

AUGUST 21, 2022 | 10:00 AM

COMMUNITY 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

Trio Sonata No. 1 in E-flat major: *Allegro*

J.S. Bach, BWV 525

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

Celebration

by Alonzo Lopez

I shall dance tonight.
When the dusk comes crawling,
There will be dancing
and feasting.
I shall dance with the others
in circles,
in leaps,
in stomps.

Laughter and talk
Will weave into the night,
Among the fires
of my people.
Games will be played
And I shall be
a part of it.

The people stand as they are able

GATHERING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

HYFRYDOL

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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.

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. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The people are seated.

WORD

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

READING

PSALM 103:1-8

THE LORD CROWNS YOU WITH MERCY AND STEADFAST LOVE. (PS. 103:4)

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—

³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love AMEN

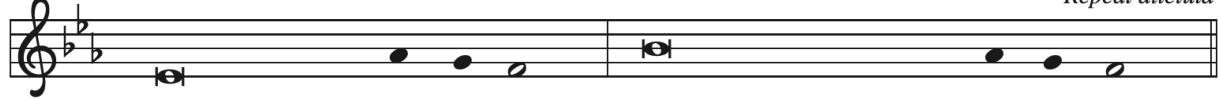
The people stand as they are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go?

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

GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

The good news from God, according to Luke.

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage .

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 58:9b-14, Hebrews 12:18-29

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

CHILDREN'S SONG

ELW 781

Children of the Heavenly Father (verses 1&2)

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.

CHILDREN'S TIME

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Let us pray together: Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

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SERMON

After the sermon, the people stand to sing as they are able

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.

SERMON HYMN

ELW 886

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

The people are seated.

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 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 people stand as they are able

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response after each petition is: Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

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,"

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 and data rates may apply.

MUSICAL OFFERING

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:16-17)

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, 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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready

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. Please pick up a cup and receive wine poured from the chalice. 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;
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

Charles C. Converse

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 OF SCHOOLS AND ALL TEACHERS

Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities especially our Austin-area elementary, middle and high schools, Austin Community College, and the University of Texas, that they may be lively places for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education: give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

The people stand as they are able

SENDING HYMN

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective

Higher Voices 1. In my wres- tling_ and in__ my doubts, in my fail - ures,_ You
Lower Voices 2. In the si - lence you won't let go. In the ques- tions, Your
All 3. I won't fear what to - mor - row brings. With each morn - ing,_ I'll

won't walk out. Your great love will lead me through: You are the peace in my truth will_hold. Your great love will lead me through: You are the peace in my rise and_sing. My God's love will lead me through: You are the peace in my

1.

trou-bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou-bled sea.
 trou-bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou-bled sea.,
 trou-bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou-bled sea.

All My Light house, my Light house shin-ing in the dark-ness,

I will fol-low You! Oh,____ my Light house, my Light house,

I will trust the prom-ise You will car-ry me_ safe to shore,

safe to shore,____ sale to

1. To Verse

shore,____ safe to shore.

Fire_ be-fore us,_ You're_ the bright est_,

1. 2.

You_ will lead us_ through the storms. through the storms. Hey!

[3.]

through the storms. Fire_ be-fore us,_ You're the bright est,_

Chorus

You_ will lead us_ through the storms. My Light house, my Light house,

shin-ing in the dark ness, I will fol-low You. Oh, My Light house,

my Light house, I will trust the prom-ise: You will car-ry me_ safe to

shore, safe to shore, safe to shore,

safe to shore.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Share the Good News.

And give thanks to God.

POSTLUDE

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective

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Austin Haller - *Organ & Piano*
St Martin's Family Choir
Andrew Fuhrman—*Drums & Piano*
Darin Layne—*Guitar*

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ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Milton Schultz Jr; Iris Friedrich; Olivia Arand; Chris & Greg George; The friends and family of Alison; The friends and family of Duane Nystrom; Naomi Dill; Rudy Mueller; Melissa Baker; Ronnie Johnson; Berry Balentine; Nick & Becky Loham; Jeff Williams

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AUGUST BENEVOLENCE:

The August benevolence is the Lutheran Campus Ministry Austin. Saint Martin's has been a long time supporter. LuMin serves the campuses of UT, Austin Community College and St. Edward's. The mission is to radiate God's love and grace through embracing all, serving boldly and working for peace and justice. The goal for this month's benevolence is to raise \$1200 to support one week of the UT evening meal program. Show your support for the students that are the future leaders of the ELCA.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

Sunday, August 21

- 10:00 am Holy Communion
- 11:00 am Community Day Potluck, Congregation Directory Photo Booth,
 Symphonic Wind Concert.

Tuesday, August 23

- 9:00 am WELCA Tack & Pack

Wednesday, August 24

- 1:00 pm Pastor's Book Class

Sunday, August 28

- 10:00 am Holy Communion
- 12:30 pm Saint Martin's Core Values Workshop