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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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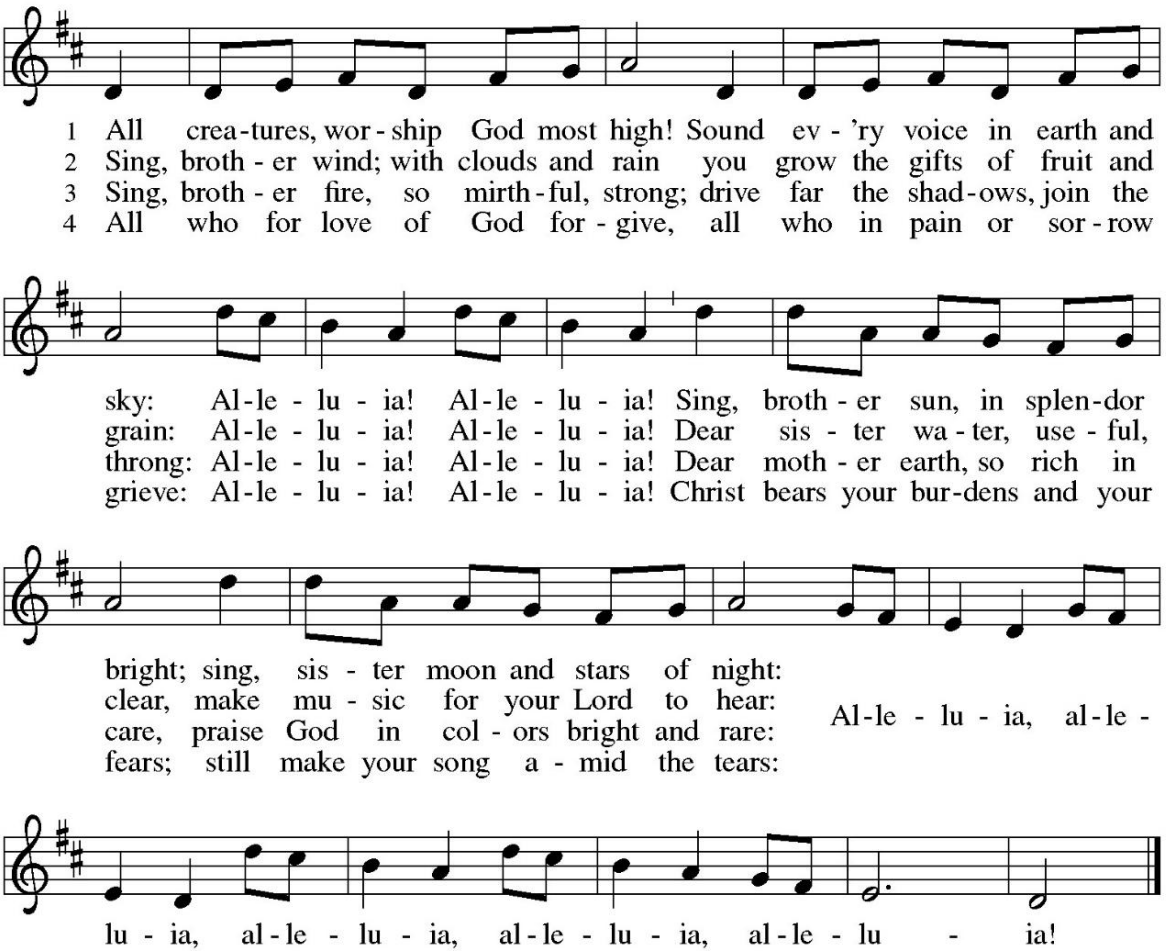
"All Creatures, Worship God on High!"

(Verses 2 & 4 – Men and Low Voices only; Verses 3 & 5 – Women and High Voices only)



5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost *October 4, 2026*

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude **"Air"** *– Gerre Hancock*

Bells & Announcements

*Opening Hymn *"All Creatures, Worship God on High!"*

*Confession and Forgiveness

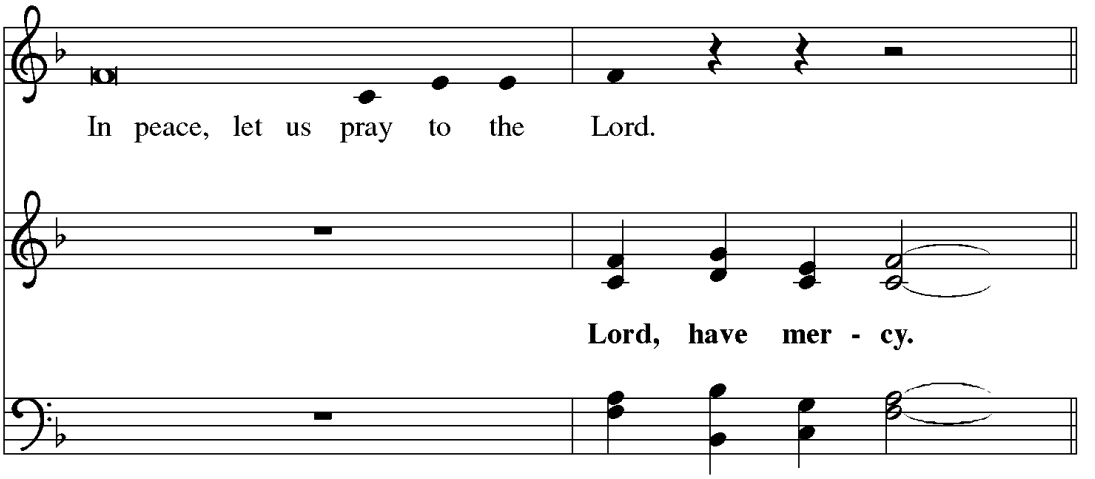
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)* Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for personal reflection

Generous and faithful God,
we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown,
that we reject and challenge your steadfast love.
You embrace us as your people, yet we treat strangers with suspicion.
You forgive our sins, and we are quick to pass judgment on others.
Have mercy on us, O God, let your face shine upon us and renew our lives to serve in your holy name.
Amen.

"I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more," declares the Lord. *(Jeremiah 31:34)* God's steadfast love never ceases and God's mercies never come to an end. Rejoice in the Lord and stand redeemed in the presence of God; our sins are forgiven.
Amen

*KYRIE

(Please sing responses in harmony)

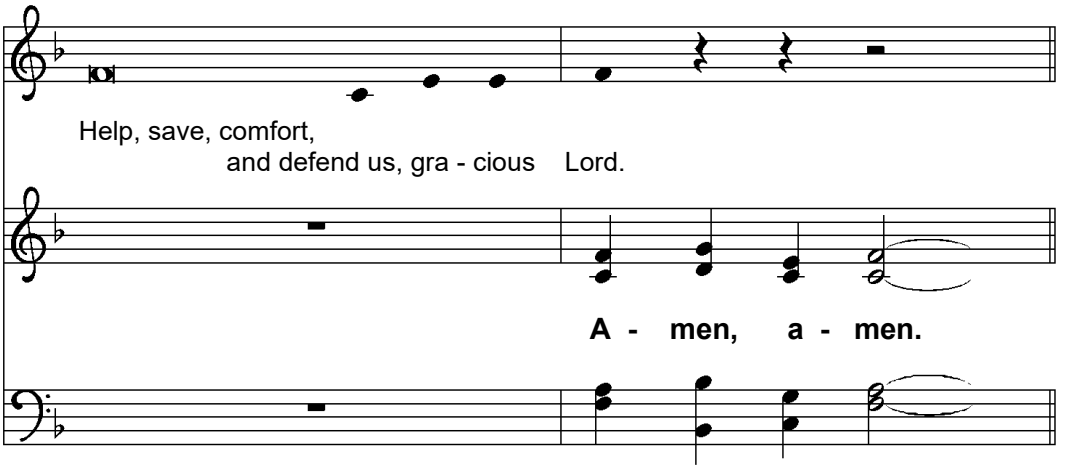


Additional petitions:

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**



*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.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, pressing onward toward 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

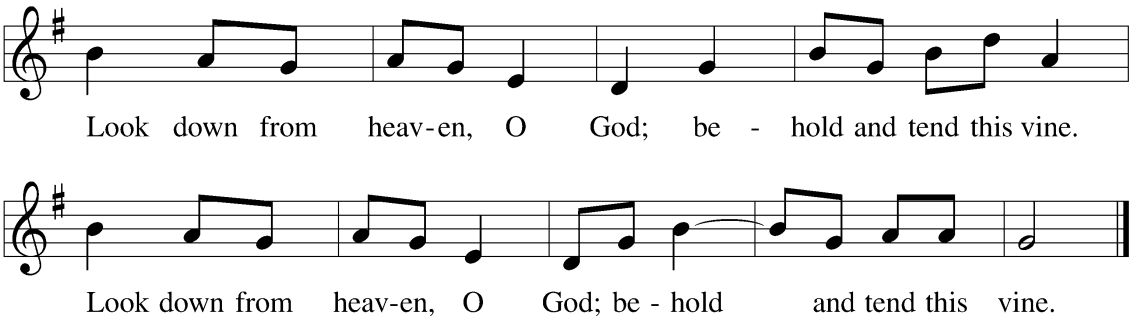
Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
4 What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalmody - *Behold and Tend This Vine* **Psalm 80:7-14**



[7]Restore us, O God of Hosts;
Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
[8]You have brought a vine out of Egypt,
You cast out the nations and planted it. **Refrain**

[9]You prepared the ground for it;
It took root and filled the land.
[10]The mountains were covered by its shadow
And the towering cedar trees by its boughs. **Refrain**

[11]You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
And its branches to the river.
[12]Why have you broken down its wall,
So that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? **Refrain**

[13]The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
And the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
[14]Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;
Preserve what your right hand has planted. **Refrain**

New Testament Reading **Philippians 3:4–14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: [5]circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6]as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

[7]Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. [8]More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9]and be found in him, not having a

righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. [10]I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, [11]if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

[12]Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13]Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14]I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation

*Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

33 Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence
around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and
went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the
tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed
another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they
treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect
my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir;
come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the
vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do
to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death,
and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:
'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?
43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a
people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be
broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."
45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he
was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds,
because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Message *"Cling to What?"*

*Hymn of the Day *"Jesus Loves Me"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*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 — "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Chancel Choir — *- arr. M. Holstein*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Offertory "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

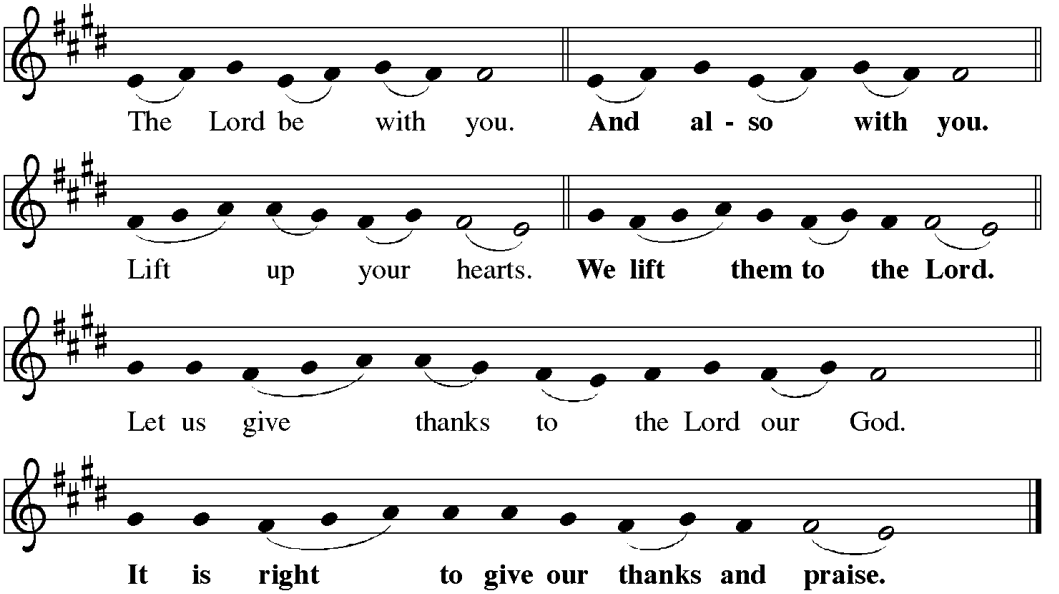
*Offertory Prayer

God of life,

we belong to you, our life and our labor, and all that we are. In great thanksgiving we offer ourselves to your service for work in your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

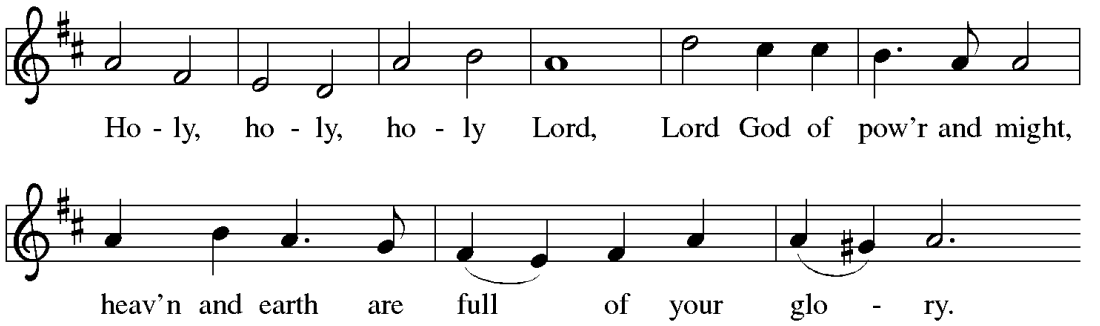
THE CHURCH SHARES IN THE MEAL

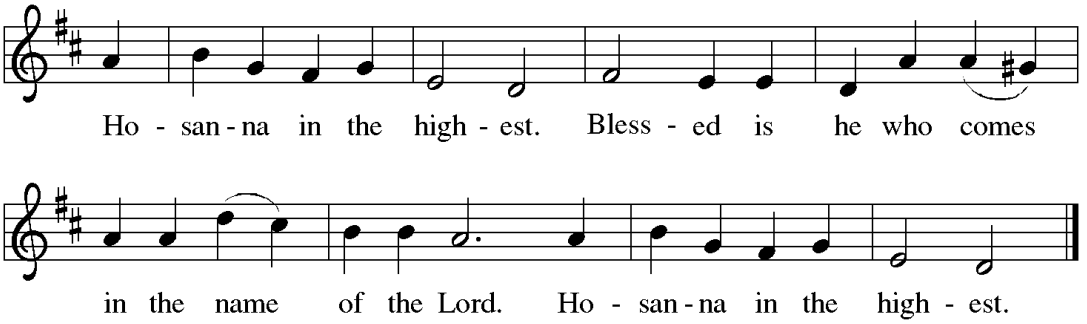
* Thanksgiving



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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, the Resurrection and the Life, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to us all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

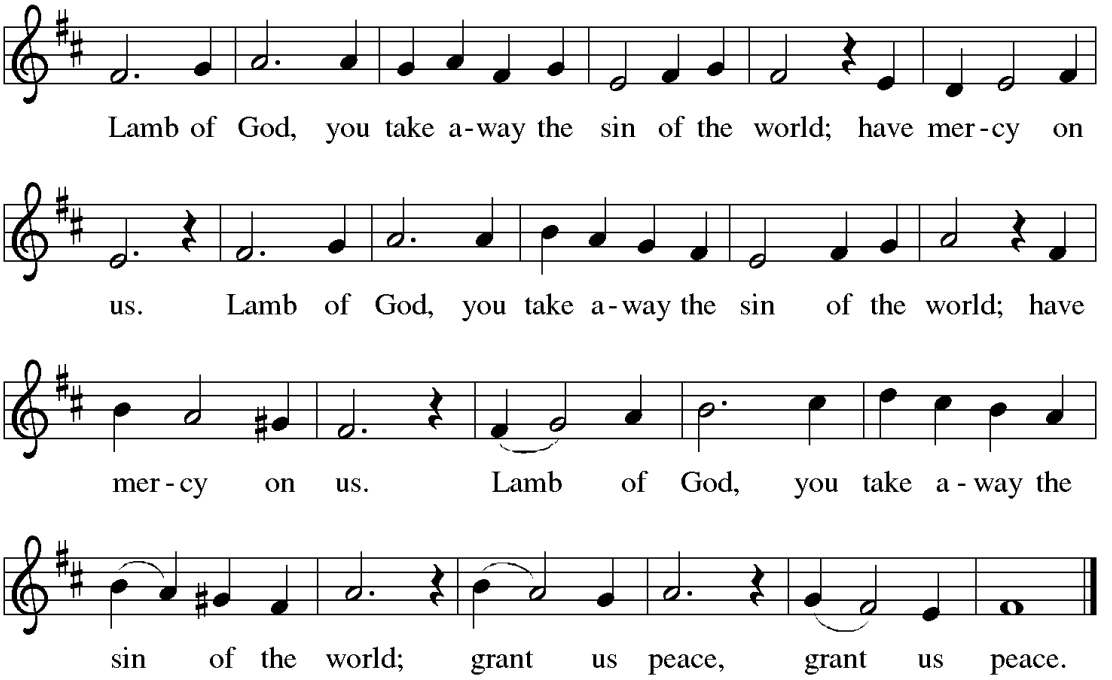
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

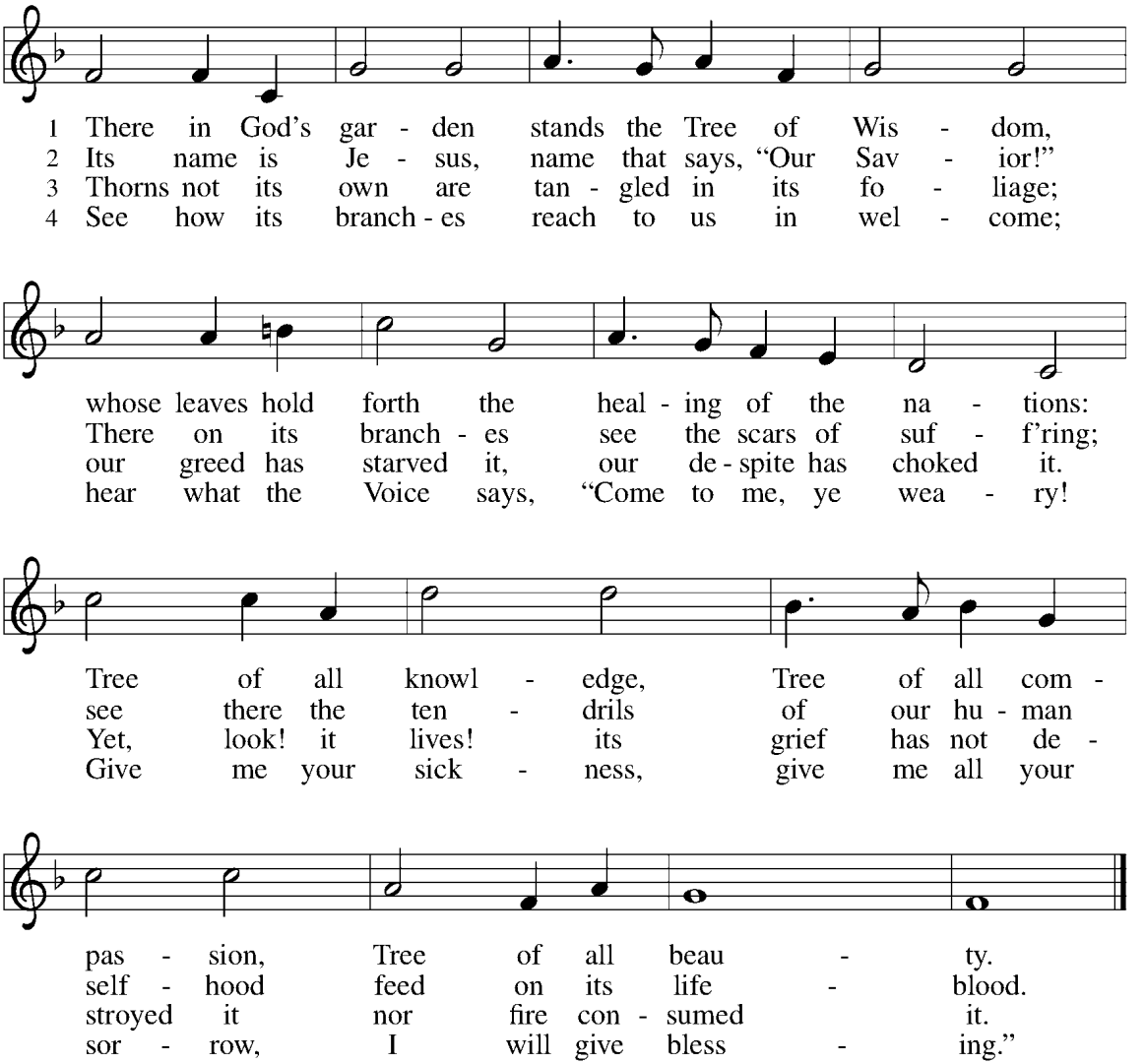
*The Lord's Prayer

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



“There in God’s Garden”



5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav’n is singing,
“Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!”
Amen! My Master!

ANTHEM **"PRAYER FOR PEACE"**

Chancel Choir *-David Cherwien*

O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
Our greed and violent ways restrain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, your works of old,
The wonders that your people told;
Remember not our sins' deep stain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord?
Where rest but on your faithful word?
None ever called on you in vain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

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

*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 *"Christ is Our Cornerstone"*

(Please sing verses 2 & 3 in Unison)

*Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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Worship Matters

St. Francis of Assisi gave up a life of wealth to follow Christ by serving the poor and caring for God's creation. His life of humility, peace, and compassion continues to inspire Christians today. As we remember Francis on this, his commemoration day, we hear the prayer often associated with him, *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,"* asking God to make us instruments of peace, love, forgiveness, and hope in the world.

Again, with a nod to St. Francis, we'll sing a new text for the familiar tune *All Creatures of Our God and King*. "All Creatures, Worship God on High" brings the hymn's imagery to life, inviting sun, moon, earth, sea, wind, and every living creature to join in one joyful chorus of praise.

Lector	-Amy Blankenship
Acolyte	-Jordyn Schmidt
Pianist	-Matthew Wachtman
Vocalist	-Adam Grisier
Usher Team Leader	-Mark Weaver
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Altar Guild	-Robin Trudel & Michelle Collins
Offering Counters	-Cameron Thompson & Diana Ziegler

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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.

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. **AST begins October 7.**

The Mary Martha Circle is starting its new monthly Bible Study, **The Fruit of the Spirit, on Wednesday October 14 @ 1:00 p.m**. in the Fellowship Hall. This study is based on the Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22, that we recite as part of St. Martin's mission statement on many Sundays. We hope that by studying these fruits, we might learn how we, in our service to Christ can use these fruits to continue welcoming friends and neighbors to our fellowship. Although many might say we are the "old ladies" circle, we would say we are the "mature ladies" circle and would invite any and every mature lady available at 1:00 on Wednesday afternoons to join our group. We still study the Bible and serve Christ.
Normally our Circle meets on the first Wednesday of the month, but because of scheduling problems, we will start the 2nd week in October. So, we will meet on November 4th, and December 2nd, etc. We look forward to learning more about how we can use our "fruits" to serve our church and our community. Come, all you mature ladies, and join us!
Workbooks are available: see Kris Jemmott, or call/text her at 419-572-6221.

The Nominating Team **(Cameron Thompson and Janet Wyse)** is seeking prayerful suggestions for two leadership positions on the **Congregation Council: Vice-President and Treasurer** as well as **one position on the Endowment Committee.** The Council positions terms of office are for two-year terms while the Endowment Committee member is a three-year term.
Eligible candidates must be voting members (confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution on record in the preceding calendar year), regularly attend worship and receive Holy Communion, have actively served in at least one ministry team, and are **not** paid staff members of the Congregation.
If you feel called to serve or would like to suggest names of potential candidates contact the Nominating Team (Cameron Thompson and Janet Wyse) as soon as possible.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – September 27
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Concert Series, Hymn Festival, 3pm
Middle School Youth, 6:00pm

Tuesday – September 29
Men's Breakfast, 7am McDonald's
Sewing, 9am
Community Meal @ St. Johns, 5pm
Boy Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday- September 30
Welcome Place Meal, 5pm
Worship, 6pm
Kids Club, 6pm
Chancel Choir, 6pm
Adult Circle, 6:30pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:15pm
Catechism, 7:15pm

Thursday-October 1
Women's Breakfast, 7am The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – October 4
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Middle School Youth, 6:00pm

Pastor Steve's Monday Night Bible Study group this year we'll follow a series of Bible Studies and Topic Discussions. Each topic will last about 4 to 6 weeks. You can jump in or jump out at any time. Email Pastor Steve if you're interested. steveb@the-welcome-place.org

Beginning Monday, October 5 at 7pm The first topic of Pastor Steve's Bible Study will be a series of 4 sessions as a "Bible 101" format: *"What is the Bible?"* October 5, 12, 19, & 26. *"We know we should read the Bible, and maybe even have tried, but somehow, we don't find ourselves pulled into its pages the way we have been by other books. So, what is it with this book, the Bible?*

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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 9/27/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$5,926.56	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$116.00		
Total Income	$6,042.56	**AS OF 8/31/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$252,428.34
		YTD Operating Expenses	($268,222.53)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	99/21/120	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(15,794.19)

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
Shanté Armstrong, Jake's fiancée
Bonnie Badenhop, pancreatic cancer
Dana Bjorlin, health concerns
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
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
Janette Trudel
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.**

All Saints Commemoration

Candles of Remembrance

Sunday, November 1

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." - Rev. 14:13

Within the Church Year, November 1, 2026, is All Saint's Day, a time to commemorate loved ones who have been received into the Church Triumphant during the past year, a time to claim the comfort of the Christian faith that trusts God's promise of eternal life in Christ.

During worship we remember those members of St. Martin's who have died in the preceding 12 months. In addition, anyone may request that a loved one who has died in the past 12 months be remembered.

For each name included, a *"Candle of Remembrance"* will be lit at the beginning of the Service.

In order that we may have an adequate number of candles, we ask that requests be made on or before Sunday, October 25th. Please fill out your request on the back of this sheet or email the church office.

All Saints Commemoration

Please use this form to request commemoration of a loved one during our worship service on All Saints Sunday. Please return to the church office by October 25.

Loved One's Name/s:

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Person Making Request:

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Relationship:

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Date of Death:

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