

AUGUST 13, 2023

10:00 AM

# SUMMER WORSHIP



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

606 W 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS

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## 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!*

We welcome you to our Summer 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.

Families with small children may enjoy playing with toys on the Prayground rug in the Narthex. The nursery is open for children 0-5 years. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in this space.

Hearing assist devices are available. Ask an usher for help.

*Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **The people's responses are in bold.***

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### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

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

### WELCOME

### REFLECTION

*We share a piece to invite us into consideration of scripture and worship through different voices.*

IF I CAN STOP ONE HEART FROM BREAKING

EMILY DICKINSON

If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.

# GATHERING HYMN

ELW 756

*Please stand as you are able.*

## ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

MELITA

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

## GREETING

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

**Amen**

## PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

## READING

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;

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

<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal;

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

<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew;

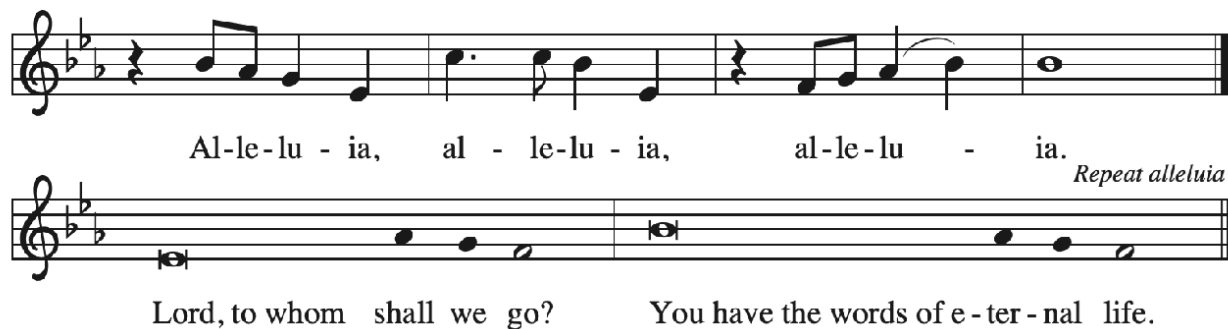
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. <sup>14</sup>I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. <sup>15</sup>That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

## 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 10:28-42

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

## CHILDREN'S SONG

*Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for the children's time.*

### WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

CONVERSE



2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rowshare?  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### MESSAGE

Today the St. Martin's Strategy Task Force will lead us as we consider our purpose for the next five years and beyond.

A Purpose Statement is an explanation of the church's motivations and reasons for being and why it works the way it does.

While we know that our primary purpose as Christians is to worship God and love our neighbor as ourselves, an organizational purpose statement for St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Austin TX for the coming years can serve as a helpful guide to direct our decisions and focus as we live into our purpose.

The following is a proposed purpose statement prepared by the Strategy Task Force for your consideration, reflection and comment:

**St. Martin's purpose for the next 5 years is to invite each other to leave busyness and loneliness behind and to discern and pursue in community and connection, "What is worth wanting in life?"**

You will be invited to share your thoughts about this draft statement with another person and with the congregation as we develop together a meaningful purpose statement for St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Austin TX for the next 5 years.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

*Please stand to sing as you are able.*

*Prayer cards, which can be found in the pew pockets, are collected by the ushers during the hymn. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to [prayer@saintmartins.org](mailto:prayer@saintmartins.org).*

## PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

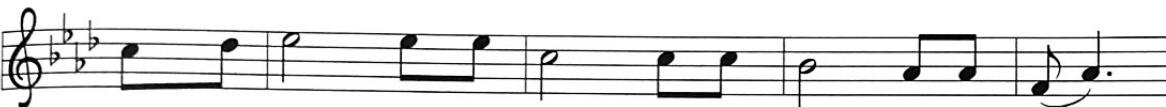
## PRECIOUS LORD



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

## 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition ends with:* God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

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

*Please greet each other, saying "Peace be with you" or similar*



# MEAL

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

*Please be seated.*

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

IN BABILONE



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.

## AT THE TABLE REFLECTION

*Throughout 2023, members of our congregation share on our Stewardship theme “At the Table”.*

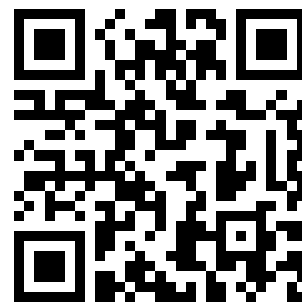
The 5th Commandment.

The summer before my older brother was starting high school, my parents bought a pool table. A Pool Table! You know ...TROUBLE, right here in River City, with a capitol “T” and that rhymes with “P” and that stands for Pool. Soon our friends, knowing they were welcome AND that my parents had rules and expectations, started coming in to shoot some “stick.” Next, my parents provided another Table complete with soft drinks and snacks. Trouble never came. It took a while but eventually I realized that it was all part of mom & dad’s plan. Around those tables my parents provided a safe, welcoming place where they knew their kids and many of their friends could be found on Friday & Saturday nights.

Smart folks these parents are. Ehre deinen Vater und deine Mutter. Honra a tu Padre y a tu Madre. Al Rusch

## OFFERING

*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. To donate electronically, go to [saintmartins.org/giving](http://saintmartins.org/giving) or scan the QR code.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

GEORGE BENNARD

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

**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**

# 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,... 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

O God triune, how majestic...

The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer....

we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds,...

to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and 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 HOLY COMMUNION

*The people are seated.*

*Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. You will receive the bread in your hands, please consume and then pick up a plastic cup to receive the wine. Grape juice cups are in the center of each tray. Gluten free bread is available. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to let the minister know to bring communion to you.*

*A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are welcome to light a prayer candle in the north transept (left front).*



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

IN THE GARDEN

C. AUSTIN MILES

## TABLE BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

## THANKSGIVING 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**

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

# SENDING HYMN

ELW 785

## WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER (*IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL*)

VILLE DU HAVRE

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

## SENDING PRAYER

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY

Rev. Travis Fitzgold - *presiding*

St. Martin's Strategy Task Force - *message*

Anita Salmon - *chair*

Michael Bruemmer, Janis Daemmrich, James Gavin, Norm Hummel,  
Susan Jensen, Leilani Ploughmann, Michael Roth, John Santana, Ken Schroeder,  
Ted Schweinfurth, Stephanie Schweinfurth, Pr. Ellen Williams

Tom Blomquist - *assisting minister*

- *communion assistants*

- *acolytes*

Andrew Fuhrman - organ

Robert Harlan - baritone

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*