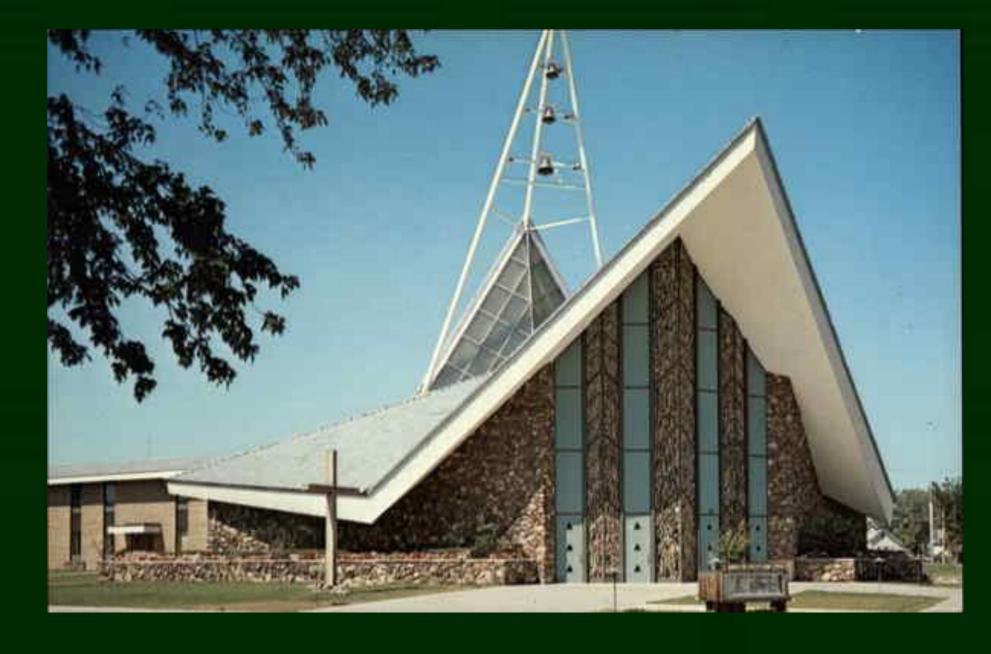
Power point for Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 10, 2025 8:00 am

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St. Martin Lutheran Church & School OUR MISSION: PREACHING, TEACHING AND REACHING WITH GOD'S WORD!

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St. Martin Lutheran Church and School are people who have gathered together under the cross of Jesus Christ to glorify His Name and extend His Kingdom. We seek to accomplish our mission by offering: Worship, Christian Day School, Bible Study, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Pre-School, Early Childhood Center, Music Programs, Youth Programs, Recreation, and Much More!!!

As We Gather

Rather than staying in one place, Jesus went from place to place with disciples or followers, and He taught as they went along. Walking with Jesus was the greatest of blessings! Whether we hear the teachings of our Lord in the same setting week by week and year by year or find ourselves in a variety of worship locations and settings, we, too, find blessing in hearing Him as did His first followers.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Liturgy: Matins page 219

- 798 The God of Abraham Praise vs. 1-4
- 1 The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days And God of love. Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

- 798 The God of Abraham Praise vs. 1-4
- 2 The God of Abr'ham praise, At whose supreme command From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand. I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r, And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow'r.

- 798 The God of Abraham Praise vs. 1-4
- 3 The God of Abr'ham praise, Whose all-sufficient grace Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways. He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God. And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.

798 The God of Abraham Praise vs. 1-4

4 He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heav'n ascend. I shall behold His face; I shall His pow'r adore And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.

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Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. (continued)

We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with (continued) others.

We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins,

(continued)

to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Common Versicles

- P O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.

- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- make haste to help me, O Lord.

Common Versicles

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Antiphon

- P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- 6 O come, let us worship Him.

O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in His hand; the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon

- P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- O come, let us worship Him.

Introit ~ Psalm 147

- P Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
- make melody to our God on the lyre!

- P He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
- **G** he makes grass grow on the hills.

Introit ~ Psalm 147

- P He gives to the beasts their food,
- and to the young ravens that cry.

- P His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
- nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

Introit ~ Psalm 147

- Description but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
- in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

⁴And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." 5And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. 4By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain,

through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him,

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations,

whose designer and builder is God. 11By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

13These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-40

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-40

²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow:

they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things,

and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. 32"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail,

where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 35"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.

³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming,

he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **O** Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

- Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Responsory

- P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Responsory

- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

JESUS TIME FOR THE KIDS



Children, please come to the front

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken! Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken; For the foe, Well we know, Is a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.

- 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray
- 2 Watch against the devil's snares Lest asleep he find you; For indeed no pains he spares To deceive and blind you. Satan's prey Oft are they Who secure are sleeping And no watch are keeping.

- 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray
- Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you Lest with bold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faithless friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.

- 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray
- 4 Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle; Let not self your thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle. Pride and sin Lurk within, All your hopes to shatter; Heed not when they flatter.

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

5 But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing. God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing, So that still Mind and will Shall unite to serve Him And forever love Him.

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"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."



Sermon Theme: "Do You See What I See" Text: based on all this week's readings

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting. To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein. To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise You. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty;

Your adorable, true, and only Son;

also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

You are the king of glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to deliver man, You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.

When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that You will come to be our judge.

We therefore pray You to help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify You. And we worship Your name forever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You. O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Lord's Prayer

- Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

Lord's Prayer

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.

Introduction to Collects

- P O Lord, hear my prayer.
- and let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Clarence Fenner, Terry Flattley, Milo Holth, Walter House, Merry Korth, Duaine Kussmann, Wendy Perry, Matt Reimer, Jeff Schneider, Diann Schroeder, Marilyn Siebert, Willie Stefonke, Lori Tomsovic, Mary Wolff, Jenni Yaeger.



Collect for Grace



O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight;

Collect for Grace

- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the
night
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

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