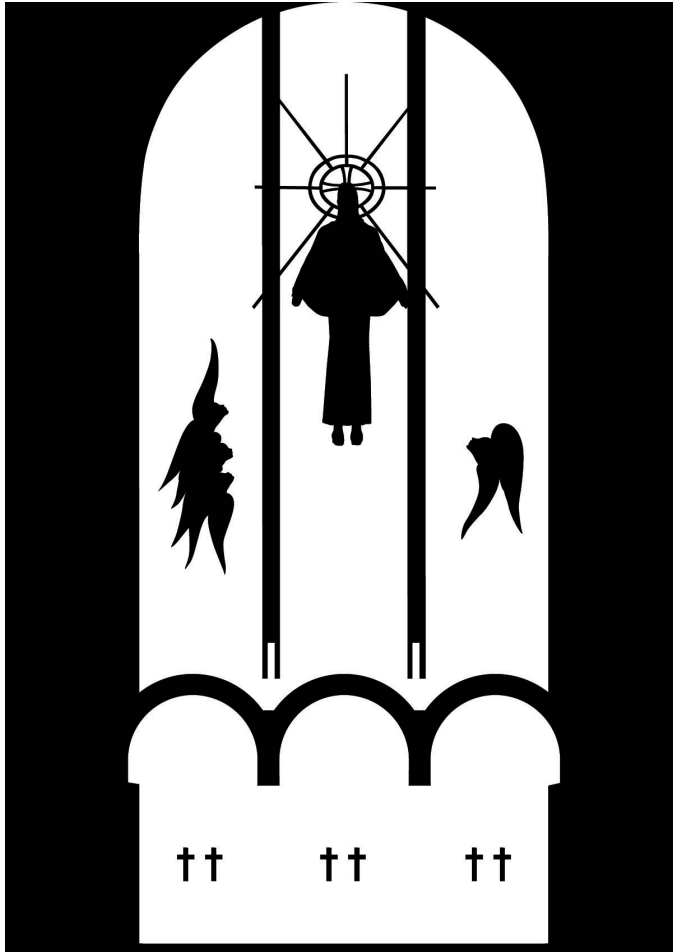


MARCH 1, 2026

9:00 AM



# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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!*

### **Welcome to St. Martin's 9AM Service**

*This relaxed and reflective service gathers us as one family in Christ. The Holy Spirit brings us together around God's gifts of Word and Sacrament. At the communion table, Christ meets us with forgiveness, life, and salvation, then sends us out to share good news and love with the world.*

*Families with children are especially welcome. Little ones may enjoy the Prayground rug in the Narthex, and the nursery is open for ages 0–4. The joyful sounds of children are a treasured part of our worship.*

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

*Please check in at the Welcome Desk or on your phone and make a name tag so we can greet you by name.*

*Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **Spoken responses are in bold.***

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## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

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

*The tower bell rings as we begin worship.*

## WELCOME

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

*Please be seated.*

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

### THE WIND

CAT STEVENS

I listen to the wind  
To the wind of my soul  
Where I'll end up  
Well I think only God really knows  
I've sat upon the setting sun  
But never, never, never, never  
I never wanted water once  
No never, never, never  
I listen to my words  
But they fall far below

I let my music take me  
Where my heart wants to go  
I've swam upon the devil's lake  
But never, never, never, never  
I'll never make the same mistake  
No never, never, never

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in  
the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in  
steadfast love,**

**but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender  
compassion you have shown to us.**

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**Amen.**

**We do not welcome others with the  
radical hospitality you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again  
and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the  
earth.**

**Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

## AS THE WIND SONG



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,  
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the  
 as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
 mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,  
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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

JOHN 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

## CHILDREN'S SONG

### LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR 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

### MESSAGE

*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).*

HYMN OF THE DAY  
BAPTIZED IN WATER

CAT STEVENS

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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.*

*Please be seated.*

## 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

### LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE

JOHN BARLOW JARVIS, NAOMI ELLEN JUDD,  
PAUL OVERSTREET

I'd gladly walk across the desert  
With no shoes upon my feet  
To share with you the last bite  
Of bread I had to eat  
I would swim out to save you  
In your sea of broken dreams  
When all your hopes are sinkin'  
Let me show you what love means  
Love can build a bridge  
Between your heart and mine  
Love can build a bridge  
Don't you think it's time?  
I would whisper love so loudly  
Every heart could understand  
That love and only love  
Can join the tribes of man  
I would give my heart's desire  
So that you might see

The first step is to realize  
That it all begins with you and me  
Love can build a bridge  
Between your heart and mine  
Love can build a bridge  
Don't you think it's time?  
When we stand together  
It's our finest hour  
We can do anything (anything), anything  
(anything)  
Keep believin' in the power  
Love can build a bridge  
Between your heart and mine  
Love can build a bridge  
Don't you think it's time?  
Don't you think it's time?

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' 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,

our living Water and...

We praise you for Christ...

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Please come to the altar rail and kneel or stand. **You will receive the bread in your hands; please intinct (dip) the bread into the communion bowl, then consume.** Gluten free wafers are available on the communion plate. Grape juice is available on the small table near the altar. 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. You are invited to bring your personal prayer concerns to the Stephen Minister who will be at the station at the front of the church. You are welcome to light a prayer candle on the table near the altar.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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.

**God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

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

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to you

To Jesus be true

May God bless you always

Happy Birthday to you

*The children and teachers are dismissed at 9:45am to go to their classrooms.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

The Lord † bless you and keep you;

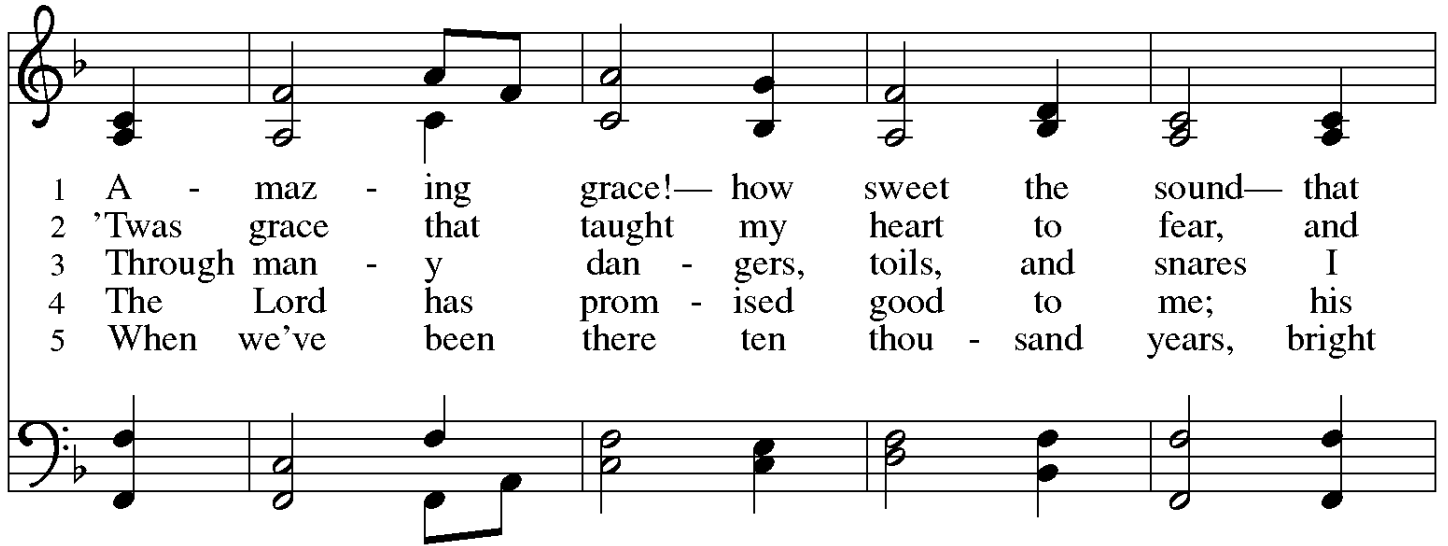
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

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

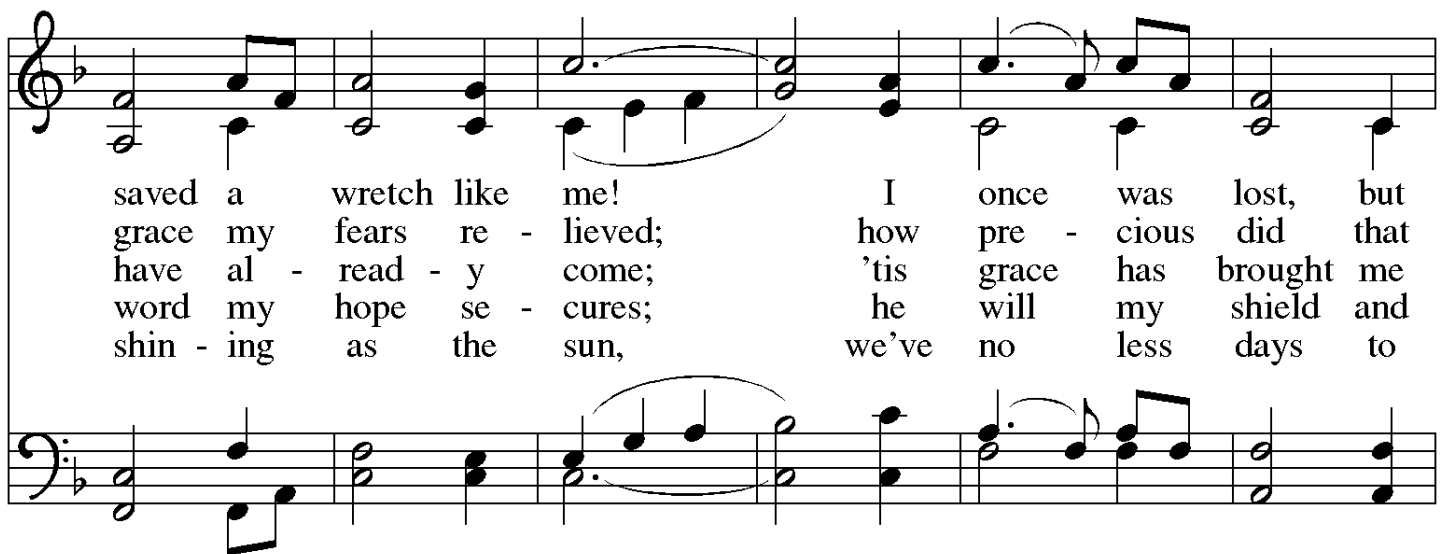
**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

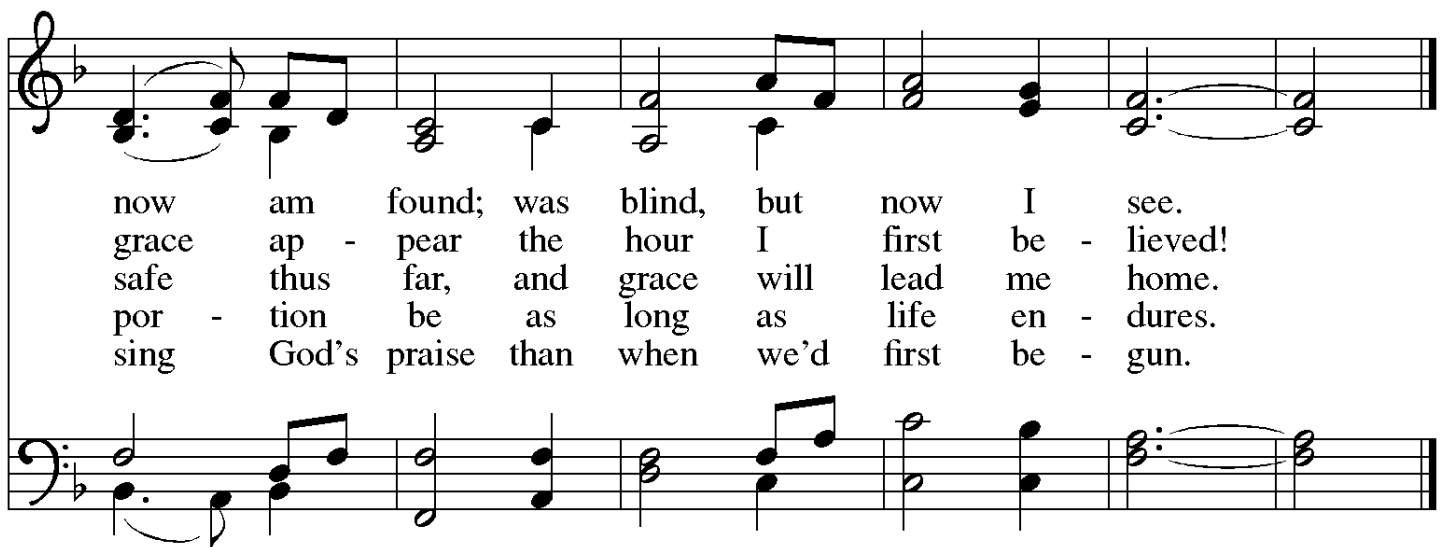
## AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY

Pr. Sandra Dager - *preaching/presiding*

Kathy Edgar - *assisting minister*

Tom Friedrich, Nora Friedrich - *communion assistants*

Bob Gibbons - *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*

Stephen Ottmers - *video*

Mike Kaase - *sound*

Garry Flandermeyer - *ushers*

Janis Daemmrigh - *Welcome Center*

Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder,

Tom Blomquist, Nancy Schroeder, Virginia Haas,

Mamie Hickerson, Donna Gunter - *Altar Guild*

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