Thus says the Lord God...I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.- Isaiah 56:8

St. Martin's Lutheran Church

203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502
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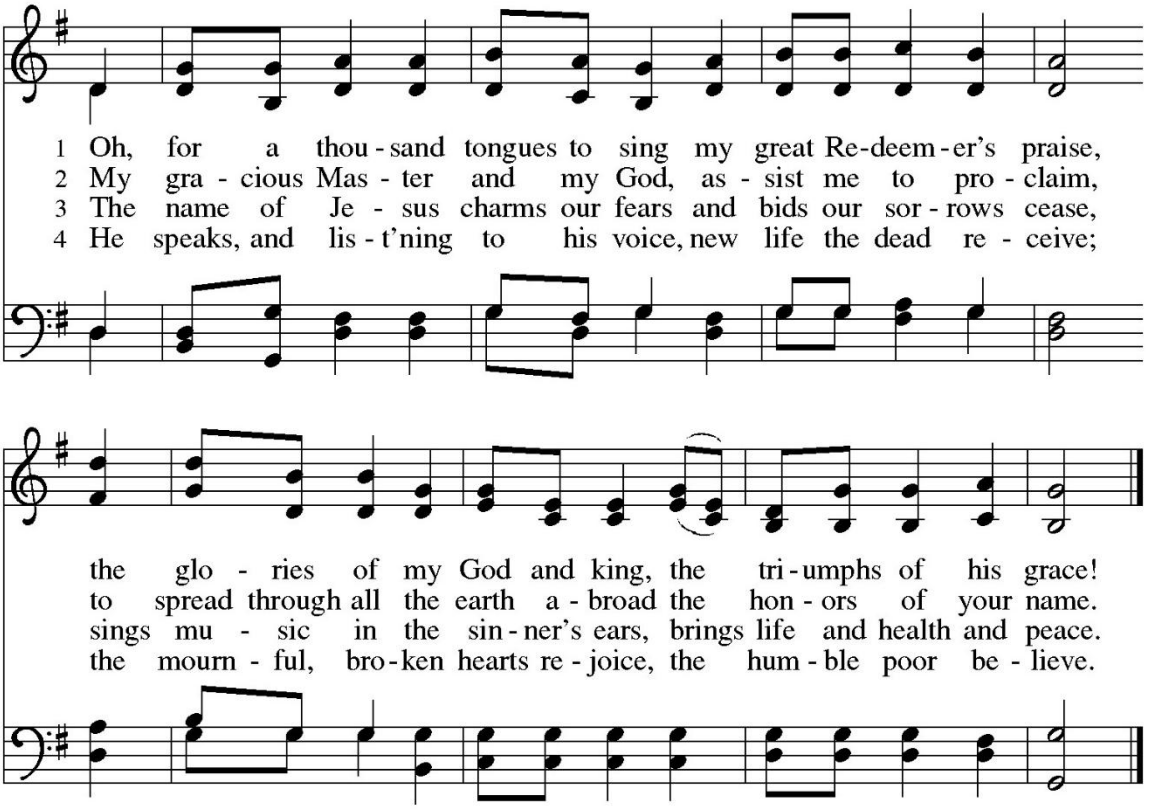
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Verse 2 – Men and Low Voices only; Verse 4 – Women and High Voices only)



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE **"ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR"** -ARR. GEORG BÖHM
(ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH)

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN** ***"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

In the presence of God, who knows our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

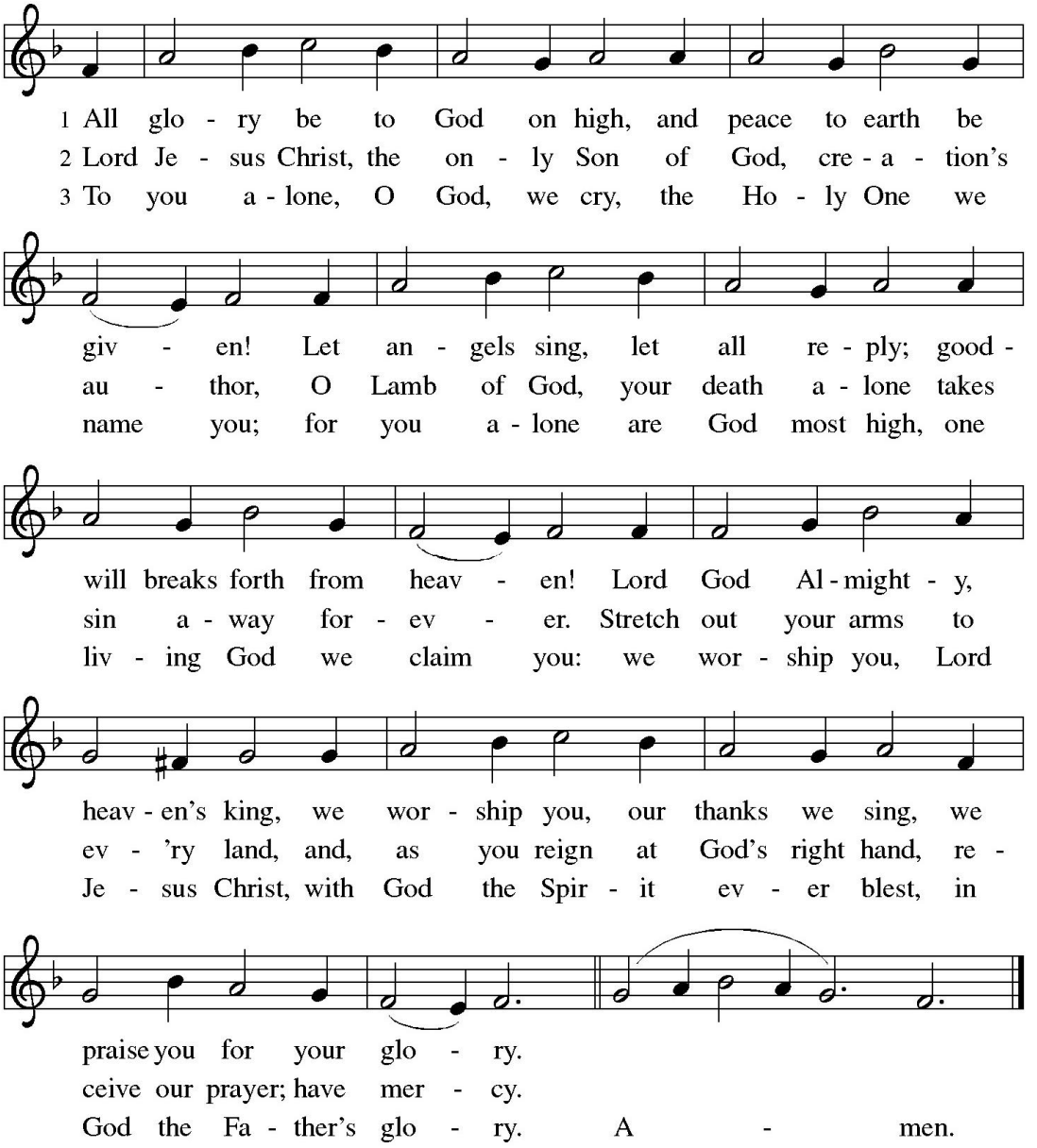
God our strength,
we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us.
We put ourselves first and others last.
What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more.
Even when we strive to do what is good, we find ourselves being tempted to do less than what is expected of us.
Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day,
that we may be alive in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Sisters and brothers, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; *(Romans 3:23)* therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, *(Romans 8:39)* in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.
Amen.

*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.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through 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 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.
6 And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant —
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
8 Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 67 – *read responsively*

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
2 that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
7 May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

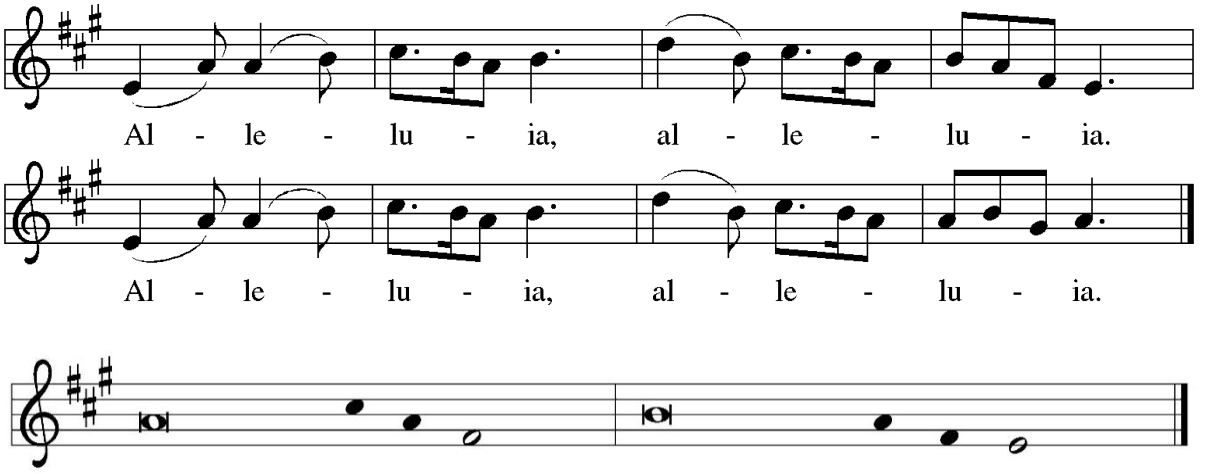
SECOND READING — ROMANS 11:1–2, 29–33

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. [2]God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. [29]for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. [30]Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, [31]so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. [32]For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



(Matt. 4:23)

*GOSPEL READING — Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: 11 it is not
what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that
defiles." 12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the
Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" 13 He answered, "Every plant
that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind
guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." 15 But
Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." 16 Then he said, "Are you also still without
understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach,
and goes out into the sewer? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart,
and this is what defiles. 19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery,
fornication, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with
unwashed hands does not defile."
21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a
Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me,
Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her
at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps
shouting after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of
Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered, "It
is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet
even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered
her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter
was healed instantly.

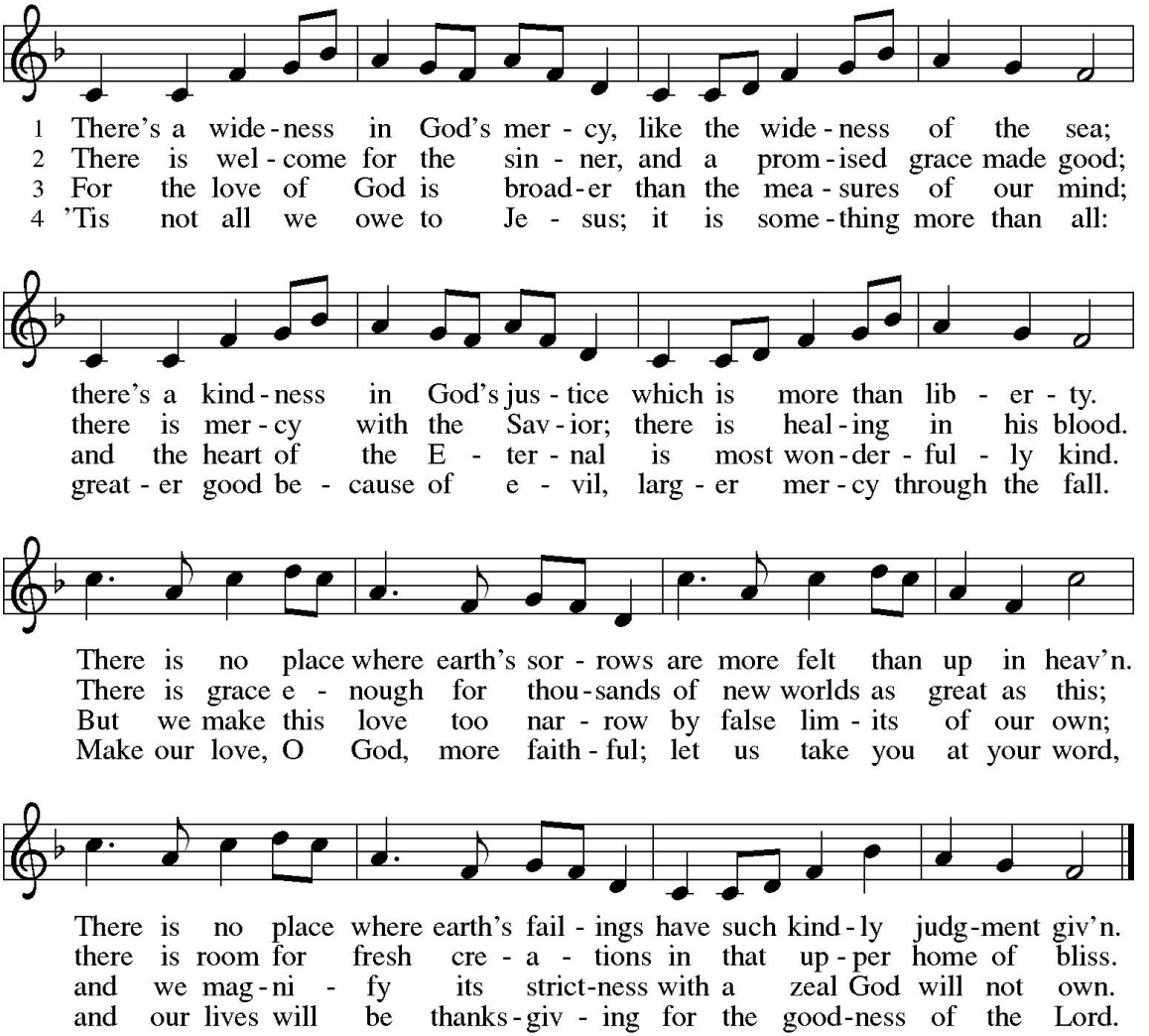
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE — *"Great Faith, Wide Mercy & Crumbs of Hope"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"



*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
Vocal Ensemble

"NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES"
-arr. Alan Bullard

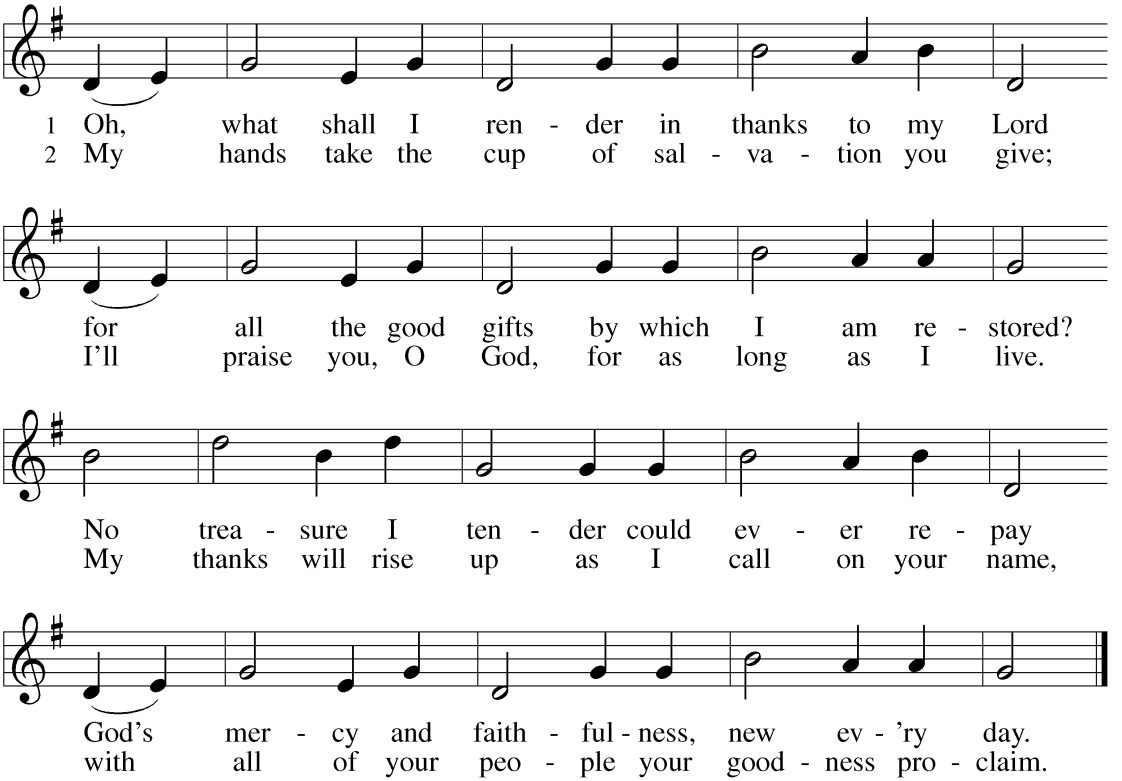
Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, love whom we had slain,
Thinking that he never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for the three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead our risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Then your touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green!

*OFFERTORY



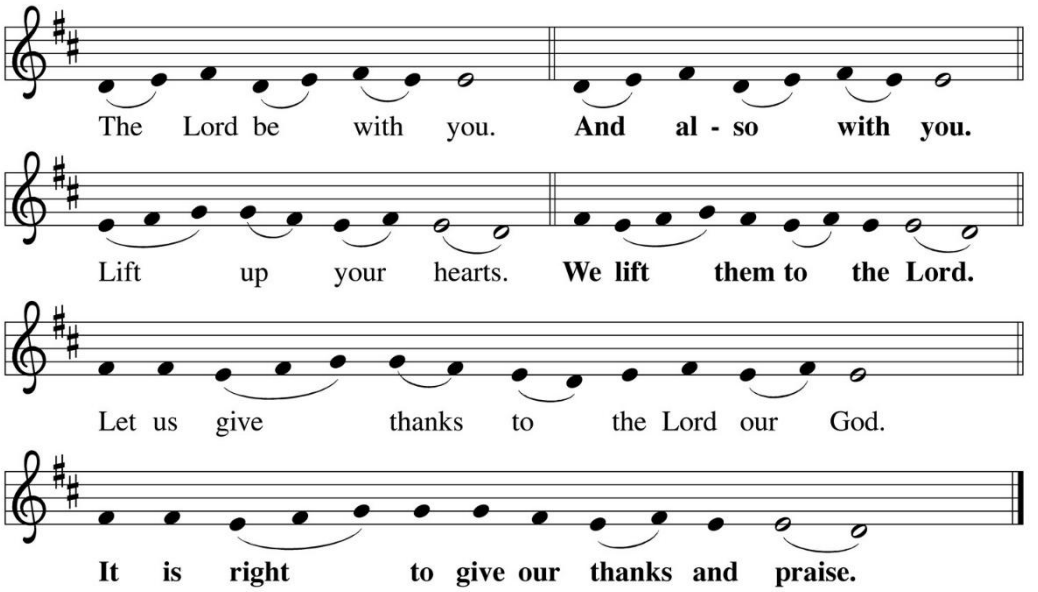
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,

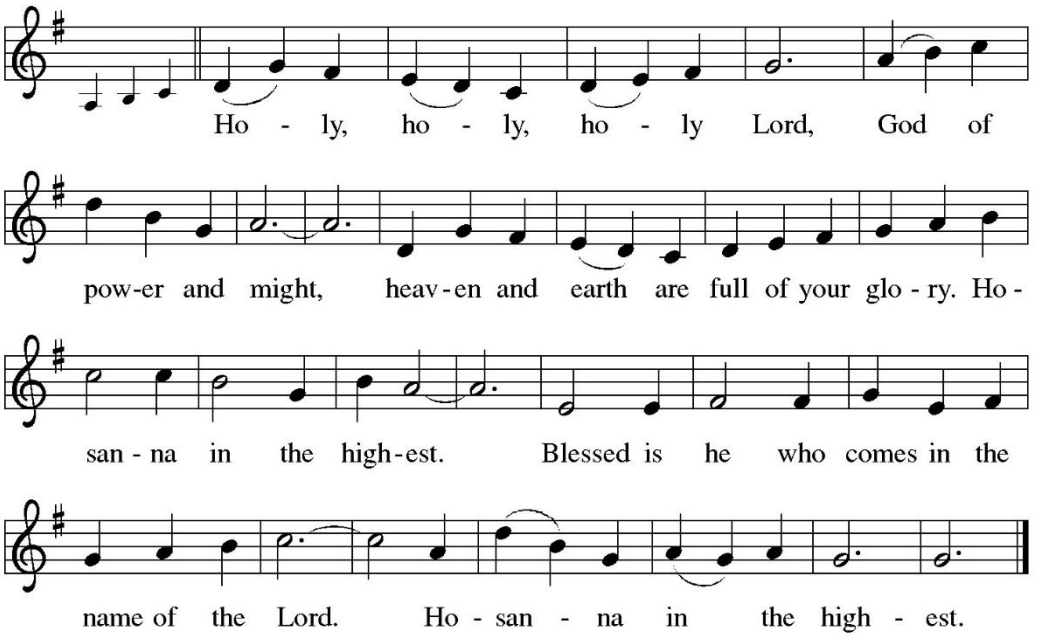
you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

*THE THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy….we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*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.

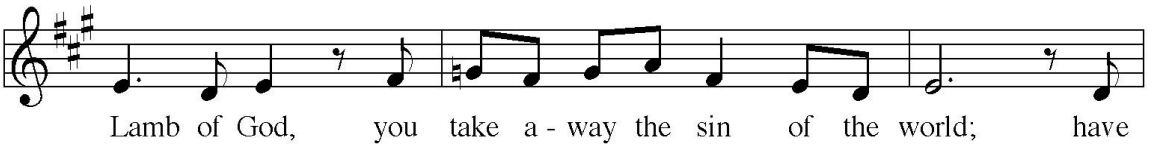
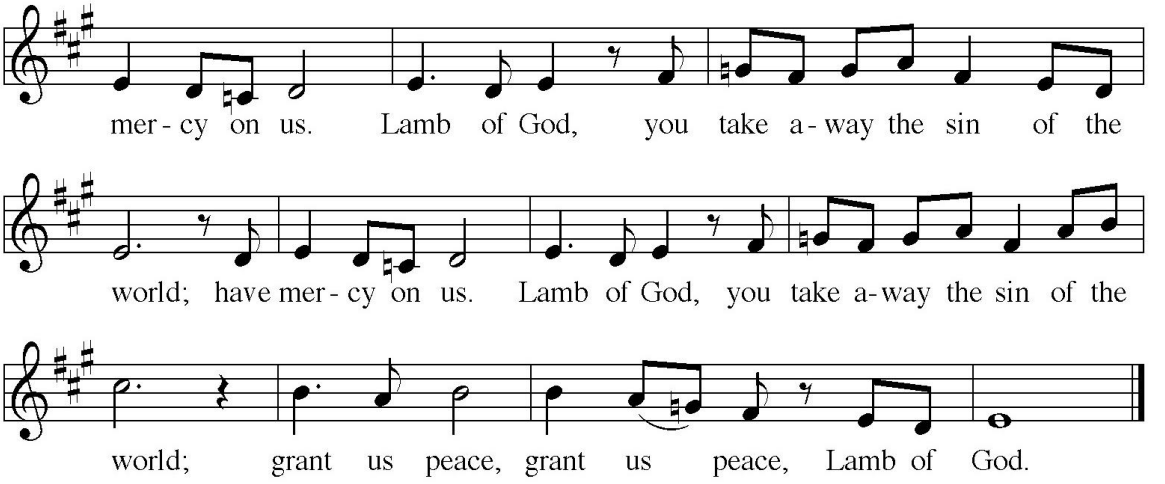
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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



"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" **LBW 479** *(Green hymnal)*

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" **LBW 423** *(Green hymnal)*

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**

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and may God's face shine upon us

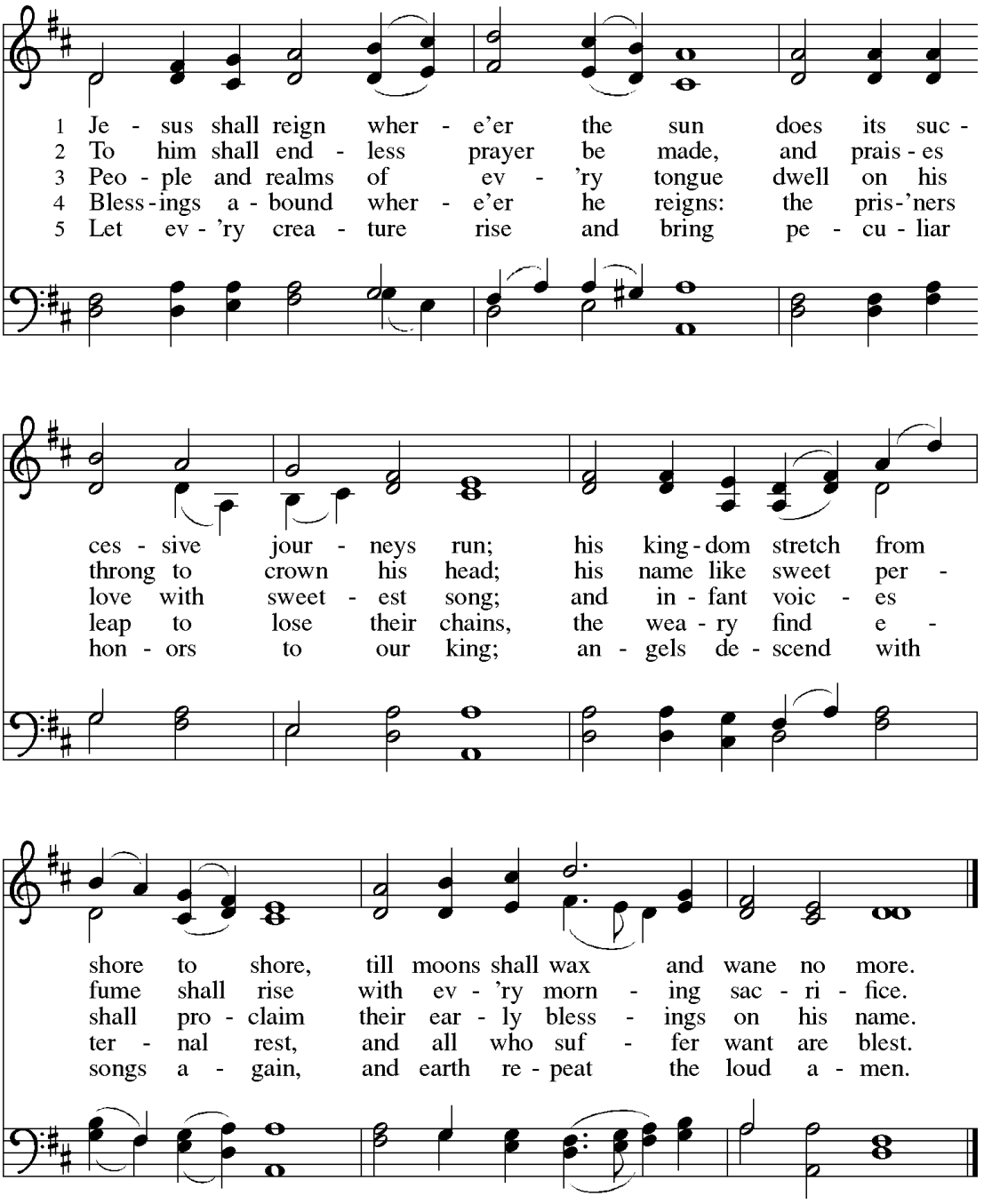
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

(Psalm 67)

The blessing of almighty God, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit be with us now and always.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign"

(Please sing Verse 5 in Unison)

***DISMISSAL.**

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Matters – A Musical Note

Georg Böhm *(1661–1733) was one of the important North German Lutheran organists of the generation before Johann Sebastian Bach, and his music had a significant influence on Bach. Böhm was especially known for his inventive arrangements of Lutheran chorales (hymns).*

This morning's prelude is Böhm's setting of ***"Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr"****—"All Glory Be to God on High." The connection to our worship is intentional: we will sing this same hymn as our Hymn of Praise!*

Worship includes the celebration of Communion today*. We will be distributing communion at the altar rail. As you come forward you may find a spot at the rail to receive the bread (gluten-free option is available) and wine (the center light-colored glasses are grape juice). After a blessing, please place your empty glass in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.*

TODAY: Blessing of the Backpacks . . . All students (including college), teachers, helpers, administration, school staff are invited to participate in a blessing (with or without your backpacks) as area schools begin.

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Acolyte	-Violet Schneider
Vocalists	-MacKenna Whitacre, Addison Thompson, Philip and Carla Hoverman, Josh Voll, Jalen Thompson, Cristie Sevey
Usher Team Leader	-Aaron Short
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Robin Trudel & Jan Delaney
Offering Counters	-Cameron Thompson & 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! **August 19 and September 2 are still open.**

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.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – August 16
Worship, 9am

Tuesday – August 18
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's

Wednesday- August 19
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm

Thursday- August 20
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am
Newsletter Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – August 23
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 8/9/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$4,552.56	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$476.00		
Total Income	$5,025.56	**AS OF 7/31/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$238,068.81
		YTD Operating Expenses	($239,461.89)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	100/20/120	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(1,393.08)

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 . . .

143-30" ruler
204-blunt scissors (ex: safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
496- black or blue ballpoint pen

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) . . .

3-sleepers with no feet
9-lightweight cotton t shirt
8-jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
32-bars of gentle soap
16 -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.

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.

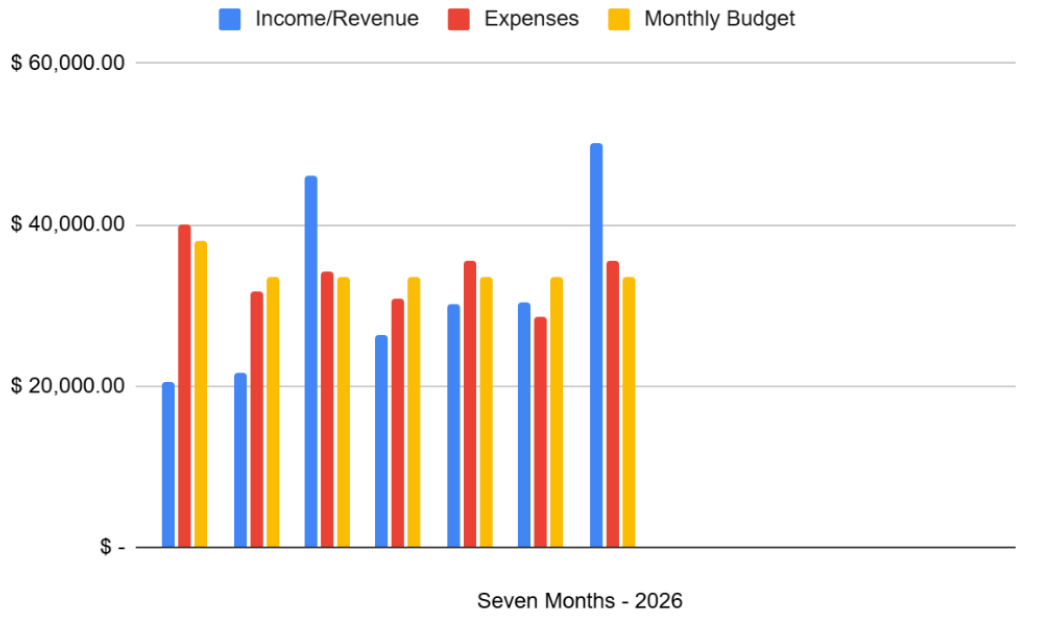
For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God:

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.

Revenue/Expense Comparison

Month	*Income/Revenue*	*Expenses*	*Monthly Budget*
January 2026	*$ 20,468.94*	*$ 39,966.16*	*$ 37,979.95*
February 2026	*$21,693.43*	*$31,833.73*	*$33,565.99*
March 2026	*$46,114.52*	*$34,144.80*	*$33,565.99*
April 2026	*$26,409.80*	*$30,782.48*	*$33,565.99*
May 2026	*$30,102.70*	*$35,519.72*	*$33,565.99*
June 2026	*$30,349.58*	*$28,645.54*	*$33,565.99*
July 2026	*$50,166.52*	*$35,450.27*	*$33,565.99*
August 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
September 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
October 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
November 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
December 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*