

MARCH 13, 2022 | 9:00 AM

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!*

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*In worship, the Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.*

*This type of note offers directions about the service. The people's responses are in **bold**. Any page numbers provided refer to the sections at the front of the red hymnals, with page numbers in the bottom corners. Hymn numbers provided refer to the hymnal, with numbers listed at the top of hymn pages.*

*We welcome you to our family worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. Please feel free to sit and stand as you feel called to throughout the service.*



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*The service begins with a piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## WELCOME

## REFLECTION

Genesis 15:1-6 (The Message)

After all these things, this word of God came to Abram in a vision: “Don’t be afraid, Abram. I’m your shield. Your reward will be grand!”

Abram said, “God, Master, what use are your gifts as long as I’m childless and Eliezer of Damascus is going to inherit everything?” Abram continued, “See, you’ve given me no children, and now a mere house servant is going to get it all.”

Then God’s Message came: “Don’t worry, he won’t be your heir; a son from your body will be your heir.”

Then he took him outside and said, “Look at the sky. Count the stars. Can you do it? Count your descendants! You’re going to have a big family, Abram!”

And he believed! Believed God! God declared him “Set-Right-with-God.”

## GATHERING SONG

Covenant Song

Aaron Senseman

*We belong to the Lion of Judah / We are Abraham’s seed / We belong to the God and Creator of everything /  
Let us raise up a covenant chorus / Let us bring forth our lives / To the One whose host gathers among us  
and fills the skies, and / Raise up His name on high / Raise up you people of His pride / Raise up and bare the  
fire that’s in our eyes / And in our lives and shows that we are not afraid / In His light we can never be  
hidden / In His love we are here / We will shine / through the night like a city upon a hill, so / He delivers  
His people from bondage / Sets the prisoner free / He has given us love and salvation, His eternal legacy / He  
will spare us the sword of His anger / He prepares us a home / Where we’ll worship and glory before his  
throne*

## GREETING

May God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us as we worship today.

*Please take a moment to greet those near you.*

## PRAYER

Let us pray. God of fulfilled promises, **you care for our every need. Gather all peoples into your arms and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## READING

**Luke 13:31-35**

The good news from God, according to Luke.

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

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 Second Sunday in Lent: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17--4:1.*

*The children come forward for the children's message.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# MESSAGE

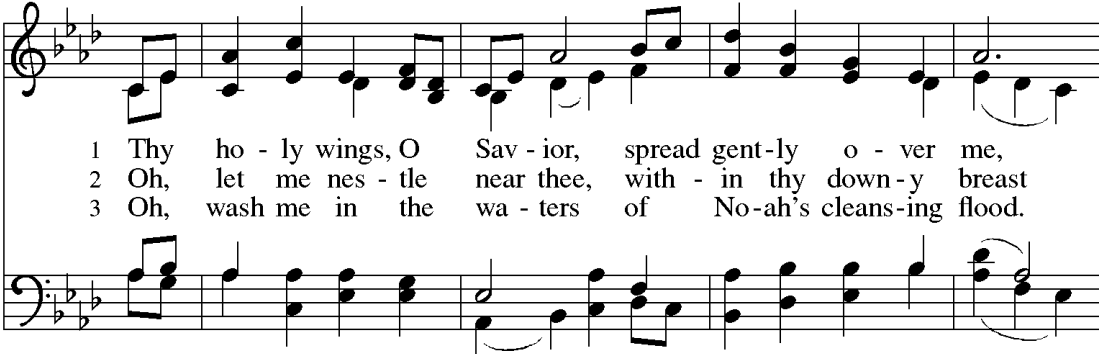
*Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the sermon song.*

*Prayer requests may also be made by sending a text message to [prayer@saintmartins.org](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

## SERMON SONG

### Thy Holy Wings

**Hymn 613**



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## PRAYERS

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING** *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Offerings may be placed in the basket in the narthex, or you can donate at [saintmartins.org/giving](http://saintmartins.org/giving) or text “luther” and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

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## MUSICAL OFFERING

### Bridge Over Troubled Water

Paul Simon

*When you're weary / Feeling small / When tears are in your eyes / I'll dry them all / I'm on your side / Oh, when times get rough / And friends just can't be found / Like a bridge over troubled water / I will lay me down / Like a bridge over troubled water / I will lay me down / When you're down and out / When you're on the street / When evening falls so hard / I will comfort you / I'll take your part / Oh, when darkness comes / And pain is all around / Like a bridge over troubled water / I will lay me down / Like a bridge over troubled water / I will lay me down / Sail on silver girl / Sail on by / Your time has come to shine / All your dreams are on their way / See how they shine / Oh, if you need a friend / I'm sailing right behind / Like a bridge over troubled water / I will ease your mind / Like a bridge over troubled water / I will ease your mind*

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward to receive communion. Acolytes will offer hand sanitizer as you pass. You will receive the bread in your hands and the wine by dipping the bread in the bowl. Please consume while walking back to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available if requested. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to bring one to you.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Thank you for the gift of your body and blood that strengthens us to be your presence in our world. Amen**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG

No Longer Slaves

Jonathan David Helser, Brian Johnson, Joel Case

1. You\_ un - rav-el me with a mel-o-dy. You sur- round\_ me with a

song of\_ de - liv - er-ance from my en - e-mies 'till all my fears are

*Chorus*

gone. I'm no long - er a slave to fear; I\_ am a child of

God. I'm no long - er a slave to fear I\_ am I child of

1.

God. 2. From my Moth - er's womb You have

cho - sen me; Love has called my name. I've been

born a - gain in - to Your fam - i - ly; Your blood flows through my

*To Chorus* 2. *To Chorus*  
veins. I'm no long - am a child of God. I'm no long -

3.  
am a child of God. You split the sea so I could

walk right through it. My fears were drowned in per - fect love. —

1.  
You res - cued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God

2.  
God. I am a child of God. I'm no long

- er a slave to fear; I am I child of God. I'm no long

- er a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

## DISMISSAL

Let's leave here to love, share, and serve boldly. **And give thanks to God.**

# POSTLUDE

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

- *assisting minister*

Debbie Alkire, Danny Powell - *communion ministers*

Katherine Altobello-O'Brien, Tim O'Brien, vocals; Austin Haller, piano and vocals; Darin Layne, guitar; Andrew Fuhrman, drums - *musicians*

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*

Refreshments for Food & Fellowship provided by Abby Adams and Christine Fuhrman.

## ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Family and friends of Ed Abrahamson; Alex; Amanda and children; Wayne Bahr; Bri; Cathy and family and friends; Randy Chambers; Kim Dodigon; Paul Elmshaeuser; Jeannine; Margaret Puskos; Rothstein family; Satka family; family and friends of Mary Gordon Spence; Donna Stone; Teresa's family; family of Judy Walhovd; Daniel Wiederhold; the Ukrainian citizens and refugees and marginalized communities.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Bob Aus; Emily Berggren; Travis Bohmann; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Ellen; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr; Christie Tietjen.

## MARCH BENEVOLENCE: SAFE ALLIANCE

The SAFE Alliance is a Central Texas nonprofit committed to providing safety, stability, and healing to anyone who has experienced violence and abuse. Locally, we provide housing, support services, and prevention programs to stop the cycle of violence. Globally, we engage in conversations that shape a culture free from violence and abuse. Learn more at [safeaustin.org](http://safeaustin.org).

*SAFEline is a 24-hour confidential hotline for people seeking help with sexual or domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking, or parenting support and is available by phone at 512.267.SAFE (7233), by text at 737.888.7233, or by online chat at [safeaustin.org/chat](http://safeaustin.org/chat).*



## **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### *This Week at St. Martin's*

#### **Sunday, March 13**

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 am Holy Communion

#### **Monday, March 14**

- 7:30 pm Heart & Mind Gospel Study

#### **Tuesday, March 15**

- 9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack

#### **Wednesday, March 16**

- 1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class
- 6:30 pm Lenten Meal (Bring your own picnic!)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

#### **Saturday, March 19**

- 9:30 am Mop & Hammer

#### **Sunday, March 20**

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
- 11:00 am Holy Communion
- 3:00 pm Lea Walker-Clark Ordination

### **March 16 Lenten Meal: Bring Your Own Picnic**

The March 16, 6:30 p.m. meal prior to the Lenten service will be a Bring Your Own Picnic event (with it being Spring Break, attendance is less predictable for meal planning). The remaining weeks' meals will be provided, with you being asked only to bring your own beverage.

### ***Blessed Are You* | Lenten Vespers**

Join us Wednesdays in Lent for our Lenten Vespers services at 7:00 pm in the Worship Park. We'll sit by the new fire pit as we hear community members reflect on Jesus's powerful Beatitudes and enjoy the beautiful music of the Holden Evening Prayer. Lenten Meals provided by our community will be offered before the service in the Worship Park at 6:30 pm.

### **Ordination & Installation of Lea Walker-Clark | Sunday, March 20th, 2022, 3:00 pm**

Lea Walker-Clark will be ordained and installed as pastor at Palabra de Vida Ministries on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception following the service. This event is kid friendly, all are welcome, and all should prepare to have fun! The service will also be livestreamed on St. Martin's YouTube, Facebook, and website. You may send acknowledgement to [leawalkerclark@gmail.com](mailto:leawalkerclark@gmail.com).

### **Altar Guild Needs Your Help!**

Congregational help is needed for set-up and clean up of communion for worship and special services. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call or text Tom Blomquist at 512-431-4507.