

JUNE 5, 2022 | 10:00 AM

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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!



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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**.*

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.

PRELUDE

Fanfare, from *La Péri*

Paul Dukas

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

GATHERING

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

WELCOME REFLECTION

For Kris, at Confirmation

The Rev. Anne McConney

**May you go fiercely down your days,
Earth's daughter, burning like a star.**

**Christ is a hunting tiger, he is lord
of all whose hearts are wild and sweet,
reckless in love as pure things are.**

**May you go weeping down your days;
the world's a wound unhealed by tears.
Christ is the dreamer from an unknown shore
singing of life and towering peace
beyond our unredeeming years.**

**May you go bravely down your days,
and never fall or fail or tire.
Christ is the watcher on the hill who guards
all those who find no final rest
but in the heart of holy fire.**

The people stand as they are able

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Spirit All-Embracing

ACS 944
THAXTED



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - spect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The people are seated.

WORD

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

READING

PSALM 104:24-34, 35B

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food n due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

The people stand as they are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

John 15:8-17, 25-27

The good news from God, according to John.

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him,

because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

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 Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17.

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

CHILDREN’S SONG

TFF 257

I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy (verses 1&3)

DOWN IN MY HEART

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff has two lines of lyrics: '1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,' and '3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,'. The second staff has two lines: 'down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;' and 'down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;'. The third staff has two lines: 'I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,' and 'I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,'. The fourth staff has two lines: 'down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.' and 'down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.'.

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.

The people stand as they are able


SERMON HYMN

ELW 396

Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

Refrain



All Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness




call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.




All 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
Higher Voices 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
Lower Voices 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
All 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

The people are seated.

BAPTISM OF THEODORE ALEX LOPEZ

Parents: Emily Farias & Gerard Lopez

Godparents: Jeremy Gonzalez and Kate Connolly

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth ... and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Presentation for Baptism

***Sponsors* We present Theodore Alex Lopez for baptism.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

***Parents* I do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

***Parents* I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

***Sponsors* I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Theodore and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Congregation **We do.**

Affirmation of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.

Thanksgiving at the font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, ... To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Theodore Alex Lopez, I baptize you in the name of the Father, *

And of the Son, *

And of the Holy Spirit. *

Amen

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, ... and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen**

Theodore Alex Lopez, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Representative of the Congregation presents a candle with these words.

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

**CONFIRMATION OF
HENRY DOYLE CHUTER
STEPHEN JONES KEGG
LIAM RICHARD MCDONALD
BRYLEY TUOMIE LOBASH
BRIANNA CATHERINE LOBASH
BRANDILYNNE LAURENE LOBASH**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Presentation of Candidates

Sponsors Present Candidates **I present Henry, Stephen, Liam, Bryley, Brianna, Brandilynne who desires to make public affirmation of their baptism.**

Let us pray

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism ... We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands Respond

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray, We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing is repeated for each person. The minister lays both hands on the head of the person and says:

Stir up in Henry, Stephen, Liam, Bryley, Brianna, Brandilynne, the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/his serving, give her/him patience in suffering, and bring her/him to everlasting life.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God,
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

The people stand as they are able

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words

The people are seated

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.

St. Martin's and its ministries are supported by our offerings of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Now we give as God has so graciously given to us, all these things. To donate, go to saintmartins.org/giving or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African American Spiritual (arr. William Dawson)

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
it runs to heaven and right back.

The people stand as they are able

OFFERING PRAYER

God of the harvest, receive these gifts of the earth and human labor with the offering of our hearts. Feed us with your bread and cup, that we may be signs of your gracious life made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

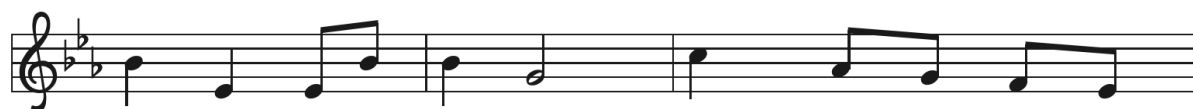
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We Praise you, all-holy God,

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit, ... today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.

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.**

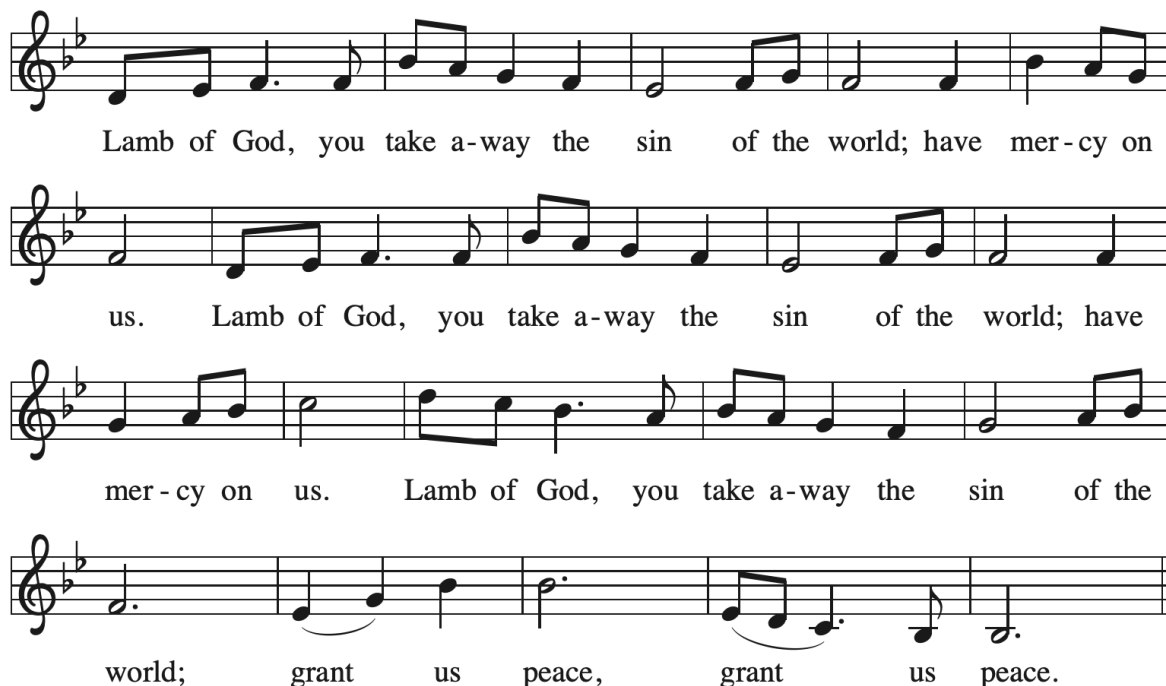
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The people are seated

HOLY COMMUNION

Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. 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.



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, grant us peace.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

Amen.

Dedicated to our confirmands

The people stand as they are able

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you today, tomorrow and always.

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen

The people are seated

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in + Christ Jesus.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place

Doris Akers

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place,

and I know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord;

there are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face,



and I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain




Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove,



stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love;



and for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise;



with - out a doubt we'll know that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Share the Good News.

And give thanks to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Maurice Duruflé, Op. 4

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*
Ann Howard, Tom Blomquist - *assisting ministers*
Richard Buerger, Donna Cordes - *communion ministers*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*
Austin Haller - *Principal Organist*

St Martin's Choir
Jenny Ohrstrom - *Soprano*
Katherine Altobello O'Brien - *Mezzo Soprano*
Jameson James - *Tenor*
Gil Zilkha - *Bass*

Darin Layne - *Guitar*
Andrew Fuhrman - *Percussion*

Eddie Jennings - *video*
Norm Hummell, chair - *ushers*
Victor Ray Johnson - *Greeter*
James and Sally Gavin - *Welcome Center Volunteers*

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anya & James Hart; Betsy, Walt, Margie, and Wally; Latoya Chestnut; Cash Matthews; Jamie; Scott Simon; Evelyn; Chris & Leigh; Family and Friends of Lynn Remadna; Frank Schultz; Suzanne Garcia; Lauren, Christopher, Chance; Charlie; Shirley Viehweg; Peggy Miller; Norma Kitzman; those in New Mexico endangered by wildfires; for the people of Uvalde, whose lives are affected by the senseless and unspeakable gun violence.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Emily Berggren; Eric Bittner; 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; Ukrainian citizens and refugees.

JUNE BENEVOLENCE: MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES

Since 1998, Mobile Loaves & Fishes has been inspiring communities to live a life of service to the homeless. The nonprofit, which was founded in Austin, Texas, assists its homeless neighbors through three main programs: Truck Ministry- Food trucks, Community comes first! Village, and Community Works . We encourage you to make a donation this month during offering time or at any time online at saintmartins.org/giving. Mobile Loaves & Fishes has several volunteer opportunity and appreciates your passion to serve. We invite you to visit their volunteer page at mlf.org to explore available opportunities.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost)

10:00 am Holy Communion

Tuesday, June 7

9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack

Wednesday, June 8

1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class

Saturday, June 11

8:30 am Mop and Hammer

Sunday, June 12

10:00 am Holy Communion

Summer worship begins June 12 at 10AM

Thank you, St Martins' Choir! The St. Martin's community expresses heartfelt gratitude to its musicians! Each week, we are grateful to the choir, ringers, symphonic winds, band, and jazz ensembles for providing beautiful and spiritually nourishing music.

Have a blessed summer St. Martin's Children's Faith Formation Teachers!

We appreciate your dedication to our children's faith development: Abby Adams, Reed Rallojay, Mike Bruemmer—Confirmation; Jackie Chuter, Margaret Felger—Godly Play; Linda Zander, Tim Fackler—JAM; Kathy Edgar—educational activities.

Summer Fun Activities!

June 11: Let's hike the River Place Trail together! We'll meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and carpool to the trail! All capable ages are welcome!

June 15: Wednesday Game Time- Come play board games with your church community from 1:00-3:00pm in the parlor/parlor courtyard!

June 19: Dungeons and Dragons—the quest starts on June 19th following the service in Room 231.

June 20: Mondays Magic the gathering kicks off June 20th - 12:00pm-2:00pm in the parlor courtyard.

June 25: Let's take the bus to the natural bridge caverns! We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and eat packed lunches at Natural Bridge! Please bring lunch for your family and RSVP for tickets!

July 29th-31st: High School Students trip to Galveston to stay at Luther Hill Ministries Galveston Retreat Center! This trip will involve a trip to the beach for some fun in the sun and sand, as well as a service to clean up section of Galveston Beach. With that, we'll be heading to the pier to enjoy some rides, food, and other great beach things! For a weekend of faith and community, we will cook together, go on adventures together, and worship together!

Please RSVP to all the summer fun! Snacks and drinks provided!

Polkas & Picnics in the Park- June 23:

Bring your family and friends, a picnic, and gather in the St. Martin's Worship Park for an evening of fun polkas and more! The Park will open at 6:30 p.m., and polkas will kick off at 7 p.m. Bring a blanket or your lawn chairs, your picnic, and friends! Get ready for the chicken dance and much more!

Stephen Ministry

In a time of uncertainty and division, have you wished you had someone to talk to; someone who would listen confidentially and is trained to provide Christian Caregiving? Stephen Ministers are available to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through a crisis or difficult time. If you feel you could benefit from a Stephen Minister's confidential care or would like more information contact: Connie Grosskopf at 512-294-1012 or Fred Aus at 512-658-0935.

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Henry Doyle Chuter

child of Christopher and Jacquelynn Chuter

Baptized February 15, 2009

Psalm 27:1

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?*

I believe that people should not be scared or afraid of things because there will always be light at the end of the tunnel. For people, the light can be a family member or maybe a friend but for me as been got. Maybe I had a bad report card or maybe I had a bad day. But in the end God would always lift me up. He reminded me that I should not be scared of things or sad about things because he will always be there to protect and guide you.

Stephen Jones Kegg

child of Tony and Karen Kegg

Baptized June 28, 2009

Romans 8:28

*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.*

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God”. To me, this means that God blesses anyone that loves him. This doesn't mean if you don't believe in Him that he doesn't love you as much as everyone else, but that He will love you no matter what. For example, one of my friends doesn't believe in God, but that doesn't mean God doesn't love Him as much as the next person. And through the Christian family, this is why I believe that God loves everyone.

Liam Richard McDonald

child of Patrick and Deanna McDonald

Baptized December 30, 2007

Luke 1:78

Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

Seven years ago I was given this verse shortly after my sister was born, I was given this sign and that has stuck with me since. I believe that God has a plan for everybody whether or not we like how it is shaping out to be, it is his plan and his will and his knowing to better our future. I think that even if this makes us unhappy, we need to trust the process and trust God throughout it all.

Because he knows what is best and with our faith in him, we can see the light ahead.

Brandilynne Laurene Lobash

child of Lawrence T. and Cathy Lobash

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John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."

This verse didn't mean much to me until my grandmother's passing, now it means everything. It showed me that God is with me through everything. The good, the bad, the worse. The beginning and the end. Through it all he strengthens my faith. He's with me always and forever.

Brianna Catherine Lobash

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Psalms 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod, and your staff, they comfort me.

I believe in God's love.

I believe in God's faith.

I believe that God is with me every day. I have needed God's faithful love in many situations in my life. When I went to soccer practice, he was there with me faith and all. When I played my soccer game, he was there. I needed God's faith and love, when I went school and balancing my time. I have believed in God always being there my whole life, and I will continue believing when I make my way through high school.

Bryley Tuomie Lobash

child of Lawrence T. and Cathy Lobash

Baptized January 20, 2008

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance

I see God as the most important person in our lives. I believe God will always love me and he will forgive me for my mistakes. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe that Jesus was God in human form and I believe he also loved everyone and he set examples for other people.