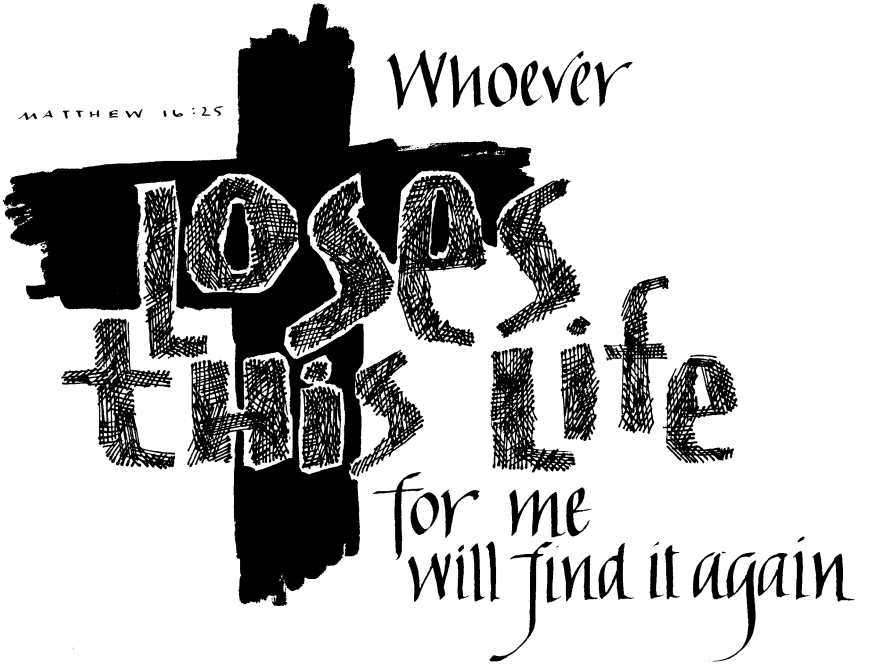


St. Martin's Lutheran Church
203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502
Pastor Steve Basselman

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

(Please sing Verse 4 in Unison)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *AUGUST 30, 2026*

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE **"RETROSPECTION"**
Florence Price

BELLS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN** ***"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

***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.

*KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*Hymn of Praise

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands and carry your cross, 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 — Jeremiah 15:15–21

15 O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my
persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I
suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the
delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your
hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to
me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is
precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn
to you, not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but
they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the
LORD.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the
ruthless.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8 – *please read responsively*

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered. Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

Your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I gather with the deceitful. I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

Your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

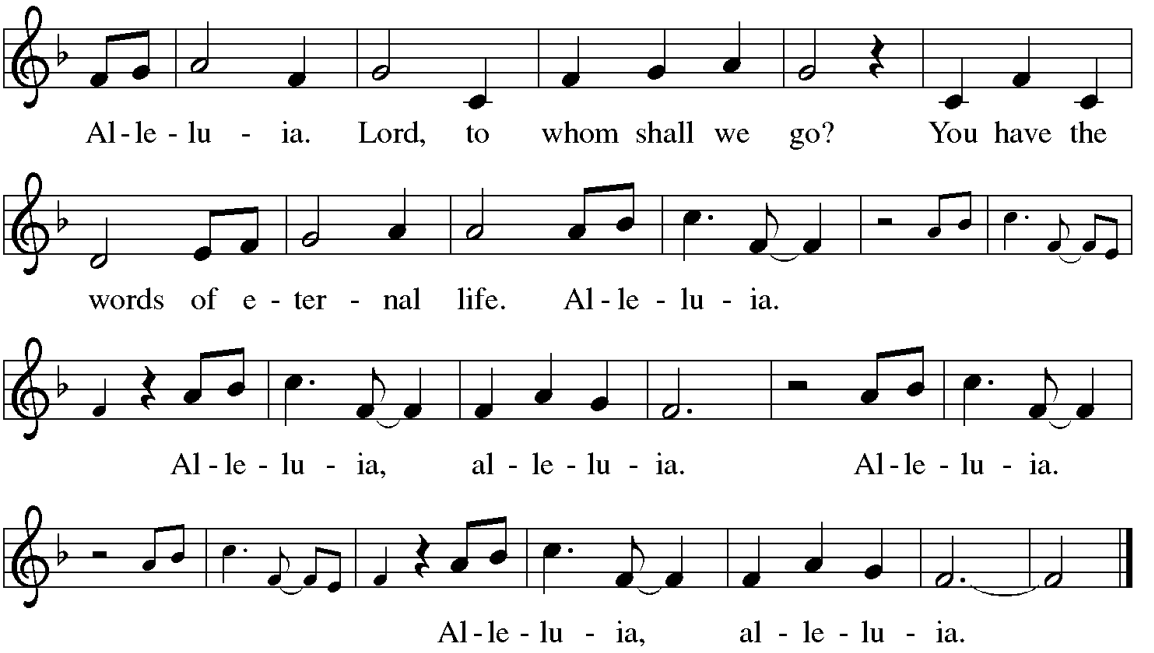
SECOND READING — Romans 12:9–21

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with
mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in
spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those
who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be
haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not
repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is
possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge
yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will
repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty,
give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."
21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and
undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be
killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him,
saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to
Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your
mind not on divine things but on human things."
24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life
will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them
if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
27 For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he
will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing
here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

*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 — "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

-arr. AD Miller

*OFFERTORY *"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"*

*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.

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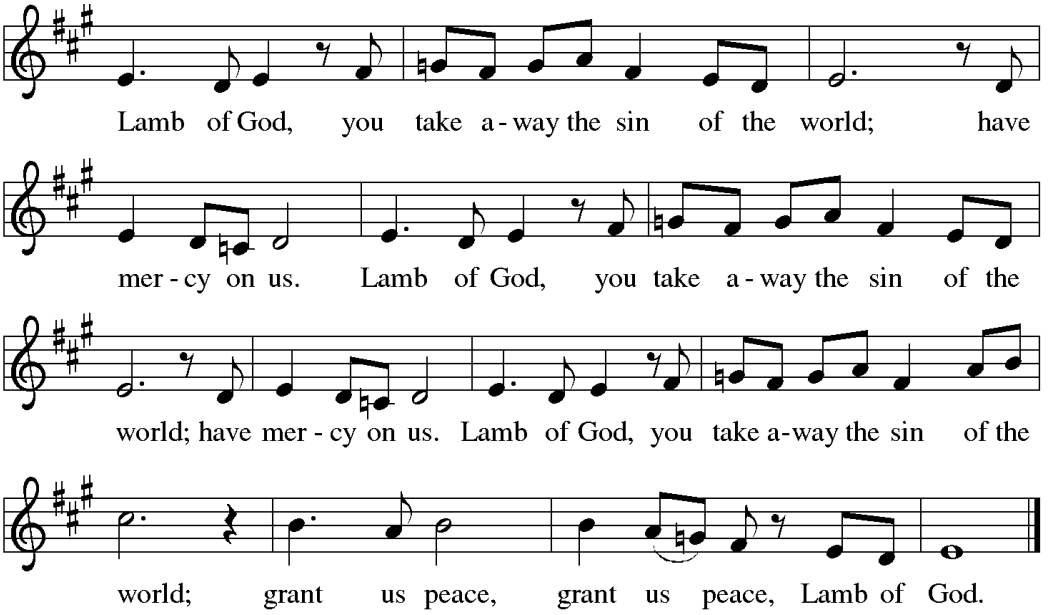
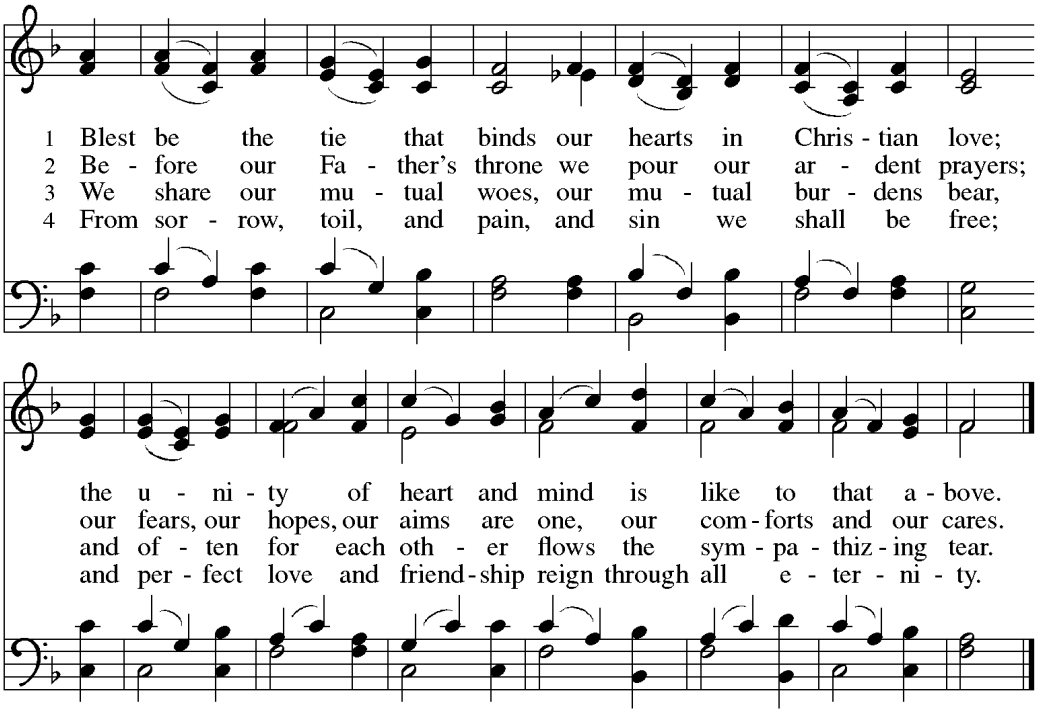


"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"



"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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

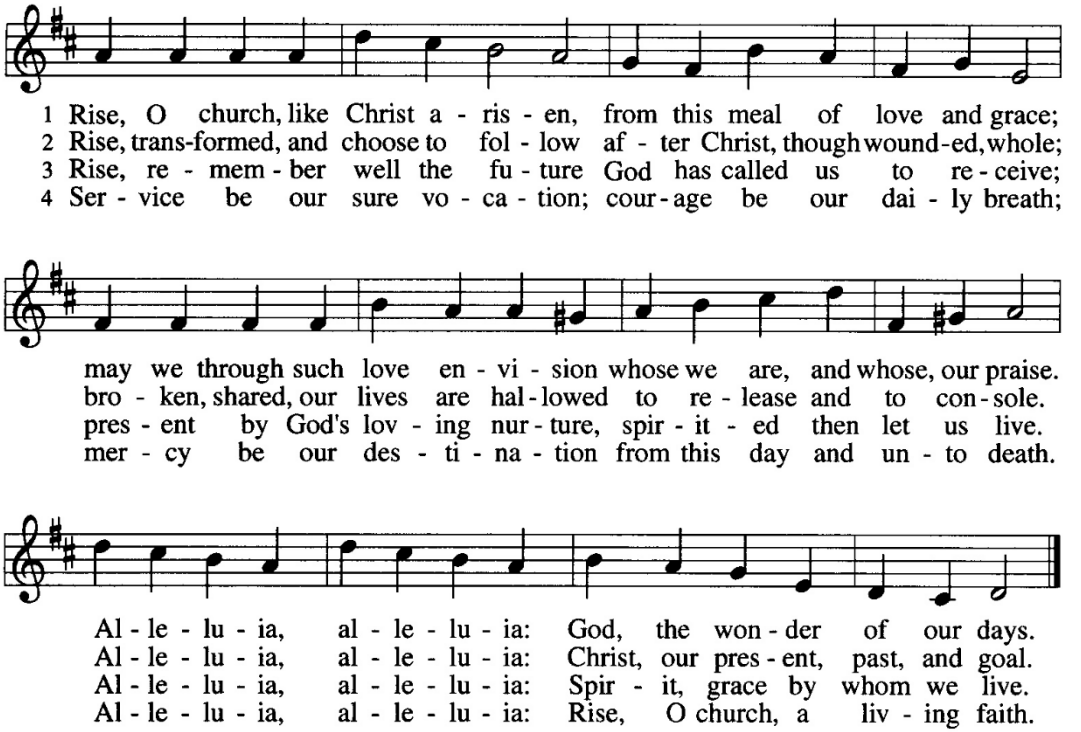
* BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN *"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"*

(Verse 2 – Piano Side only; Verse 3 – Lectern Side only)



*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Acolyte	-Alexa Schneider
Lector	-Nona Rupp
Vocalist	-Adam Grisier
Percussion	-Jacob Thatcher
Usher Team Leader	-Aaron Short
Sound System	-Cameron Thompson
Altar Guild	-Robin Trudel & Jan Delaney
Offering Counters	-Jay Schnitkey & Diana Ziegler

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 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.

Rally Day Brunch Sign up form is in the entrance. If you would be willing to bring something to the Rally Day Brunch or serve at the brunch, **please sign up with your name and what items** you will be bringing or sign up for serving and Erinn will be in contact the week of for the time you are needed!

Mary Martha Circle is meeting this Wednesday, September 2nd. For this month only the time is changed to **3:30pm**.

Parkinson's Group meets this Tuesday, September 1st, at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker is Kristen Schuckman, LSW Social Worker, and the topic is "Movement Disorders What's New?"

After School Tutoring-We are expanding our After School Tutoring program this year! Last year, we started with 6 students who needed a little extra support after school. That support can look different for every student. It might mean helping with homework, having a child read to you, working through a difficult assignment, or simply being a safe and encouraging adult in their life. With the full launch of the program this year, **we are looking for more volunteers.** We are opening the program to 10 elementary students and 2 middle school students, with the goal of providing each student with one-on-one time in the fellowship hall. We can only make that happen with the help of volunteers**.** One of the things that's great about this program is that you can create a schedule that works for you. You could help every time we meet, once a month, or even just 4 times throughout the school year. Any amount of time you can give makes a difference. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, feel free to contact Jake.

Snacks for Kids Club & Middle School-Another current need is snacks for Kids Club and Middle School Youth on Sunday nights. We ask that snacks be non-perishable, such as graham crackers, fruit snacks, chips, water, and juice boxes for Kids Club.
We have been incredibly fortunate and thankful for how willing everyone has been to donate to our youth ministry. Because of your generosity, we have been able to keep snacks stocked throughout the entire school year and even use them for summer activities. There have been a few times when snacks have been left in the kitchen, in the refrigerator, or I'm informed of a donation in passing. We truly appreciate the donations, but unfortunately, those items don't always get used because Jake is rarely in that part of the building during the week. **To make sure everything gets seen, stored properly, and used, please drop snack donations off in my office or at the top of the staircase leading to the basement with a note that says "Youth & Kids."** That way Jake knows the snacks are there and can get them where they need to go. Thank you again for continuing to support our youth and kids' ministry. Your generosity makes a real difference!

Kids Club Volunteer- Earlier this summer, Jake sent out an email about the possibility of opening Kids Club up to younger kids, specifically Pre-K students ages 4 and up. We would love to be able to include this age group, but to do that, **we need one additional volunteer to help**. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to find someone yet, so this is the last effort to see if there is someone who would be willing to step in and help us make this happen. If you are interested in volunteering with Kids Club and helping us open it up to our younger kids, Jake would love to connect with you and talk more about what that would look like. We would need to have a volunteer in place by Labor Day in order to make this happen this year. If you're interested, please reach out to Jake.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – August 30
Worship, 9am

Tuesday – September 1
Men's Breakfast, 7am McDonald's
Parkinson's Group, 1pm

Wednesday- September 2
Mary-Martha Circle, **3:30pm** (notice time change for this month)
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm

Thursday- September 3
Women's Breakfast, 7am The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – September 6
Worship, 9am

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Whitney Wyse, Office Manager
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Tues. AM & Fri. AM

Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook
6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

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 8/23/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$4,168.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$498.56		
Total Income	$4,666.56	**AS OF 7/31/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$238,068.81
		YTD Operating Expenses	($239,461.89)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	94/24/118	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(1,393.08)

Rally Day Schedule
SUNDAY – September 13

- *9am Worship*
- *Brunch following Worship*
- *Packing the Lutheran World Relief Kits after Brunch*
- *Ages 3 years old through 4th grade: kids activity at church*
- *Ages 5th grade through High School: Detroit Tigers Game*

WE HAVE ALMOST MET OUR GOALS FOR RALLY DAY!

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 AND WE ARE IN NEED OF JUST A FEW MORE ITEMS TO COMPLETE OUR KITS! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT LEAVE YOUR DONATED ITEMS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON THE CORRECT TABLE!

Item's Needed:

School Kits . . . WE'VE COLLECTED OUR GOAL! (and then some) THANK YOU

Personal Care Kits . . .

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

Baby Care Kits(104) . . .

6-jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
20-bars of gentle soap
8 -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
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**