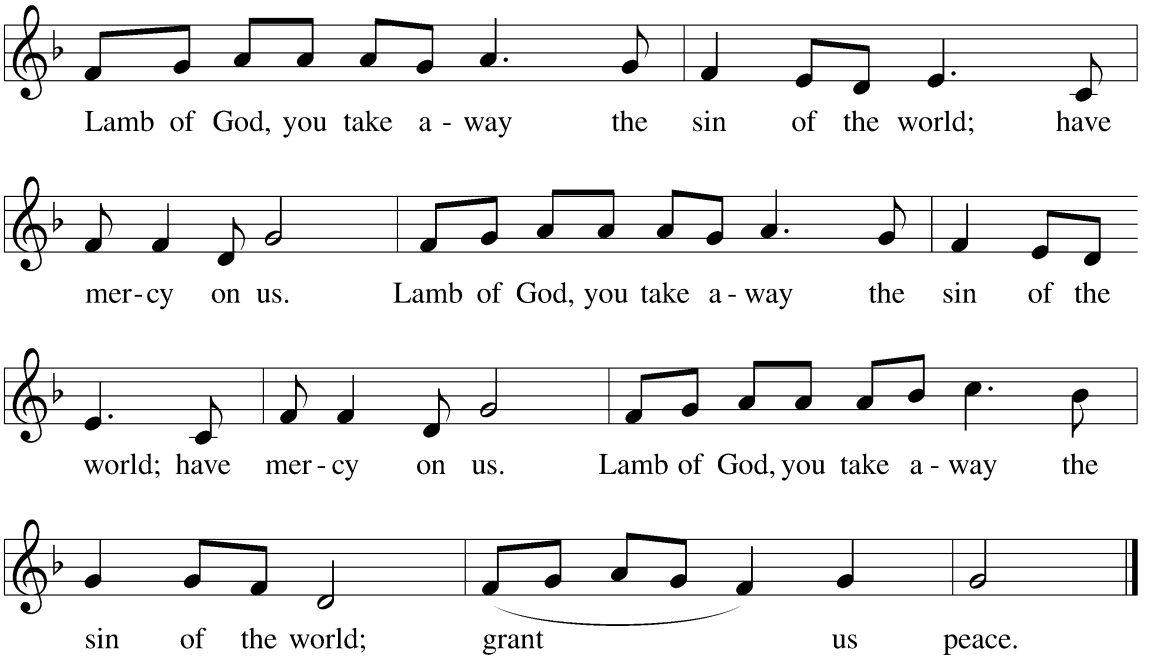
Amen

*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.

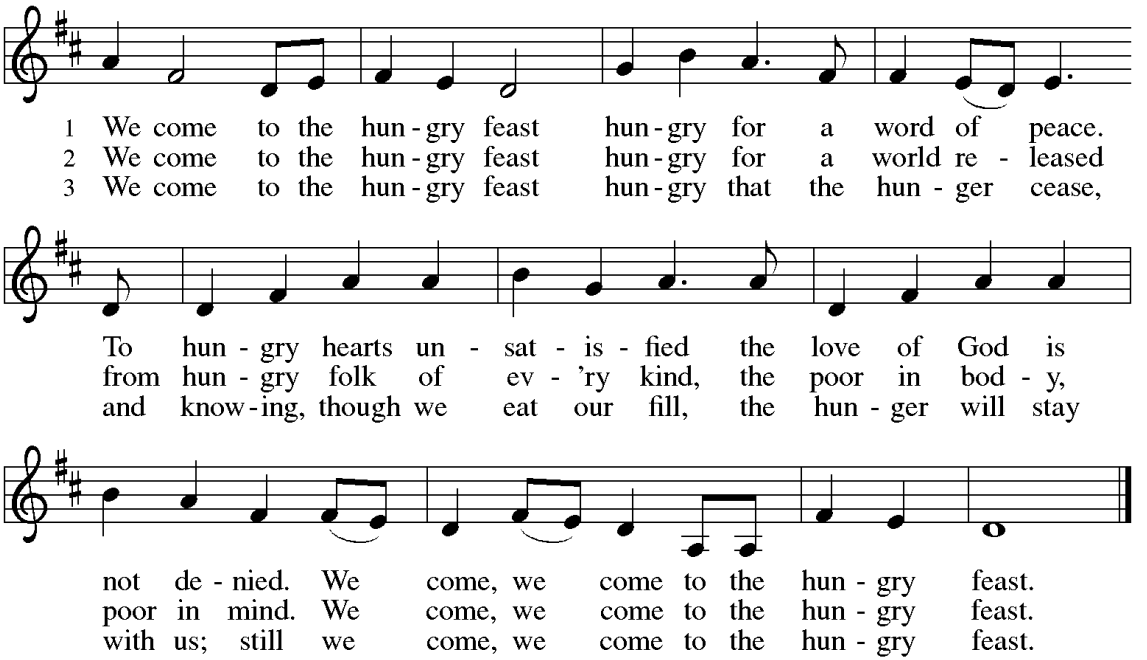
Distribution of Communion

"Lamb of God"



"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

(Organist plays an interlude between each verse)



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

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

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 *"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"*

*Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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The altar paraments include communion imagery and the miracle of the feeding of the 5000 in Matthew 14. We will hear that gospel text today. Take a few moments and make your way up front each time we cycle through the church year colors and study the images on each set of paraments. Each set was deliberatly chosen at the time of the sanctuary renovation in 2014 to reflect the various symbols important to the church for the season they represent.

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Acolyte	-Alexa Schneider
Lector	-Jade Whitacre
Percussion	-Mike Short, Jacob Thatcher
Vocalist	-Deb Schnitkey
Usher Team Leader	-Aaron Short
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Altar Guild	-Robin Trudel & Jan Delaney
Offering Counters	-Jane Trudel & Jo Ann Liechty

The St. Martin's Webstore has some new items! 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.

Parkinson's Group meets this Tuesday, August 4th at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Speaker will be from the Fulton County Health Center Physical Therapy Department and the topic will be Physical Therapy for Parkinson's Disease.

There will be a meeting, this Wednesday, August 5th at 7:30pm for anyone interested in going to the **2027 Youth Gathering**.

This Week at St. Martin's

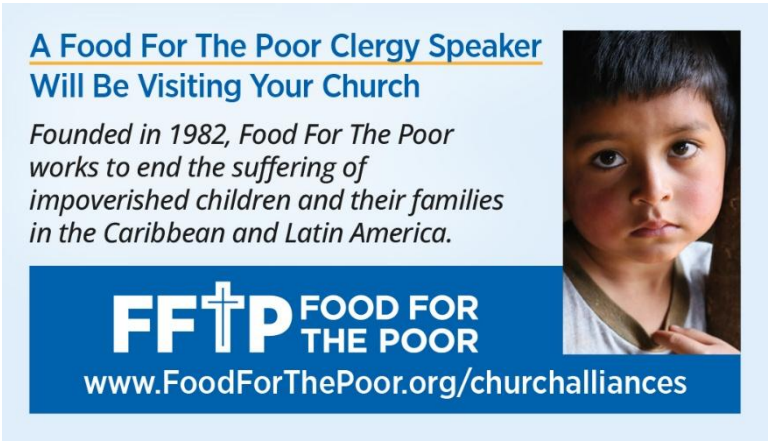
TODAY- Sunday – August 2
Worship, 9am

Tuesday – August 4
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Parkinson's Group, 1pm

Wednesday- August 5
Mary-Martha Circle, 1pm
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm
Youth Gathering Meeting, 7:30pm

Thursday- August 6
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – August 9
Worship, 9am – Food for the Poor



Pastor Curt Hutchens will be present for worship next week respresenting **Foor for the Poor.** St. Martin's has had connections and has supported this ministry in the past.

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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 7/26/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$5,596.56	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$205.00		
Total Income	$5,801.56	**AS OF 6/30/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$175,138.97
		YTD Operating Expenses	($200,892.43)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	91/23/114	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(25,753.46)

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.**

Item's Needed:

School Kits . . .

199-70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10
155-30" ruler
230-blunt scissors (ex: safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
834- black or blue ballpoint pen
40-box of 24 Crayola crayons
92-2½" "pink" eraser

Personal Care Kits . . .

60-light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"),
dark color recommended
45-bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand,
in original wrapping

Baby Care Kits(104) . . .

13-sleepers with no feet
16-lightweight cotton t shirt
18-jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
46-bars of gentle soap
29 -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
Chuck Rupp
Eric and Susan Rupp, Greg Rupp's brother and sister-in-law, health concerns
Mary Schwartz, Dianne Parsons' sister
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.