

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

The Holy Spirit gathers us once again on this Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

"Goin' Home"

Dvorak

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Silence is kept for reflection.)

1 John 1:8

Faithful and just God, we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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GREETING

2 Corinthians 13:13-14

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.**

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.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

We ask for God's mercy

Luke 17:13; 18:39, Psalm 123:3

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Glory to God
celebrates the
incarnation

Luke 2:14

Or,

The feast celebrates the
resurrection

Rev. 5:11-13

This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This reading is typically from the Hebrew Scriptures, which Jesus often quoted.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

THE PSALM

Psalms 116:1-9

Read in unison

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Psalms are the hymnbooks of the children of Israel

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.
⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.
⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;
⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 3:1-12

This reading bears witness to the early church.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading.

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

An appointed reading of God's Word from the four Gospels. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Viva Vox," the Living Word of God interpreted. (Romans 10:14-17)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Ancient church councils adopted the summary of the church's faith in the Nicene, Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds.

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.

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. (1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 2:42)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

To the words "In your mercy," the congregation responds "Hear our prayer."

Extending God's word of peace to others. (Romans 16:16; Matthew 5:23-24)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

1 Corinthians 16:1-2
2 Corinthians 9:7-9

We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need. Please visit www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving

CHORAL ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



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 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.

INVITATION

Our invitation to
Christ's Table
(adapted from Iona
Community, Scotland)

This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor. It is a table of communion with the earth. So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this sacrament for your life, and those of you for whom it is a new and strange thing. These are the gift of God for the people of God. Come!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please stand as you are able)

Before the Lord's
supper is shared, the
presiding minister leads
us into thanksgiving.
(Psalm 15:1)

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 our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

The Sanctus is the
hymn of praise that
never ceases before
God. (Isaiah 6:3)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

In these words—Jesus institutes the sacrament for the church

Matthew 26:26-28;
Luke 22:19-20; 1
Corinthians 11:23-26

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray.
(Luke 11:2-4;
Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

(Please be seated)

***Blue Communion Cards— Please remember to fill in a blue communion card each week in preparation for congregational voting. You can hand your blue communion cards to an usher as you come up for communion.

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.

THE AGNUS DEI

As John the Baptist pointed to Jesus, he said these words.
(John 1:29)

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
As the Grains of Wheat
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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

As the Grains of Wheat



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from



all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Bohm

BLESSING *(Remain seated)*

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A personal blessing
from God in the name
of the Triune God.
(Numbers 6:24-26)*

(Please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION

*On our way rejoicing.
(Colossians 3:16;
Phillippians 4:4)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

ELW 343

(Do to copyright laws, a copy of this hymn is not available)

*We go forth to bless
the world*

DISMISSAL

*Luke 7:50;
Romans 10:12-13*
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Variation in E Minor

J.S. Bach

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American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention



Saturday, September 28th

9am

OUT OF DARKNESS WALK

Naval Academy

September is Suicide Prevention Month.

Join the youth of our congregation as we help to raise awareness, spread hope and share vital information. Become a part of our St. Martin's Team and walk with us on 9/28 or donate to one of our members who will be walking.

See link to register to walk or donate.

Once you register to walk you will receive more information from our team captain: Laura Albanese.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call or text 988 immediately.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church

Celebrating 150 years!

In celebration of our 150th anniversary, we are giving back to our community. Each month we will be collecting 150 items to donate to a non-profit.

For the month of September, we will be collecting 150 items to donate to the Anne Arundel SPCA.

Drop off your items in the narthex.

Items Needed:

Kitten Food (Royal Canin Mother & Babycat, IAMS Healthy Kitten)
Dog & Cat Food, Dry & Canned (Purina Pro Plan, Purina ONE, Science Diet, IAMS, & Friskies cat can food are favorites!)
Meat-based Baby Food
Cat Litter (clumping or clay)
Doggie waste bags
Leashes (6ft, no retractable)
Grooming Tools (electric shears, combs, brushes, nail trimmers)
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Clorox Wipes
Lint Rollers
Dish Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Heavy Duty Garbage Bags
Peanut Butter (NOT low fat)
Greenie® Pill Pockets
Cat Toys
Durable, Washable Dog Toys (Buster Cubes, Kongs, Rope Toys)
Soft Dog Toys (no bean-type fillers)
Small Animal Chew Sticks



Sunday, September 29th
9am

Sanctuary
Paws in Pews
Pet Blessing Worship

Bring your furry, feathered, scaly friend to our annual Pet Blessing Service (with communion).

All are welcome.

Don't forget to bring in your donations to the SPCA.



Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Jim Cobb 443-632-4420 Srpastor@stmartinonline.org
Celebrant	The Rev. Judy Cobb 443-632-4496 Srpastor@stmartinonline.org
Interim Organist	Don Chandler
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Linda Wetz
Communion Assistants	Youth
Lector	Youth
Ushers	Youth
Communion Cleanup	Janet Clauson

Opportunities This Week	
<i>Wednesday, September 18, 2024</i>	
7:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Double T)
7:00 pm	New Member Class (Fellowship)
<i>Thursday, September 19, 2024</i>	
11:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Double T)
5:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<i>Saturday, September 21, 2024</i>	
10:00 am	Ladies Book Club (Fellowship)
<i>Sunday, September 22, 2024</i>	
8:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Adult Forum (Art Room) Flu/Covid Shots (Chaplain Paula's Office)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)



The Pumpkins Are Coming!

The pumpkins are coming to St. Martin's early this year! The Lighthouse Shelter Pumpkin Patch is returning to St. Martin's on Saturday, Sept. 28th.

We are responsible for operating the stand on opening weekend. We will have two shifts each day from 10-2 and 2-6. There must be at least one person over the age 18 at each shift.

If you are interested in serving a shift, or anytime in between, please contact Barbara Freeman, tombarb.freeman@verizon.net, or 410-798-6612. Thanks for your help!

WELCOME to St. Martin's

St. Martin's family of faith welcomes you this morning, and every morning. Several people have asked about joining our family of faith, and we are happy and excited to have you with us.

We invite you to attend an informational gathering – Wednesday evening, September 18 – in the fellowship hall where we will meet each other, learn a little of our Lutheran roots and a little of the 150 year history of this family of St. Martin's. Later in September we will receive new members.

Please complete a blue card with your contact information, note on the back your interest in joining us, and give the card to an usher. You may also give the card to Chaplain Paula as you leave this morning or reach out to her at chaplainpaula@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you. - *Chaplain Paula*

FLU SHOTS and COVID SHOTS

It's that time of year, again, and our dear Theresa has offered to assist with our fall flu shots and COVID shots. Theresa will be here, at Chaplain Paula's office, on Sunday, September 22nd, between services.

PLEASE sign up on the sheets in the NARTHEX or contact Chaplain Paula at chaplainpaula@gmail.com so we can reserve your dose of the shots.