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9:00 AM

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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 Prayground 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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## LENTEN INTRODUCTION

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

## PRELUDE

*The tower bell rings as we begin worship.*

## GATHERING

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

## WELCOME

*Please take a moment to say hello to those near you.*

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

WRITE YOUR NAME UPON MY HEART

SALLY DEFORD

God's covenant with us given through the words of the prophet Jeremiah is that we will have God's name written on our hearts. What does it mean to have God's name written on our hearts? Sally DeFord enumerates the qualities that will be instinctively part of who we are when God's covenant of love lives within each of us.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;



e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

## PRAYER

Let us pray together. **O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

## READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SONG

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



3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE

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).*

IN CHRIST ALONE

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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 -ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that  
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com-fort-  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - ry  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; Till He re -

-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I  
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I  
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of  
 -turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

stand.  
 live.  
 Christ.  
 stand!

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*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

PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART

JACKIE DESHANNON

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray together.

**Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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.**



Holy God ... pouring out his life for the world.

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 ... 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 at the Prayer Station to offer healing prayer during communion. You are invited to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

LORD, I LOVE THEE WITH ALL MY HEART

## 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 together.

**Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

*The children are dismissed at 9:45am to go to the Chapel.*

## BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

### STAR OF COUNTY DOWN



1	My	soul	cries	out	with	a	joy - ful	shout	that	the
2	Though	I	am	small,	my . . .	God,	my	all,	you . . .	
3	From	the	halls	of	pow'r	to	the	for - tress	tow'r,	not
4	Though	the	na - tions	rage	from . .	age	to	age,	we	re -



God	of	my	heart	is	great,	and	my	spir - it	sings	of	the
work	great . .	things	in	me,	and	your	mer - cy	will	last	from	the
stone	will	be	left	on	stone.	Let	the	king	be - ware	for	your
mem - ber	who	holds	us	fast:	God's	mer - cy	must	de -			



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Hope Badeusz, Harper Badeusz - *acolytes*

Tim Fackler - *assisting minister*

James Gavin, Sally Gavin - *communion assistants*

Virginia Haas - *Prayer Station*

Tim O'Brien - *Director of Music*

Austin Haller - *Associate Director of Music*

Jenny Ohrstrom, vocals; Andrew Fuhrman, drums;

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

Viera Buzgova - *video*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Richard Buerger, Garry Flandermeyer - *ushers*

Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder - *Altar Guild*

Susan Sossamon - *Welcome Center*

Nora Friedrich - *fellowship snacks*