



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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September 12, 2021 | 11:00 AM

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

It's Rally Day! Two services and tons of opportunities to love, share, serve, and grow at St. Martin's this year!



Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King

Arr. by Vaclav Nelhybel

Gathering

Welcome

The people stand.

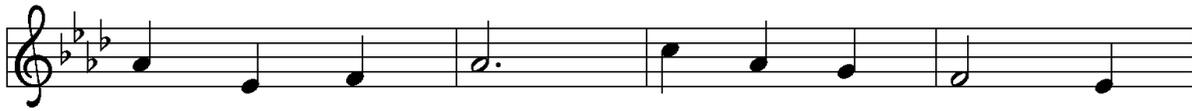
Thanksgiving for Baptism

Processional Hymn

Hymn 731

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



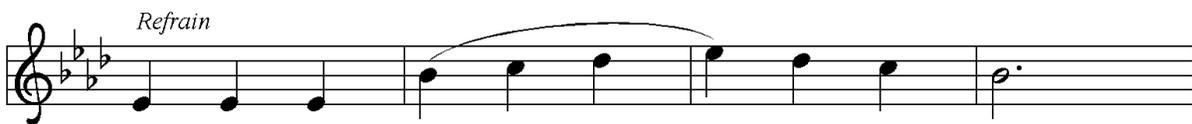
Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.

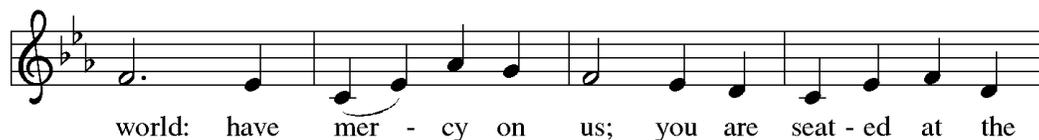
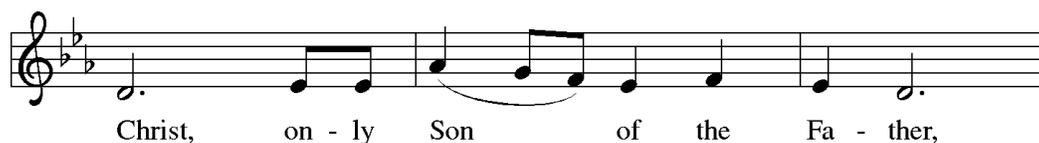
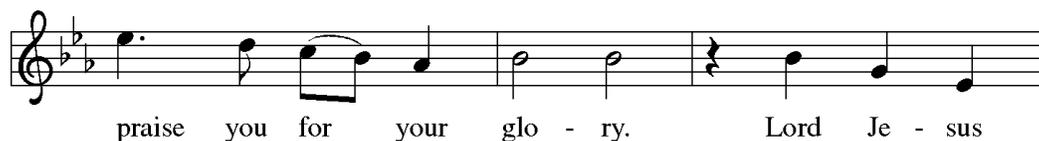
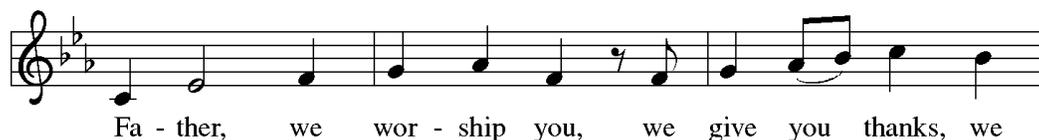
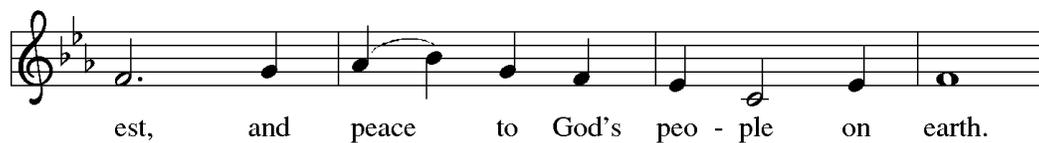


I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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.**

Canticle of Praise



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Word

The people are seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, 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

Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The people are seated.

Message

The people stand. Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day

Hymn 880

O God beyond All Praising

THAXTED



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

The Peace

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

The people are seated.

Meal

Offering Offerings may be placed in the basket in the narthex, or you can donate at saintmartins.org/giving or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His name! Make His praise to be glorious!

The people stand.

Offering Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

(verse 1-2 only)

Hymn 679

AR HYD Y NOS

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Thanksgiving at the Table

...with every breath. We praise you, O God.

...into the future. We bless you, O God.

...with us now. We thank you, O God.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

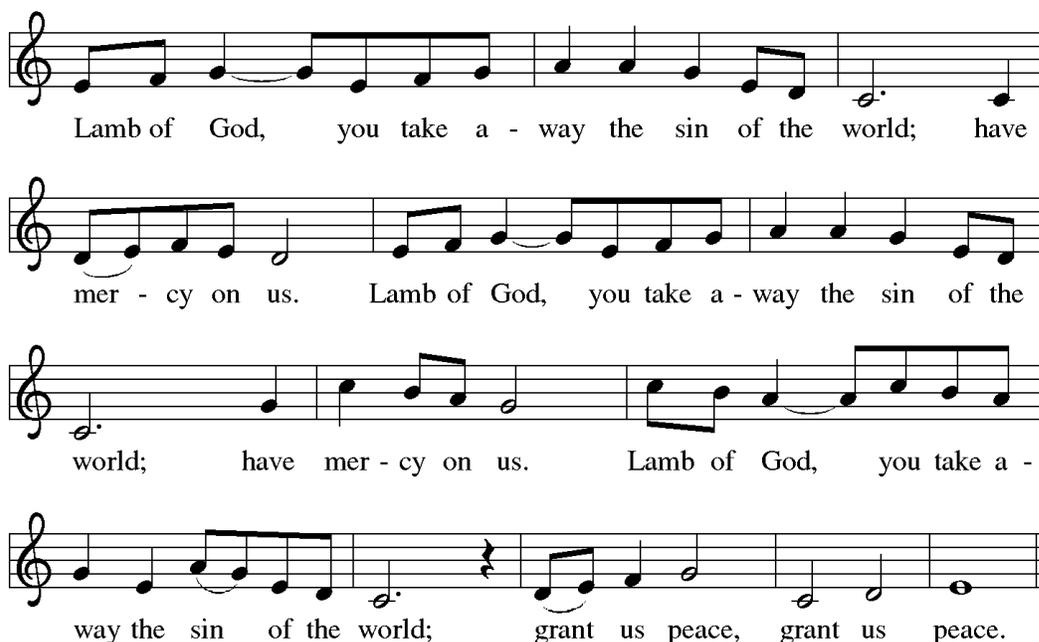
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

The people are seated.

Agnus Dei



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.

Holy Communion *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Gluten free wafers are available.*

Music at Communion

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that be caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

The people stand.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Hymn 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Festival Toccata

Percy E. Fletcher

Serving Today

Preaching/Presiding:	Rev. Ellen Williams
Assisting Ministers:	Tom Blomquist, Cason Miller
Lector:	Norm Hummell
Director of Music:	Dr. Tim O'Brien
Organist:	Austin Haller
Musicians:	St. Martin's Choir; Jenny Ohrstrom, soprano; Katherine Altobello-O'Brien, alto; Jameson James, tenor; Gil Zilkha, bass; Eric Bittner, David Cross, trumpet; Alyssa Collins, horn; Abel Soto, euphonium; Richard Goldsmith, tuba; Viera Buzgova, percussion; Andrew Fuhrman, timpani
Sound:	Jim Parkhurst
Video:	Eddie Jennings
Ushers:	Norm Hummell

Prayers

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Gerry Berens; the Blanchard family; Denise Bunton; Stan Cravatt; the Erickson family; Jeannine; Paul and Penny Laurentius; Lorraine, Steve, Jackie, and Joe; the Mickelson family; Kavan McComus; family and friends of Christie Nalle; Margaret Puskos; Janet Ryder; Elisabeth Williams; the Young family; teachers, school administrators, and students.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Nancy Anderson; Bob Aus; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Vickie Dunlevy; Eleanor and Dave; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Kara; Betsy Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; David Pierce; Jeff Puskos; Lottie Smith; Betty Staehr.

September Benevolence: St. Martin's School Scholarships

NURTURE A CHILD | We have the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life with a quality preschool education. If we are all willing to donate a few dollars to the Scholarship Fund, we can supplement the tuition for a child in need. For \$300 a month or \$3600 a year we can sponsor one child! Our goal is to sponsor at least one child this year. Just think of what even a small reoccurring donation could mean to a deserving child.

Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. To donate go to www.saintmartins.org and click on Give. Then click the arrow to the right of Fund. Choose the St. Martin's School Scholarship in the drop box. You can also donate by a check made out to the church with School Scholarship Fund written on the memo line.

For more information about our preschool, go to www.saintmartins.org/preschool.

July Financial Report Year-to-Date Income Statement

Revenues		Expenses	
Operating	434,033	Operating	451,358
Building	86,460	Building	73,183
School	699,951	School	680,803
Total	1,220,444	Total Expenses	1,205,344

Net Total	15,100
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July Benevolence Donations: St. Martin's Lunch Bag Ministry = \$1,770

Events & Announcements

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, September 12—Rally Day!

9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:00 am	Faith Formation Hour Open House
11:00 am	Holy Communion
5:00 pm	Lutheran Campus Ministry Worship

Tuesday, September 14

9:00 am	WELCA Tack & Pack
9:30 am	Elizabeth Circle
7:00 pm	God & The Real World: Sacred Music

Wednesday, September 15

9:00 am	Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Ellen
1:00 pm	Pastor's Book Class
6:00 pm	Wednesday Game Night
7:00 pm	Choir rehearsal
8:30 pm	Handbell rehearsals resume

Thursday, September 16

6:00 pm	High School Devotional (Zoom)
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Saturday, September 18

8:30 am	Mop & Hammer
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Sunday, September 19

9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:00 am	Faith Formation Hour
11:00 am	Holy Communion
12:00 pm	Confirmation Family Hike
5:00 pm	Lutheran Campus Ministry Worship

TODAY! Rally Day | Family worship at 9:00 am with Bible presentation for 2 year olds, 3rd graders, 6th graders, and those who did not receive them last year. Sunday School open house outside the Parlor at 10:00 am. Traditional worship at 11:00 am.

Music Rehearsals Resume! | Fall choir rehearsals began on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Handbells begin on Wednesday, September 15th at 8:30 in the Sanctuary. Both ensembles are taking new members. Come sing together and share joy in a musical faith community. All are welcome. Please contact Tim O'Brien for more info.

Come As You Are | Sundays from 10:00-10:45 am in Room 230 or on Zoom

A gathering for adults who are looking for a casual environment to build community and explore faith. The class will loosely be modeled on Faith 5 principles of Share, Read, Talk,

Pray & Bless. No preparation needed. This class took a summer session break and will resume on September 19. Email John Howard for Zoom link. Facilitators: Fred Aus, Ann & John Howard, Whitney Myers, and Michael Roth

St. Martin's Fellowship Lunch | September 19th at The Tavern

Are you between 20-50 years old? Let's all go out to eat after 2nd service on September 19th! Meet at the Tavern on Lamar and 12th Street. Let's come together in community with some good food and fellowship!

From the Flower Guild

Many of you have asked when the Flower Guild is starting up. We've decided to start back slowly and only arrange "real" flowers for selected Sundays between now and the beginning of Advent. The selected Sundays are Rally Day, Reformation Day, All Saint's Day, and the Christ the King Sunday/WELCA Thankoffering Sunday. Instead of signing up for a specific Sunday, you may make a donation to help with the cost of sanctuary flowers for those Sundays or we will use existing Flower Guild funds. During the fall, the Flower Guild will evaluate the changes in wholesale flower prices and the available volunteers to determine how the Flower Guild will function in 2022. Thanks so much for your continuing support. If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild or have questions, please email Ann Henry at ann-henry@sbcglobal.net. We look forward to Christmas poinsettia orders beginning in mid-November!

Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) Volunteer Opportunity

Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) is in need of a volunteer with bookkeeping and/or accounting experience. You'll help out by paying bills for the DAC expenses, making deposits to the DAC account, and reconciling the bank account monthly. The MLF accounting staff provide training and ongoing support. After six years of service, Janis Ottmers is ready to pass this opportunity to a new volunteer. Contact her at janisottmers@gmail.com if you are interested and for more information.