St. Martin's Lutheran Church

203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502

Pastor Steve Basselman

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

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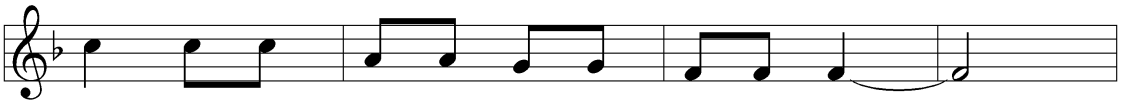
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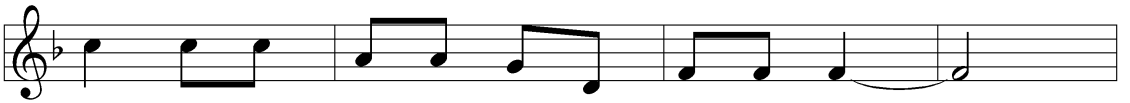
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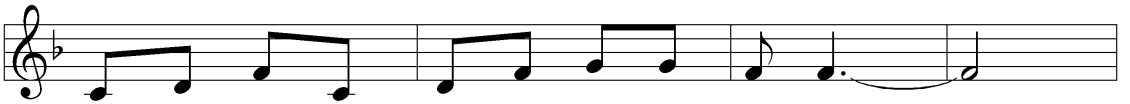
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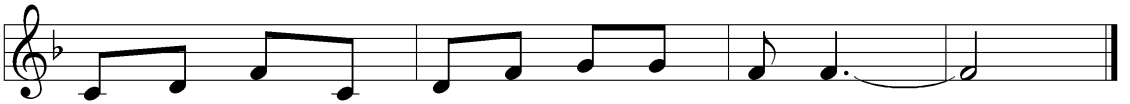
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In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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

PRELUDE "*Come, Let Us Eat"* – arr. Anne Krentz Organ

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN** ***"Come, Let Us Eat"

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

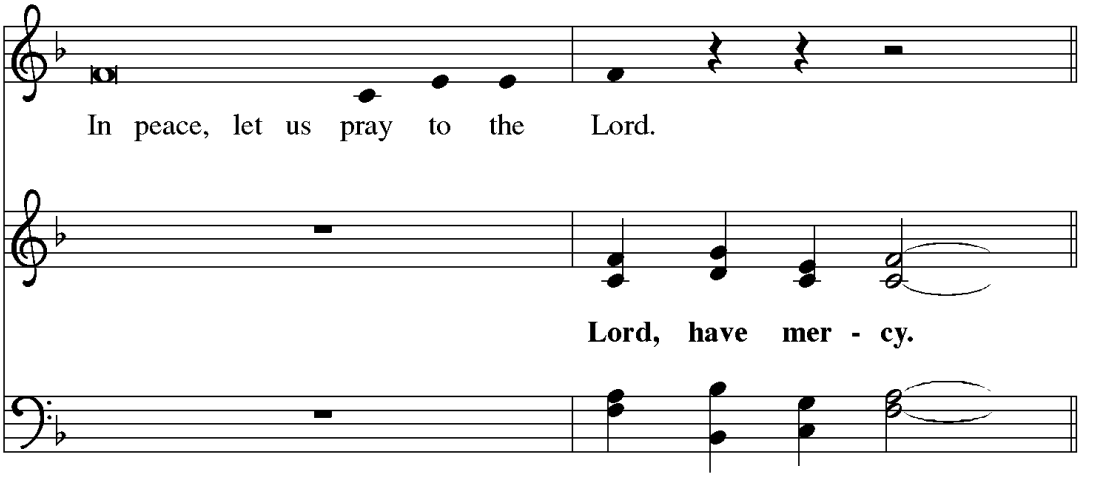
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)* Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Generous and faithful God,
we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown,
that we reject and undermine 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)*

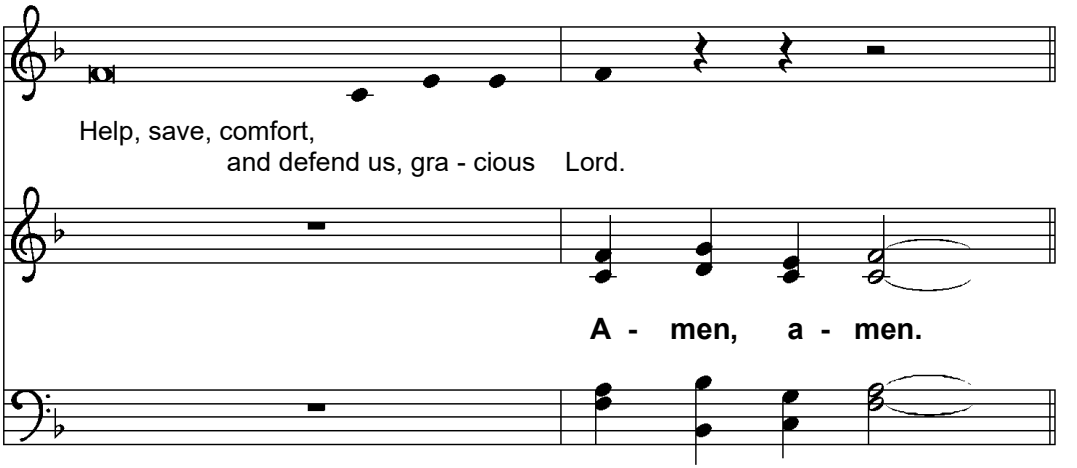


Additional petitions:

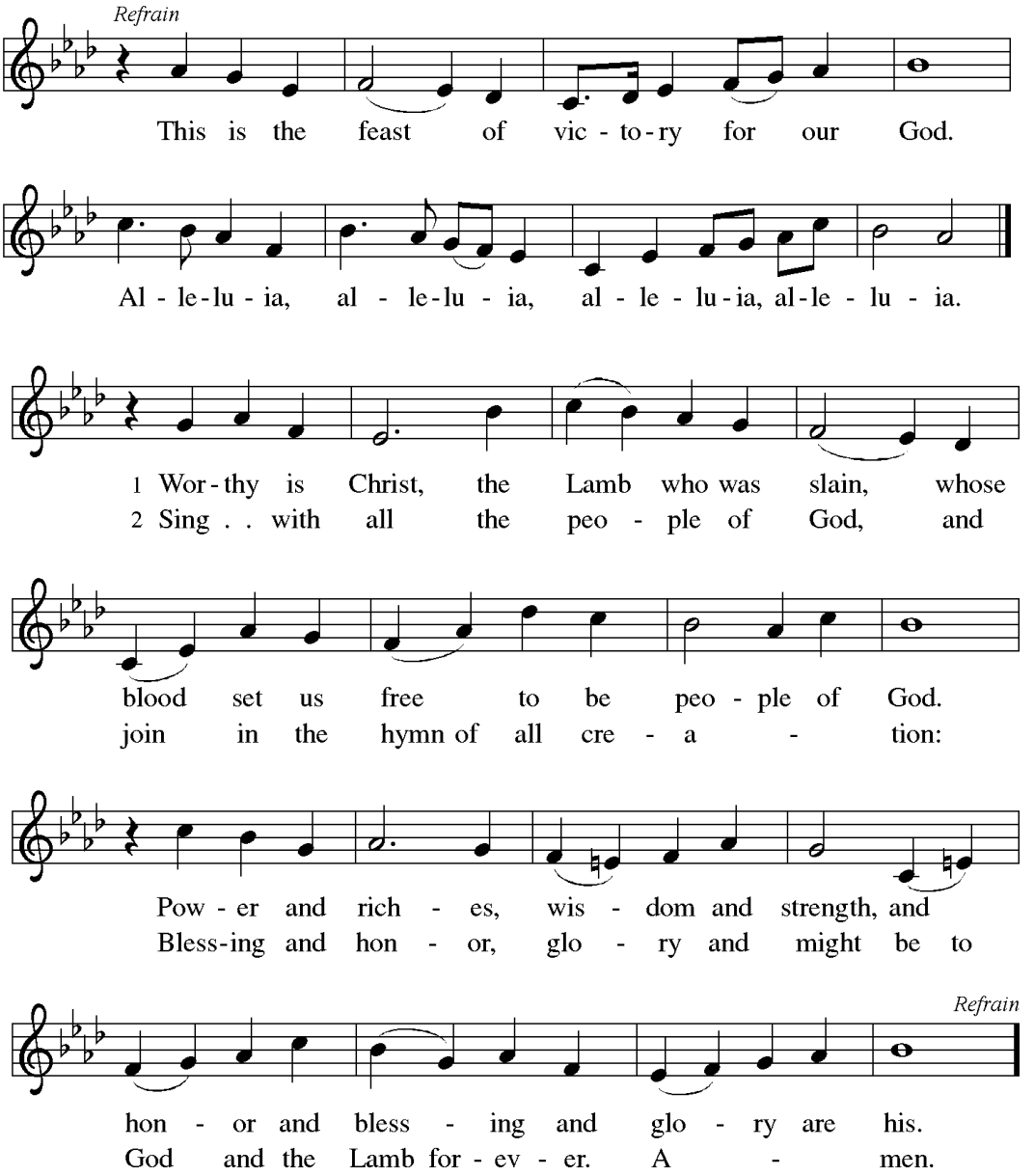
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

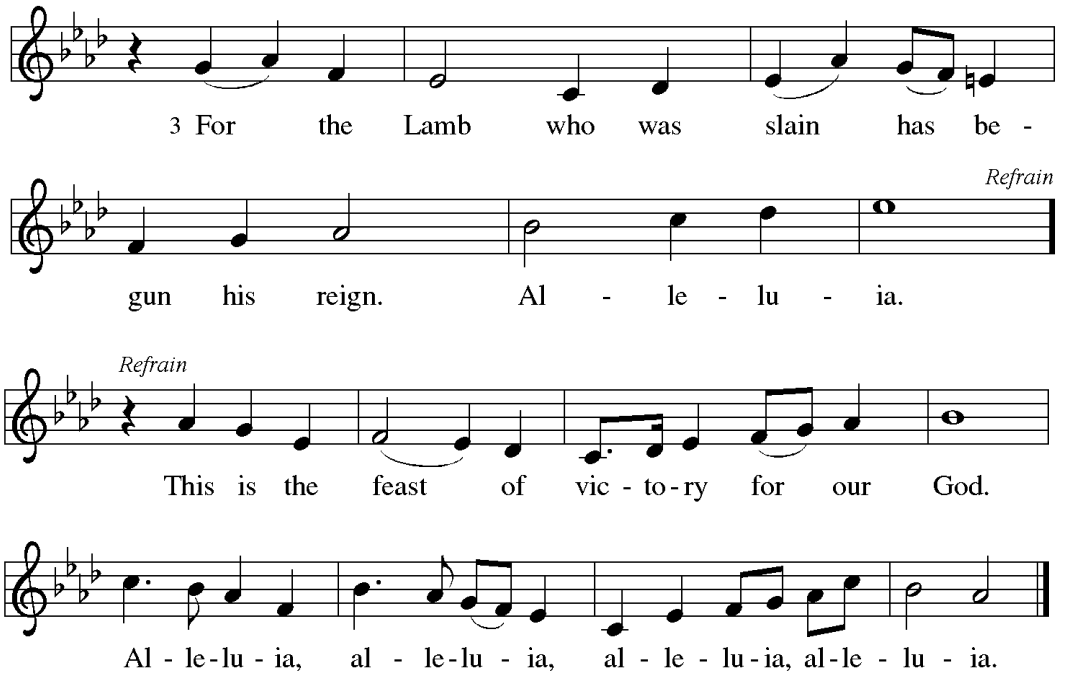
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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



*Hymn of Praise *Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 5:12-13*





*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. *2 Corinthians 13:13*

And also with you.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

We Hear God's Word

First Reading — Isaiah 25:1-9

1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done
wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a
city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a
shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless
was like a winter rainstorm,

[5]the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.
[6]On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
[7]And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;
[8]he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
[9]It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING – BASED ON PSALM 23

The Lord is my Shepherd.
That's relationship!
I shall not want.
That's supply!
He maketh me lie down in green pastures,
That's rest!
He leadeth me beside still waters,
That's refreshment!
He restores my soul.
That's healing!
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness…
That's guidance!
For His name's sake.
That's purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death…
That's testing!
I will fear no evil…
That's protection!
For thou art with me.
That's faithfulness!
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
That's discipline!
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies,
That's hope!

Thou anointest my head with oil,
That's consecration!
My cup runneth over.
That's abundance!
Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
That's blessing!
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord…
That's security!
Forever…
That's eternity!
And ever.
That's a promise! Amen!

SECOND READING — Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

[2]I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3]Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4]Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5]Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6]Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8]Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9]Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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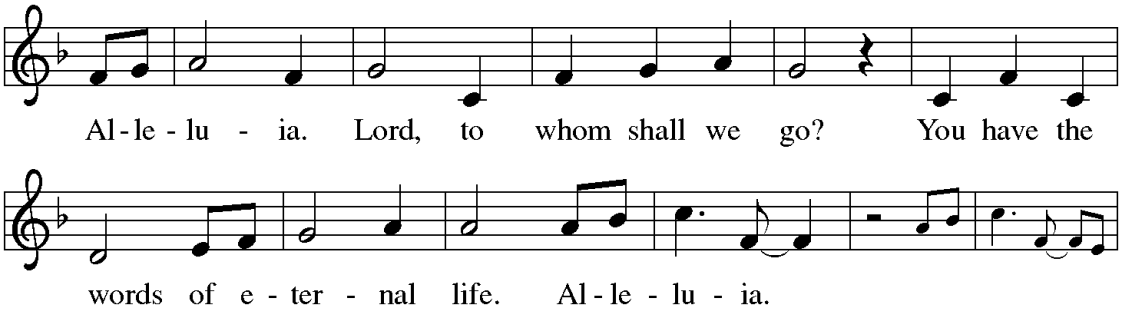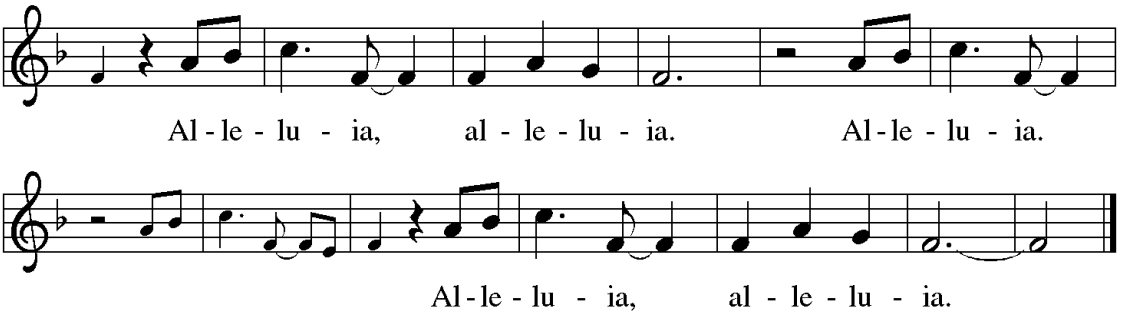
*HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2]The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3]He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4]Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5]But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6]while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7]The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8]Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9]Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' [10]Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11]But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12]and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13]Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14]For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE — *"The Invitations Have Been Sent"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Abide in Us, O Bread of Life"

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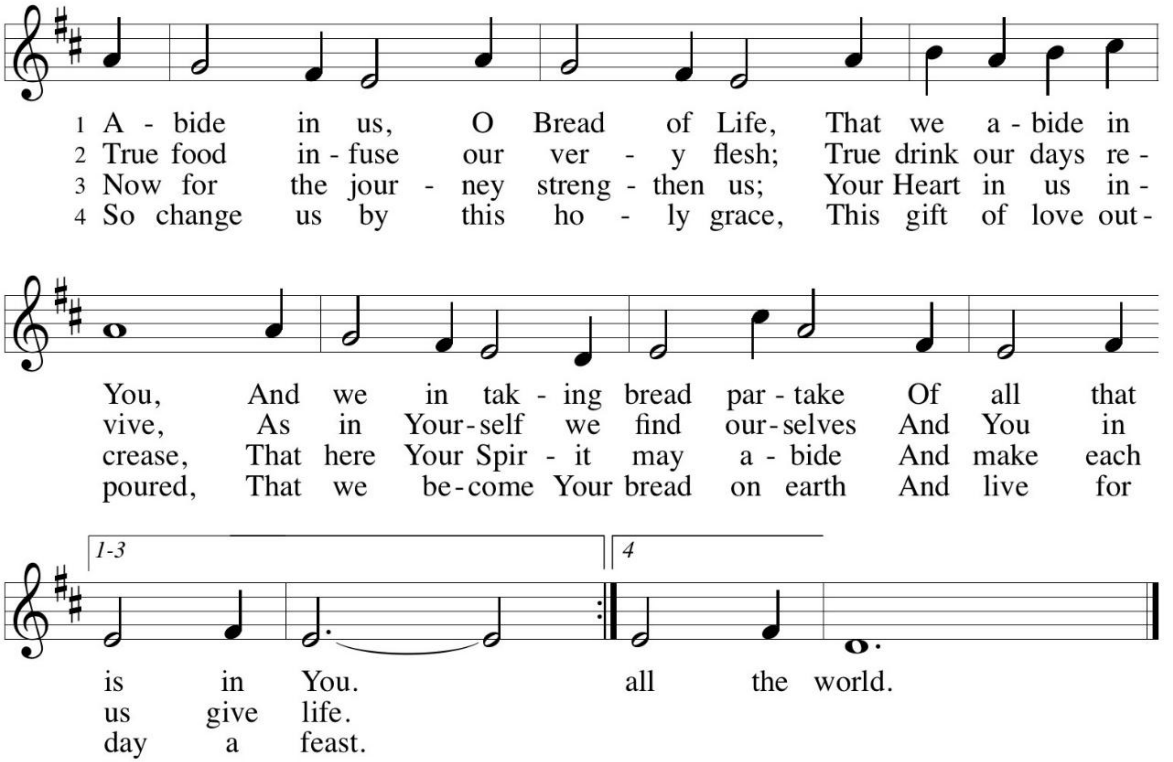

*Profession of Faith *– Apostles' Creed*

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.

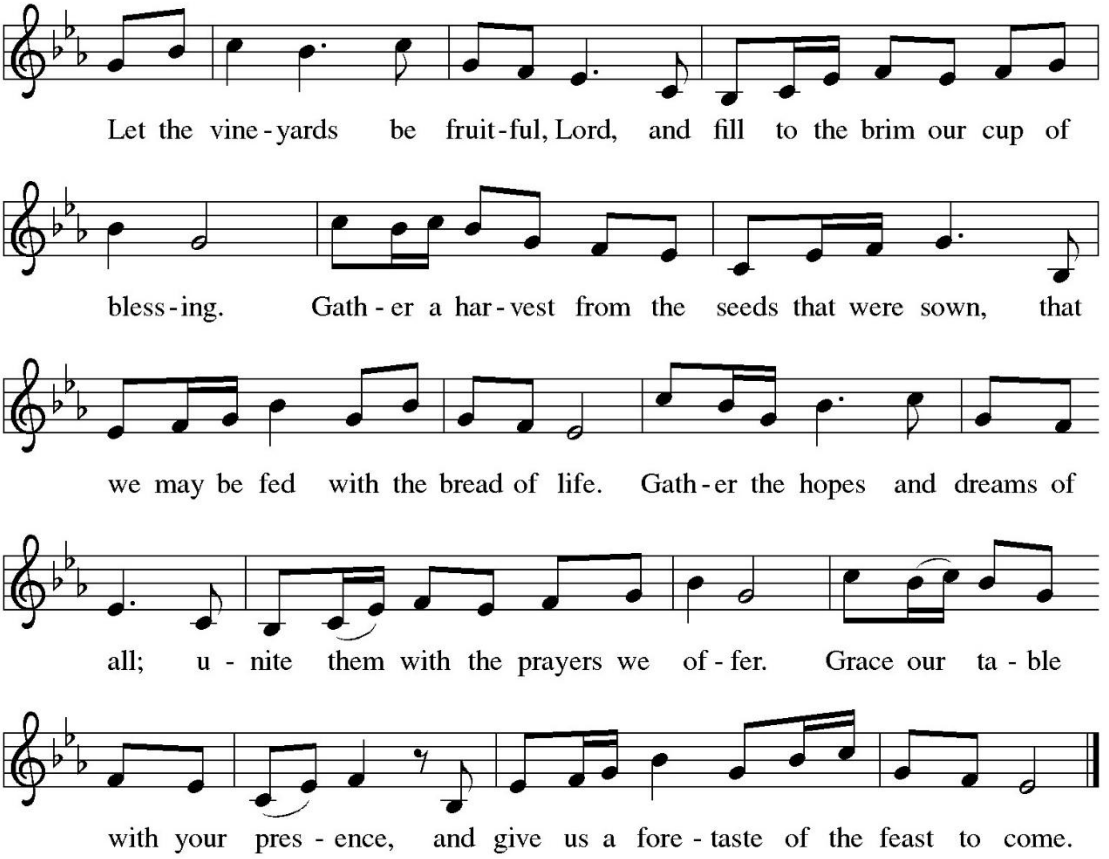
(We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you")

OFFERING "GOD'S GONNA SET THIS WORLD ON FIRE"

-Moses Hogan

God's gonna set this world on fire, Hallelujah,
God's going to set this world on fire one of these days.
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, Hallelujah,
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.
I'm going to eat and never get hungry, Hallelujah,
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days.
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty, Hallelujah,
I'm going to drink and never get thirsty one of these days.

*OFFERTORY



*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,

as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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 living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who came and lived among us pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in 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 in remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, his life, death and resurrection, we await your salvation for this entire world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

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

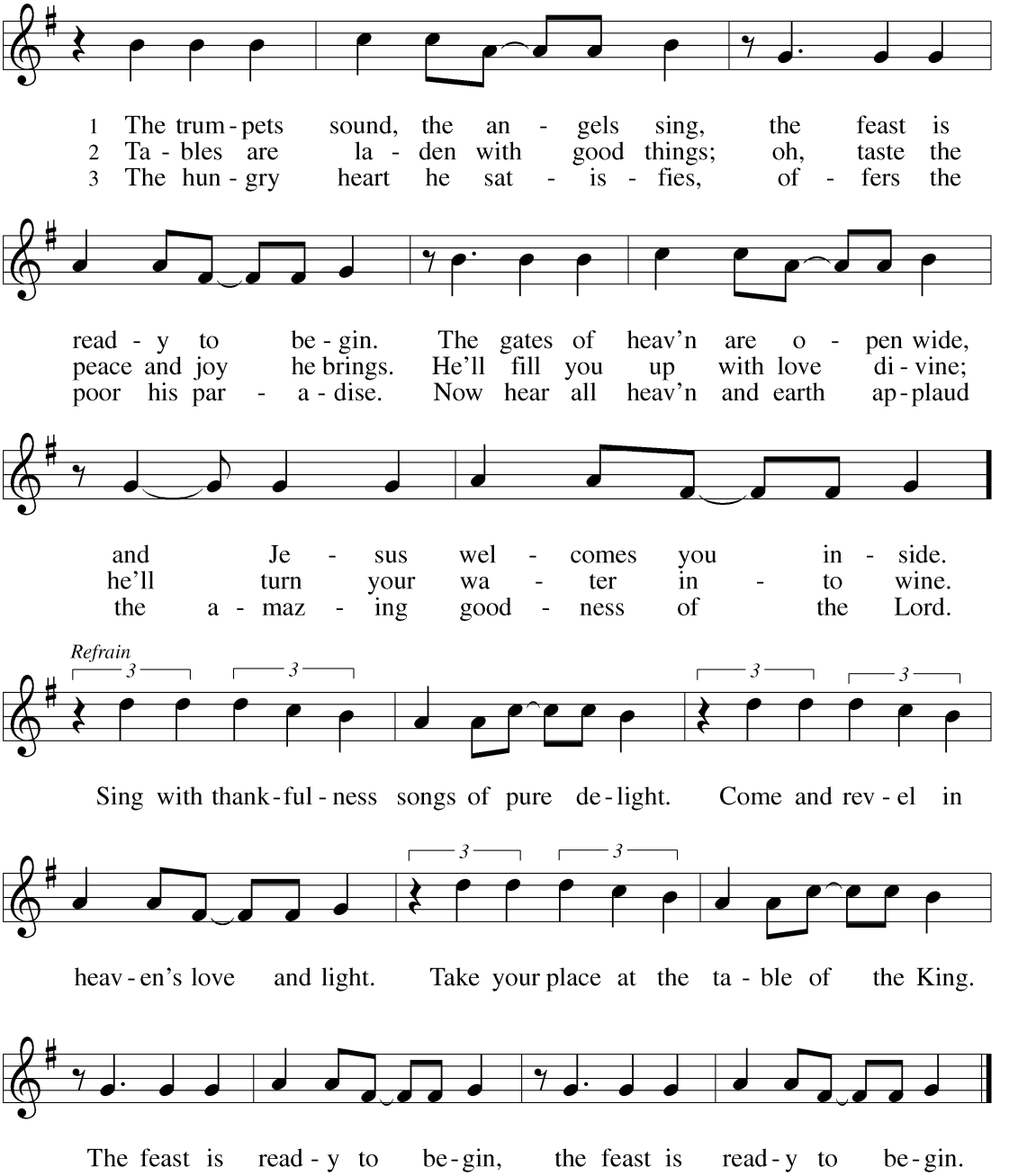
Amen

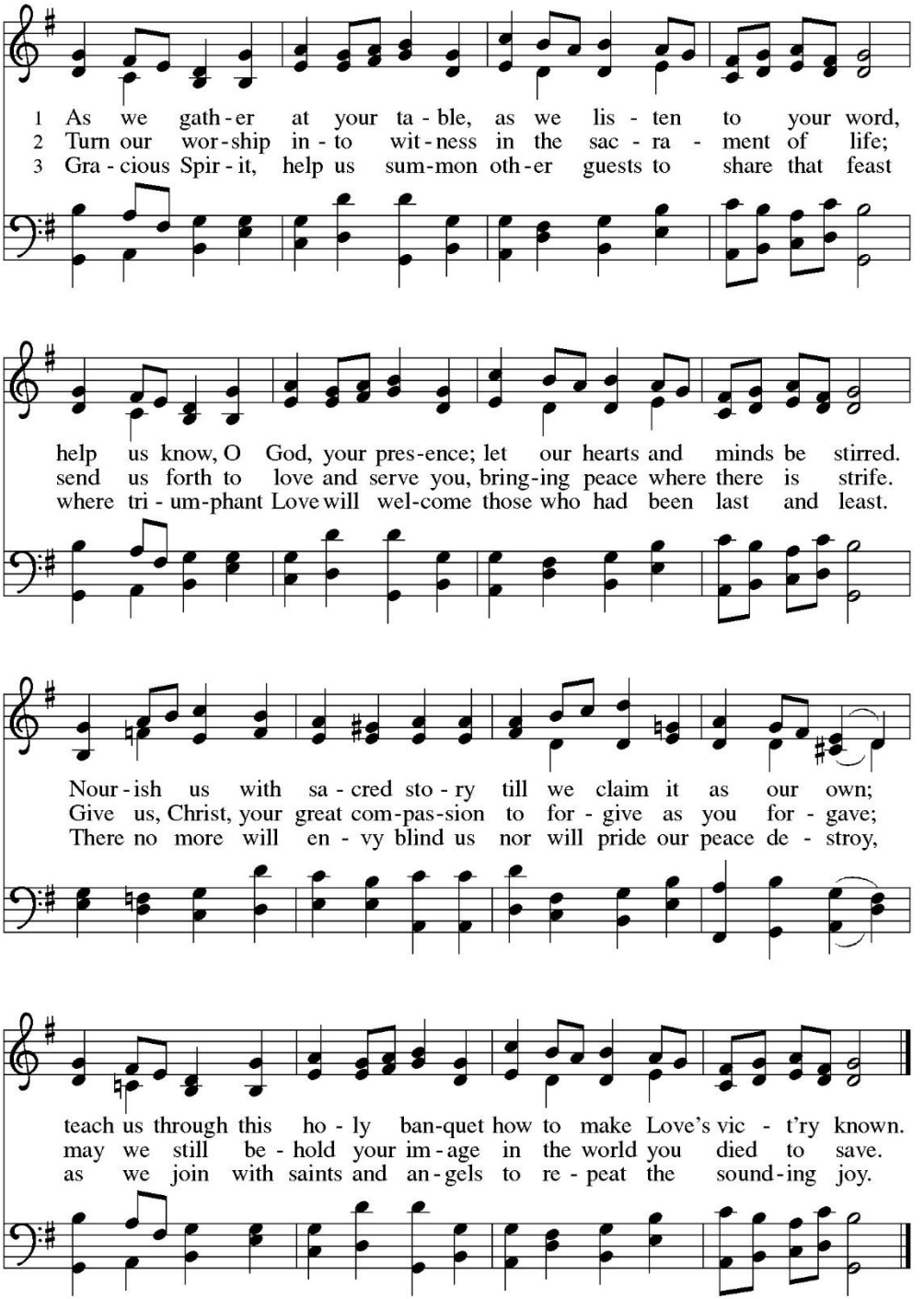
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

"The Trumpets Sound"



"As We Gather at Your Table"

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

O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

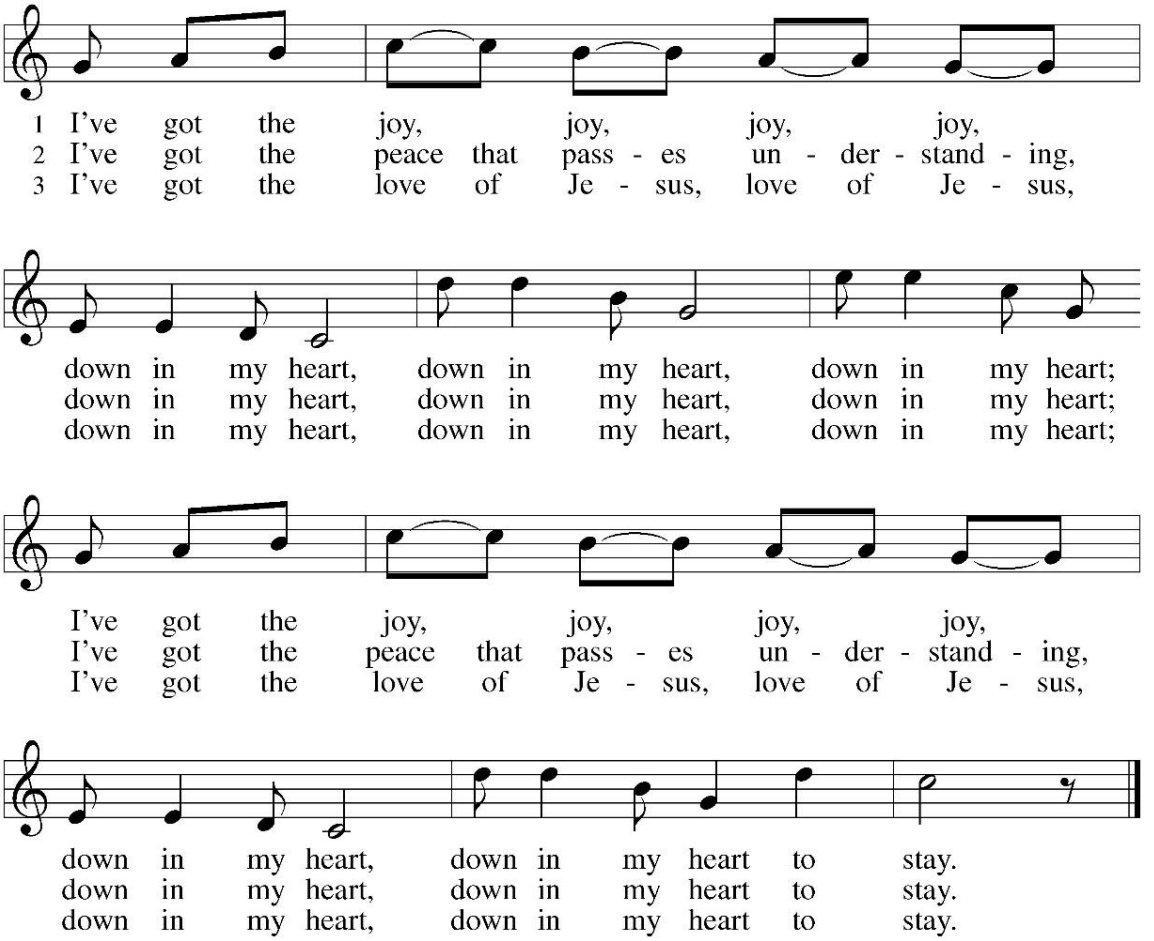
Amen.

* 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 — *"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy"*



* Dismissal

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

*Postlude

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We Welcome All *to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting, we would like to invite you back to worship with us at your earliest convenience. If you are looking for a church home, come join us here at "The Welcome Place" for worship and allow us to introduce ourselves and the Lord whom we serve. Join us for coffee, cookies and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.*

Lector	-Melanie Nagel
Acolyte	-Violet Schneider
Pianist	-Matthew Wachtman
Vocalists	-Cristie Sevey, Addison Thompson, Deb Schmidt, Susan Short, Eliza Avers, Andrea Avers, Melanie Nagel, Susan Dominique, Caleb Wyse, Jalen Thompson, Ross Miller, Josh Voll, Stan Schmidt
Usher Team Leader	-Mark Weaver
Sound System	-Cameron Thompson
Altar Guild	-Robin Trudel & Michelle Collins
Offering Counters	-Jan Delaney & 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.

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.

If you are out and about and see Halloween Candy on sale, please consider buying to donate to our Parade of Lights Float in November. Please mark and leave for Jake on the stairway to the basement.

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 **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?"***

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – October 11
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Middle School Youth, 6:00pm

Monday- October 12
Friendship Circle, 7pm
Zoom Study-Bible 101, 7pm

Tuesday – October 13
Men's Breakfast, 7am McDonald's
Sewing, 9am
Community Meal @ St. Johns, 5pm
Boy Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday- October 14
Women's Circle, 1pm
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 15
Women's Breakfast, 7am The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am
Church Council, 7pm

Next Sunday – October 18
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Middle School Youth, 6:00pm

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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 10/4/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$8,874.79	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$3631.00		
Total Income	$12,505.79	**AS OF 8/31/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$252,428.34
		YTD Operating Expenses	($268,222.53)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	120/21/141	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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