

OCTOBER 31, 2021 | 9:00 AM

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

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GATHERING MUSIC

You Are the Rock of My Salvation

Theresa Muller

GATHERING

WELCOME

The people stand.

GATHERING SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
2. If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv-ing turns to
3. Though all the world with de - vils fill and threa-ten to de -
4. God's Word shall stand a - bove_ the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of mor - tal ills pre -
los - ing; the right-eous one_fights by our side, the one of God's own
vour - us, we trem - ble not,_ we trust_God's will: they can - not ov - er
giv - ing. The Spi - rit and_ the gifts_ are ours, for God with us is



vail - ing. For still our an- cient foe, for-sworn to work us woe,
choos - ing. You ask who this may be: Christ Je - sus, it is he,
pow'r - us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage, in fier-cest war en-gage,
liv - ing. Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor - tal life al - so;



with guile and dread - ful might is armed to wage the fight:
the Lord of hosts by name. No oth - er God we claim!
this ty - rant's doomed to fail; God's judge-ment must pre - vail!
though all of these be gone, they yet have noth - ing won.



on earth there is no e - qual.
None else can win the ba - ttle.
One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
The king - dom's ours for - ev - er.

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

Romans 3:19-28

The good news from God, according to Paul's letter to the Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, and John 8:31-36.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

For By Grace You Have Been Saved

Kari Tiika/Fred Rose

1. For by grace you have been saved _____ and e - ven
2. "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient _____ for each
3. So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment _____ I'll ac -

faith is not your own, _____ it's the gift of God for
child who is my own, _____ for my strength is now made
cept now in my - self, _____ all my hard - ships, pains, and

you _____ and not the works that you have done.
per - fect _____ for each child who is my own.
griefs _____ that still lie deep with - in my - self.

Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, _____ for
When you're weak, then you are strong, _____ for
When I'm weak, then I am strong, _____ for

this is God's great gift. A - - -
this is God's great gift."
this is God's great gift.

men, _____ a - - - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

As the Grains of Wheat

Marty Haugen

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.

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 Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the_ high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
8
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
12
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
15
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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

SENDING SONG

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

1. **4** 2.

all that You've done for me.

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.

all that You've done for me. —

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DISMISSAL

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

*Music is played and sung as the people depart for Faith Formation Hour.
Children and High School Sunday school classes meet in the Parlor Courtyard.
Confirmation class meets in the lobby. Come As You Are gathers in Room 230.*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Tom Blomquist, Cason Miller - *assisting ministers*

Steve Wager - *praise force director*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, Andrew Fuhrman, Alvin Helge, Jameson James, Darin Layne,
Tim O'Brien, Jenny Ohrstrom, Todd Waldron - *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

Leona Abrahamson; Gerry Berens; Stan Cravatt; Jim Davis and Sophia; Vickie Dunlevy;
Francis Green; Rachel, Josh, and Aiden Jefferson; Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,
Granite Bay, CA; Myra Mallik; Rebekah, Daniel, Mary Kate, Joseph, Miguel, and Derek;
Robin Sandager; Harold Schmitz; family of Sheila Smith; Afghans moving to Austin.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

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

OCTOBER BENEVOLENCE: SAN ANTONIO DAY RESPITE CENTER

The San Antonio Day Respite Center hosts asylum seekers as they spend the day waiting for transportation by air or bus to their sponsors throughout the US. Showers, food, clothing, backpacks, and assistance with purchasing travel accommodations are available while they wait. Your contributions will be used to support the Center's operating costs of caring for individuals and families who have fled danger in their home countries.

Find out more at www.swtsynod.org/newsletters/111/display and give at saintmartins.org.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT Year-to-Date Income Statement

Revenues		Expenses		Net	38
Operating	567,396	Operating	584,236		
Building	124,067	Building	92,575	School Scholarships	
School	848,153	School	862,767	Benevolence:	
Total	1,539,616	Total	1,539,578	Sept. = \$6,415	
				Oct. = \$5,015	
				YTD = \$15,485	

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Martin's

Sunday, October 31—Reformation Sunday

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 10:00 am | Faith Formation Hour |
| 11:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 12:00 pm | Reformation Celebration! |

Tuesday, November 2

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| 9:00 am | WELCA Tack & Pack |
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Wednesday, November 3

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| 1:00 pm | Pastor's Book Class |
| 6:00 pm | Wednesday Game Night |
| 7:00 pm | Choir rehearsal |

Thursday, November 4

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| 6:00 pm | High School Devotional (Zoom) |
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Saturday, November 6

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| 8:30 am | Mop & Hammer |
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Sunday, November 7—All Saints' Sunday

9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:00 am	Faith Formation Hour
11:00 am	Holy Communion

TODAY! Reformation Sunday Celebration | Sunday, October 31st, 2021

Join us in celebration of Lutheran Heritage as we enjoy pretzels, beer, and polka in the Worship Park following the 11:00 am service.

Supply the Unhoused | The St. Martin's high school group, in collaboration with the St. Martin's Preschool, is supplying the unhoused with items frequently requested by our visitors. Please bring washed clothing items, umbrellas, blankets, hats, feminine hygiene products and backpacks! Help us help those around us! For more information, contact Cason Miller at cmiller@saintmartins.org.

All Saints' Sunday | Sunday, November 7th, 2021

Join us next Sunday as we remember, honor, and celebrate the lives of those who have passed in the last year.

Save the Date

Reception Honoring Steve Wager

Sunday, November 21, 2021, at 10:00 am

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fall listening sessions and shared hopes and dreams for our future! They have been inspiring! This initial phase for strategic plan development is nearly complete. A report-out of what was shared will be provided to the congregation soon, followed by workshops to start shaping these ideas into a shared vision.