

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

PRELUDE

Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O 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. ¹⁶Your 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. ¹⁷I 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. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore 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. ²⁰And 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. ²¹I 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.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 26:1-8

Read in unison

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

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

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] 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. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But 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." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For 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? ²⁷For 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. ²⁸Truly 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.**

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The 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 to the dead. 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 again 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

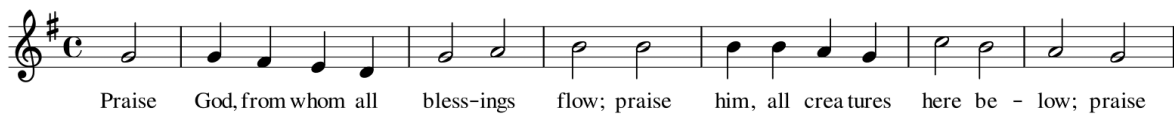
THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
 (Doug Hole, saxophone)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise



him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

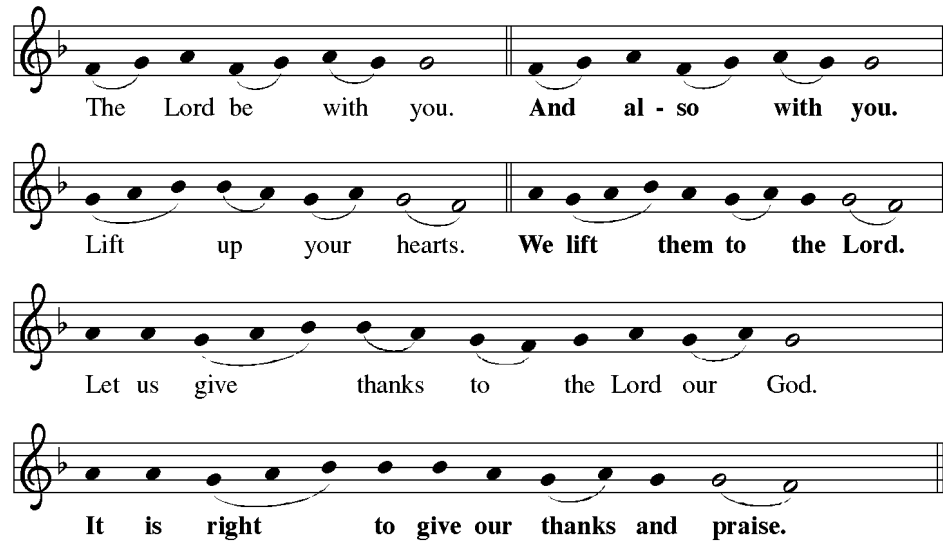
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Let us confess together,

Lord of life and strength, we cry out to you for help and healing. We have not loved you as we love ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed; by what we've done and by what we've left undone. In your mercy, please forgive us and renew us.

God hears us when we call out for help and this day as we've turned again with repentant hearts, we are met with Good News. In mercy, Jesus died for us and through His rising he has vanquished the power of sin and death. And so, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. And now, He welcomes us at the table of grace and forgiveness.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



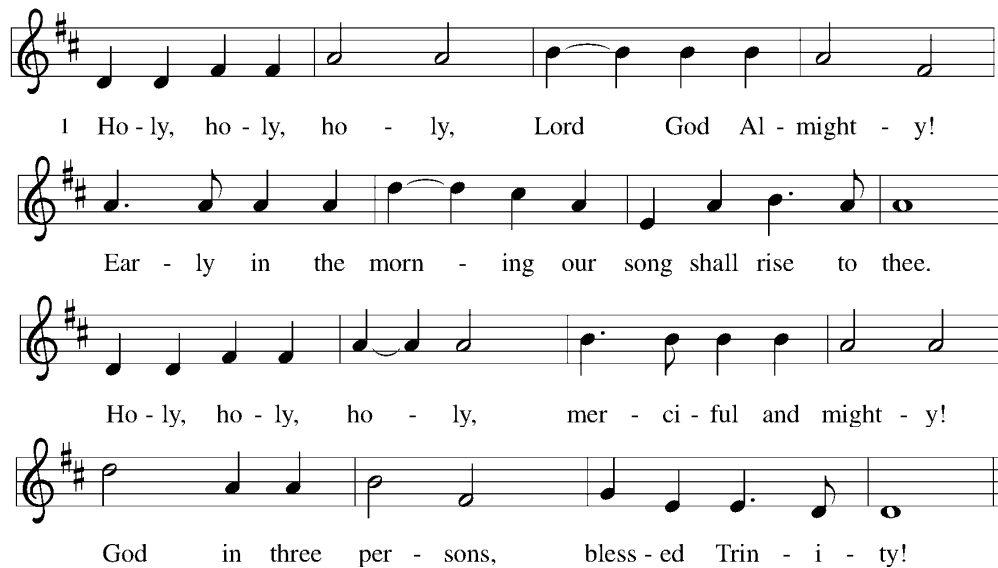
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ELW 413 vs. 1



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
 give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.
 The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
 the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.
 Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
 a - bol - ish an-cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo-ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Majestic March

Rob Roy Peery

Serving in Worship Today		
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Dave Oravec	
Organist	Kim Rosekrans	
Altar Set Up	Deb Mangin	
Media Technicians	The Shenks	
	8:00	10:00
Assisting Minister	Chaplain Paula Thistle	Marlys McDevitt
Communion Assistants	Greg Maxwell	Cam Cloeter
Lector		Sandy Ourisson
Ushers	Molly Michaelson	Dave Moday Royce Bradshaw Betty and John Knupp
Communion Clean Up	Lisa LasFargues	Deb Mangin Jane Strohl

Opportunities This Week

Monday, September 4, 2023 - Labor Day

****Church Office Closed****

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Double T)

Thursday, September 7, 2023

11:30 am Mid-day Bible Study (Double T)

6:30 pm Good Night with God (Zoom)

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Sunday School (Fellowship)

9:00 am Confirmation Mtg. (Youth Rm)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:15 am Congregational Mtg. (Sanctuary)

Congratulations! to Brooke and Josh Kosmides who were married here in the sanctuary yesterday

There will be a brief **Congregational Meeting** next **Sunday, September 10th immediately following the 10 a.m. service** for the purpose of approving the 2023-24 academic year budget for our school.



**Sunday, Sept. 10th -
Sunday School Returns!**

We're excited to learn, grow, and have fun together in the Sunday School year ahead!

Next week we'll focus on God's Creation. Sign up your kids on the sheet in the narthex or contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Kendall directly: 410-991-0293; PastorKendallSummers@gmail.com.

Maui Wildfire Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

Gifts given specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be restricted to, and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires.

For more information on how you can help, visit ELCA.org

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**CATCH THE SPIRIT OF
ST. MARTIN'S!**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

CHURCH AND SCHOOL FAMILIES ARE
INVITED TO COME TOGETHER TO
WORSHIP, SERVE BESIDE EACH OTHER
AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!

10am WORSHIP AND TEACHER BLESSING

**11:15am 20,000+ MEAL PACKING EVENT
WITH RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

*We will work side by side, young and old to pack
rice, beans and soy bags that will be shipped across
the world to those in need.*

12:15pm - Lunch, Fellowship and Fun

*We will provide burgers/hot dogs, Rita's ice and drinks; potluck side dishes.
Help us plan for this Spirit-filled event by signing up!*