

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

9:00 AM

# RALLY SUNDAY



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 Family Worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. 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 Playground rug in the Narthex. The nursery is open for children 0-4 years. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in this space.*

*Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex or you can listen through your smartphone. The ushers are happy to help you.*

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

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# Rally Day words from EW

PRELUDE  
FEELS LIKE HOME

RANDY NEWMAN

## GATHERING

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

## WELCOME

*Please take a moment to greet your neighbors as we begin to worship together.*

## REFLECTION

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

THIS IS JUST TO SAY

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS

I have eaten  
the plums  
that were in  
the icebox  
and which  
you were probably  
saving  
for breakfast

Forgive me  
they were delicious  
so sweet  
and so cold

# GATHERING SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*

## DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

UNION SEMINARY

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

## GREETING

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

## PRAYER

Let us pray. **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

## READING

MATTHEW 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

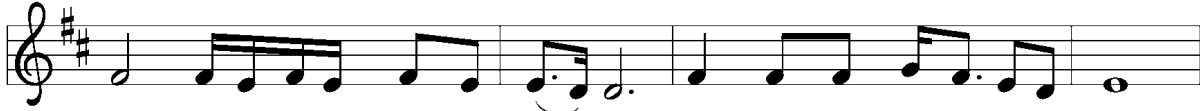
**The Gospel of the Lord.** Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S SONG

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

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

CHILDREN PRAYING



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

GIVING OF BIBLES  
BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

## MESSAGE

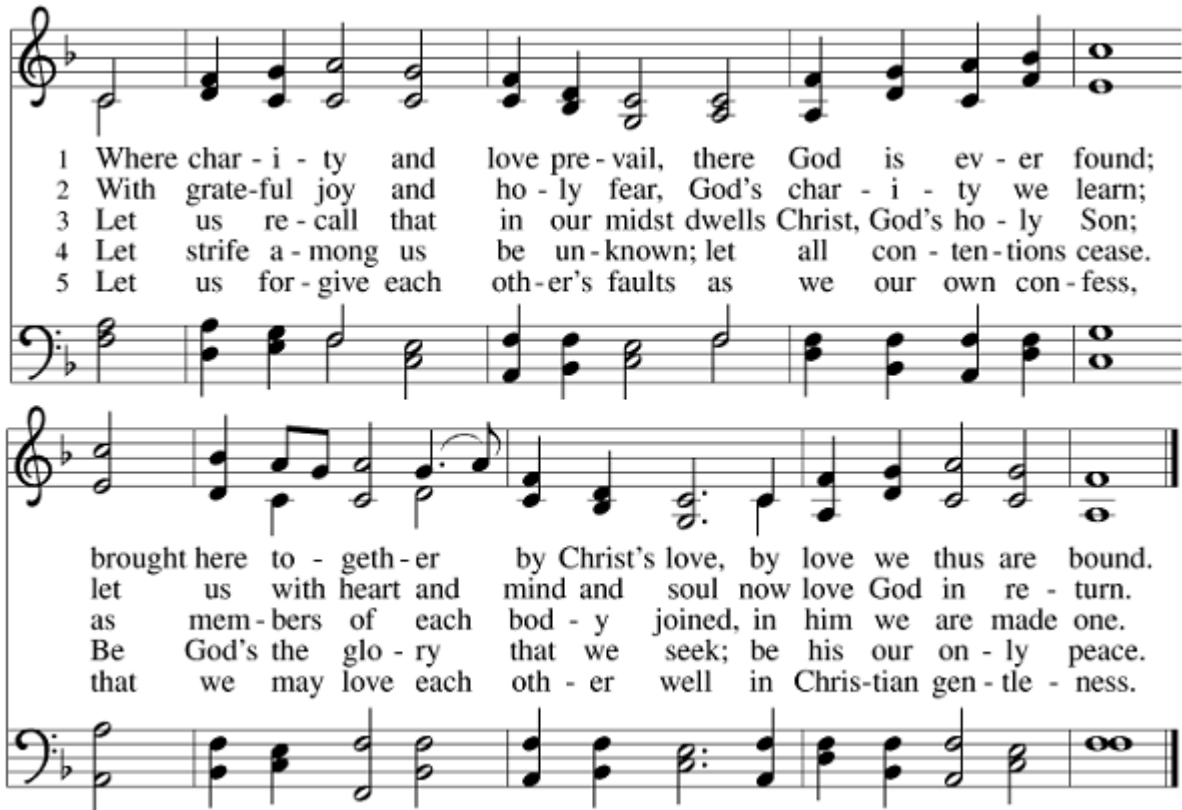
## SERMON SONG

*Please stand 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).*

## WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

TWENTY-FOURTH



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

## PRAYERS

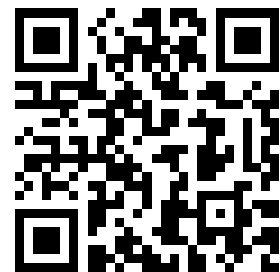
*Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.***

## MEAL

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

## 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

### GET TOGETHER

CHET POWERS

Love is but a song we sing  
Fear's the way we die  
You can make the mountains ring  
Or make the angels cry  
Though the bird is on the wing  
And you may not know why

Come on, people now  
Smile on your brother/sister  
Everybody get together  
Try to love one another right now

Some may come and some may go  
He will surely pass  
When the one that left us here  
Returns for us at last  
We are but a moment's sunlight  
Fading in the grass

If you hear the song I sing  
You will understand, listen  
You hold the key to love and fear  
All in your trembling hand  
Just one key unlocks them both  
It's there at your command

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

**God, you have given us so much and we thank you for your generosity. Please use these gifts we bring to make our world better.**

**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.**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table,  
and our Food,

you created a world in which all might  
be satisfied by your abundance...

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.

Remembering, therefore ...

Through him all glory and honor is  
yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy  
Spirit, in your holy Church, both now  
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 HOLY COMMUNION

*Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward to receive the bread then pick up a cup to receive wine. 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 let the communion assistants know. A Stephen Minister will be in front near the pulpit to offer healing prayer during communion. You are invited to light a prayer candle on the table in the front left corner of the Apse.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

CHOSEN FAMILY

JONNY LATTIMER / DANIEL HARLE / RINA SAWAYAMA

Where do I belong?

Tell me your story and I'll tell you mine;  
I'm all ears, take your time, we got all  
night.

Show me the rivers crossed, the  
mountains scaled.

Show me who made you walk all the  
way here.

Settle down, put your bags down,  
You're alright now

We don't need to be related to relate.  
We don't need to share genes or a  
surname.

You are my chosen family

So what if we don't look the same?  
We been going through the same  
thing

You are my chosen family

Hand me a pen and I'll rewrite the pain;  
When you're ready, we'll turn the page  
together.

Open a bottle, it's time we celebrate  
Who you were, who you are.  
We're one and the same.

I chose you,  
You chose me.

I chose you,  
You chose me.

We're alright now.

## 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.

**Thank you for the gift of your body and blood that renews us so we can be your  
presence in our world. Amen**

# SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

*Children dismissed at 9:45 for faith formation in the chapel.*

## INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

## BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

The God of all,  
who raised+ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

AR HYD Y NOS



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Kathy Edgar - *assisting minister*

Nora Friedrich, Gus Friedrich - *communion assistant*  
*acolyte*

Fred Aus - *Stephen Minister*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Associate Director of Music*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, *vocals*; Andrew Fuhrman, *drums*;

Darin Layne, *guitar*; Jay Clement, *bass* - *musicians*

*sound*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*