



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 606 W 15TH Street, Austin, Texas | www. saintmartins.org

LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us!

Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!

GATHERING MUSIC

You Are Mine David Haas

GATHERING

WELCOME

The people stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP Bold text is read aloud by the whole congregation.

Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage. Let us worship together, the young and the old.

The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time. Let us worship together, every generation.

After months of learning behind screens or separated by dividers and physical space, let us worship together, with our family of faith.

We may still feel uncertain, seeing so many faces again, but we come together seeking God's peace in this beautiful community. Let us worship together, united in Christ.

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In Marty Haugen 1. Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, the dark - ness now is 2. We the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who are 3. Here we will take wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the the the dark build-ings con-fin - ing. 4. Not in of not in some heav - en, van-ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of bread of new birth, here you shall call vour sons and your daugh-ters, light years a - way here in this place the new light is shin - ing, the light brought here to you in of this day._ called light the whole hu to be to man race._ a - new call to be salt for the earth._ us now is the king-dom, and now the day._ lost and for - sak - en, Gath - er in. the gath - er in. the us Gath - er rich and the haugh-ty, the gath - er the us in, in, Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us eat the to Gath - er for - ev - er, in and hold us gath - er in and us us blind and the lame; call to and we shall a - wak - en, us now, proud and the strong; heart, meek and low - ly, give us SO SO a teach us bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and to fash-ion make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er, we shall a - rise the sound of name. at our give us the cour - age to en ter the song. that ho - ly lives are and hearts that are true.

GREETING

fire____

of

love

in

our

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.**

flesh

and

our

bone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

The people are seated.

READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

The good news from God, according Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned lectionary texts for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, John 6:35, 41-51.

The people are seated. Children may come forward for the children's message.

SONG

This Little Light of Mine

African American spiritual



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Verse three is sung as the children return to their seats.

MESSAGE

After the message, the people stand to sing.

SONG OF THE DAY

Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness

Evy Lucío Cordova



BIBLE PRESENTATION

Those entering the third grade may come forward to receive their Bibles.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

If you have a prayer request to add to the prayer list, you may email prayer@saintmartins.org.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

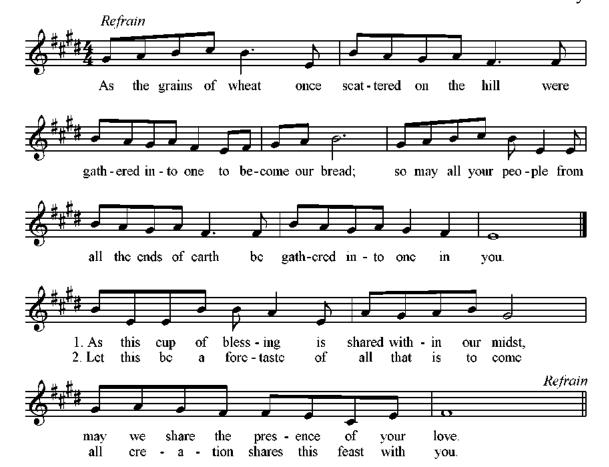
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The people stand to sing.

OFFERING SONG

As the Grains of Wheat

Marty Haugen

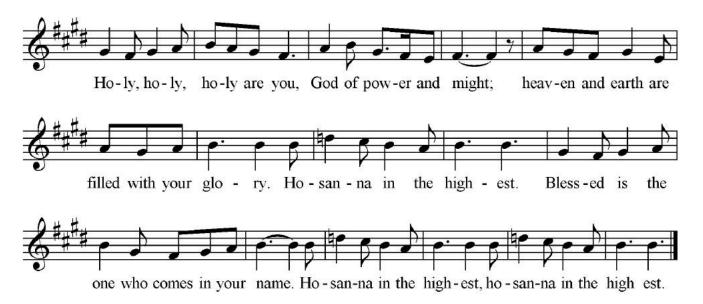


OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



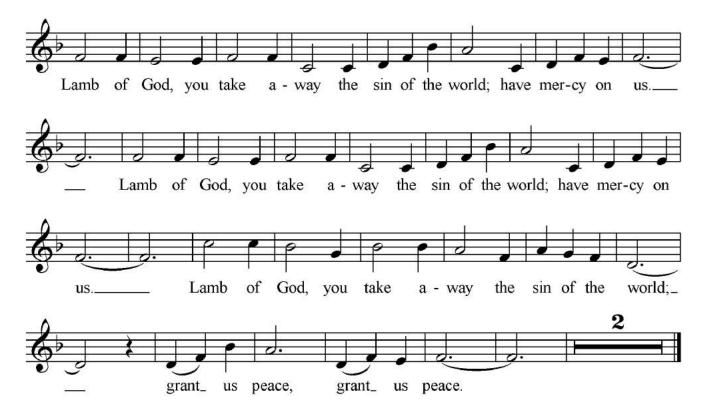
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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The people are seated.

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand.

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Those who would like to receive a back to school blessing may come forward.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

God of All Learning

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective





SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - preaching/presiding
Tom Blomquist, Cason Miller - assisting ministers

Steve Wager - praise force director

Anitra Coulter Blunt, Andrew Fuhrman, Alvin Helge, Jameson James, Darin Layne, Ann Wade - praise force

Jim Parkhurst - sound

Eddie Jennings - video

Norm Hummell - ushers

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leona Abrahamson; family and friends of Berta Baschnagel; Stan Cravatt; David Cross and family; Derak Kilgo and family; the Mickelson family; Kavan McComus; Jenny Ohrstrom; Suzanne Parker; Robin Sandager; Shirley Scott and family; Sam Staggs; Del Taub; those affected by the fires in the west.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Nancy Anderson; Bob Aus; Gerry Berens; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Vickie Dunlevy; Eleanor and Dave; Frank Ficarra; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Kara; Betty Klinefelter; Betsy Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; David Pierce; Jeff Puskos; Lottie Smith; Betty Staehr.

AUGUST BENEVOLENCE

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship

Elizabeth Circle | Tuesday, August 10th, 9:30 am

Join the Elizabeth Circle on August 10th at 9:30 am in the church Parlor. We will be discussing three Bible lessons from June and July/August editions of *Gather* Magazine. All are welcome!

God and the Real World | Tuesday, August 10th, 7:00 pm in the Parlor Courtyard

Join us for the second in our series of explorations of how God and our world intersect, wrapped in a casual worship service with communion. Each month we will share experiences, reflect on what they teach us, learn more, and choose some actions we will try in the coming month. This will be part worship, part discussion, so come ready to share. This month's topic is Faith & Science. Learn more at saintmartins.org/GRW.

Pastor's Book Study | Wednesday, August 11th, 1:00 pm

Join us in-person in the conference room or virtually via Zoom as we begin a new book: *Love Is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry of the Episcopal Church. For more information, go to www.saintmartins.org/adult-ed

Love, Share, and Serve Boldly in St. Martin's Children's Ministry

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Children's Ministry Program and are needed to welcome the children back to St. Martin's in the Fall. Starting on Rally Day, Faith Formation hour will begin with all children and youth gathering in the Chapel. A volunteer is needed to lead the group in fun music. There is also an opening in the Wee Worship class for two or more shepherds to guide the little ones as they explore God's world through stories, play, and prayer. Contact Kathy Edgar (kedgar@saintmartins.org) or Cason Miller (cmiller@saintmartins.org) for more information.

| SAVE THE DATE |

Rally Day, Sunday, September 12th, 2021

Rally Day is on the horizon! We'll be returning to two services: family worship at 9:00 am and traditional worship at 11:00 am. Enjoy a Sunday School open house between services at 10:00 am to learn about all this new program year has to offer! We look forward to celebrating with you!

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