

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | 9:00 AM

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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!



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

606 W 15TH Street, Austin, Texas | www.saintmartins.org

GATHERING MUSIC

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Graham Kendrick

GATHERING

WELCOME

The people stand.

GATHERING SONG

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Stralsand Gesangbuch



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
2. Praise the Al-might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,
3. Praise the Al-might - y, who pros-pers your work and de - fends you;
4. Praise the Al-might - y! In won-der my spir - it is soar - ing!



My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.



Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.
Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;
Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,



Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.
sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.
in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing!

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

The people are seated.

READING

Mark 8:27-38

The good news from God, according to Mark.

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.”

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

For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned lectionary texts for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 116:1-9, and James 3:1-12.

The people are seated. The children come forward during the song.

SONG

We Are Marching

South African traditional



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God, We are march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) Oo we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march-ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) Oo we are march - ing in the light of God.

BIBLE PRESENTATION *Two year olds, third graders & confirmands receive Bibles at the start of Sunday School.*

The song is sung as the children return to their seats.

MESSAGE

After the message, the people stand to sing. Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the Song of the Day.

SONG OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

Scottish traditional



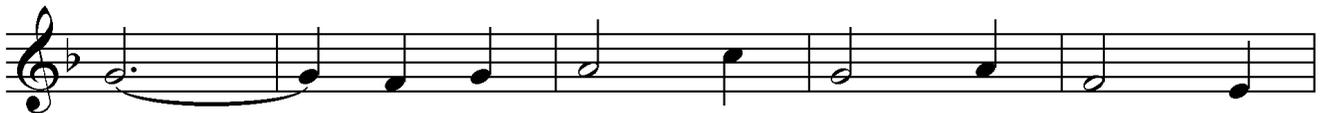
1. "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?_
2. "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?_
3. "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?_
4. "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?_
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name._



- Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?_
- Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?_
- Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same?_
- Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?_
- Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same._



- Will you let my love be shown,___ will you let my name be
- Will you risk the hos - tile stare,___ should your life at - tract or
- Will you kiss the lep - er clean,___ and do such as this un -
- Will you use the faith you've found___ to re - shape the world a -
- In your com - pa - ny I'll go___ where your love and foot - steps



- known,___ will you let my life be grown in
- scare?___ Will you let me an - swer pray'r in
- seen,___ and ad - mit to what I mean in
- round,___ through my sight and touch and sound in
- show. ___ Thus I'll move and live and grow in



- you and you in me?"
- you and you in me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING 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.

luther \$100

The people stand to sing.

OFFERING SONG

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Tillis Butler

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with in -
me. Cast me not a-way from your pres - ence, and take not your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free
Spir - it. Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

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, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and might; heav-en and earth are



filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the



one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The people are seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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 if requested.

The people stand.

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these your *sisters and brothers* in their service, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

Cameroon processional



Praise, praise, praise the Lord!_ Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise, praise, praise the Lord!_ Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God's hol - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God's hol - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

This Is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle, and Josh Farro



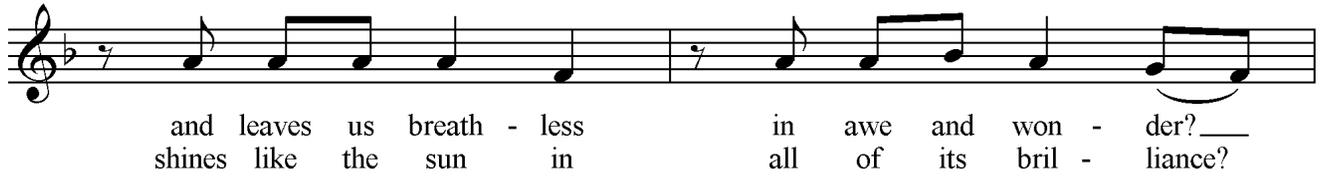
1. Who breaks the pow - er of sin and dark ness, whose love is might - y___
3. Who brings our cha - os back in - to ord - er, who makes the or - phan



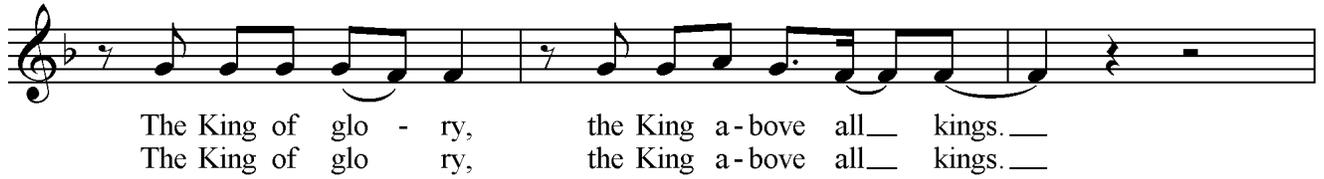
and so much strong - er?_ The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all_ kings.
a son and daugh - ter?_ The King of glo - ry, the King of glo - ry. _



— 2. Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun - der
— 4. Who rules the na - tions with truth and jus - tice,



and leaves us breath - less in awe and won - der? —
shines like the sun in all of its bril - liance?



The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. —
The King of glo ry, the King a - bove all kings. —



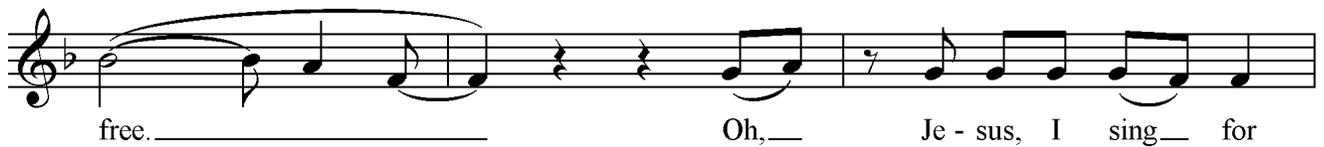
This is a - maz - ing grace, — this is un - fail - ing love, —



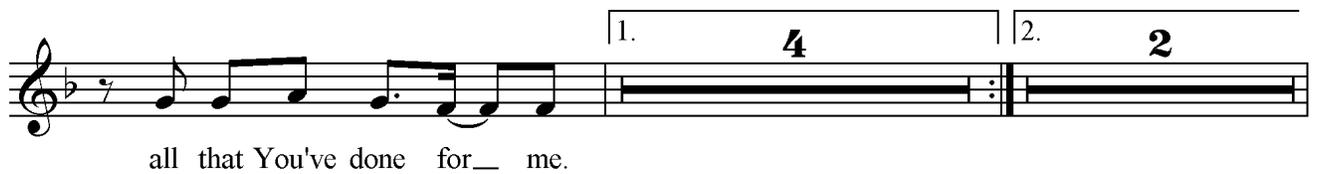
that You would take my place, — that You would bear my cross. —



You laid down Your life — that I would be set



free. — Oh, Je - sus, I sing for



all that You've done for me.
1. 4 2. 2



Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain! — Wor - thy is the King who con



- quered the grave! — Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain! —



Wor - thy is the King who con - quered the grave! — Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain!

— Wor-thy is the King_ who con - quered the grave!_ —

Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain!_ ___ Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy!

This is a-maz- ing_ grace,___ this is un-fail- ing_ love,___

that You would take my_ place,___ that You would bear my_ cross. ___

You_laid down Your life_____ that I would be__ set free.____

— Oh,_ Je- sus, I sing_ for all that You've done for_ me. ²

all that You've done for_ me.____ ⁴

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Tom Blomquist, Cason Miller - *assisting ministers*

Steve Wager - *praise force director*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, Anitra Coulter Blunt, Andrew Fuhrman, Alvin Helge,
Jameson James, Darin Layne, Tim O'Brien, Jenny Ohrstrom - *praise force*

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

If you have a prayer request to add to the prayer list, you may email prayer@saintmartins.org.

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	
Operating	434,033
Building	86,460
School	699,951
Total	1,220,444

Expenses	
Operating	451,358
Building	73,183
School	680,803
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.

Full announcement list at saintmartins.org/news.