

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024 – 10 a.m. Morning Prayer



St. Martin's Episcopal Church
All are welcome
and fed with the love of God
pets too!

Lectionary Readings and Music

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve (546)

Psalm: 124

¹If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

²If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

³Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

⁴Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

⁵Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

⁶Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

First Reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

¹The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ²On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." ³Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given

me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request. ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” ⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” ⁶Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

^{9:20}Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²²as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you

sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The reading concludes

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Third Reading Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better

for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The reading concludes

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People: Thanks be to God.

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Final Hymn: Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing (344)

Community Prayer List

Please pray for: Bob & Diane Rogalcheck, Nancy Modrow, Amanda Vandervort, Nancy Schaper, Tom Beechey, Ann Davis, Heidi Partain, Mark Savage, Laura Wolff, Sarah, Joan Soske, Curt Van Peenan, Ellie, Greg & John Rasmussen, Nicole Cortino, Jessica Webb, Charles Sterner, Raggles - the dog,

David Broderson & Jan Langdon, Richard Dekker,
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Julia Ayala Harris,
Mary Savage, Donna Alley, Pat Alexander, Bonnie Tierney,
Elizabeth Kolnik, Nancy Fornoff and Elizabeth Walsh.

For the members of the Des Plaines Chronic Pain Group

For all who are suffering because of recent natural disasters, as well as human tragedies, especially the carnage in the Holy Land, for refugees, all who are affected by gun violence, systemic racism, and everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

For all Veterans and those currently serving in the military, especially: Oriana & Richardson Naki, William Revell, Mike Bozza, Ben Suecheck, Ryan Staats, Zachary Kielar, Michael Webb and all who serve in any military, those wounded in action, and all in harm's way.

For the Saint Martin's Church and Vestry

For those celebrating birthdays this week including Arthur McGinnis and anniversaries this week including Donna and Dennis Alley and Rita Lochirco and Novalla Suter.

For those who grieve the recent death of loved ones.

Announcements

Thank you to Denise Bozza and Jack Short for hosting today.

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for October.

Sign up on the bulletin board in Strauss-Betker Hall

Happy Rosh Hashanah. We blow the Shofar and eat apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah. It signifies the calling of the new year and sweetness for the months ahead.



Shana Tovah

Remember to bring your pets, your friends and family and their pets for a blessing and a treat on October 5 at 12:30. Rain or shine, we hope to see you here. Even if you don't have a pet these days, come and enjoy others pets!



St. Martin's Episcopal Church



Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, October 5, 2024

12:30 pm



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Des Plaines, IL 60016
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www.saintmartinschurchdp.com



BINGO!

Designer Bag Bingo

An afternoon of fun and friendship

Saturday, October 19

Doors open at noon, program 1 pm to 4 pm

| BINGO | | | | |
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| 3 | 29 | 45 | 56 | 68 |
| 1 | 19 | 43 | 50 | 72 |
| 11 | 25 | FREE SPACE | 49 | 61 |
| 9 | 23 | 31 | 58 | 63 |
| 4 | 27 | 42 | 54 | 71 |

- *Play bingo to win fabulous designer handbags!
- *Spend a fall afternoon with friends
- *Door prizes
- *Enticing Silent Auction Items
- *Snacks and beverages will be provided (chili, hot dogs, Vegetarian option and corn bread)

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*** FREE Admission - suggested donation \$30 ***



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CHRIST CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An open & affirming WISE for mental health congregation.



Join Us for a Plastic Recycling Challenge Potluck Celebration!

Celebrate our success in reducing plastic waste together!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 | AT 5 PM
1492 Henry Avenue

Parking is behind the church

Enjoy delicious food and fellowship while recognizing our church challenge partners and businesses/organizations that contributed to our recycling efforts.

Let's continue to make a positive impact on our environment!

BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HYMN?

The Music Committee came up with the idea of starting Morning Prayer by singing a few hymns followed by a brief piano meditation.

♥ We would love your input. ♥

There is a box in the narthex where you can place hymn suggestions. We look forward to hearing what some of your favorites are!

**Please continue to keep Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his family
in your prayers.**

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant Michael, that his weakness may be banished, and his strength restored; and that, his health being renewed, he may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, p. 458)

Stewardship Season is almost upon us!



**Be a part of our Stewardship campaign
this year and share your story of what St Martin's means to you,
and why you are a member. Contact Jack (shortjack1@gmail.com)
to choose a Sunday for you to share your story about your
relationship with St. Martins. Thanks for considering!**



September is Suicide Prevention Month

A Prayer

Loving God, you are always near to us, especially when we are weak, suffering and vulnerable. Reach out to those who experience mental illness. Lift their burdens, calm their anxiety, and quiet their fears. Surround them with your healing presence that they may know that they are not alone. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Episcopal Church Women Fall Event

October 19 Journey to a New Home: A Conversation About Ministry to Asylum Seekers



On Saturday, October 19, *Episcopal Church Women-Chicago* will host its fall event, *Journey to a New Home: A Conversation about Ministry to Asylum Seekers*, at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Berwyn. The event, from 9 am to 2:30 pm, will feature presentations from the Rev. Sandra Castillo, canon for migration ministries; Matt Berryman, executive director of Episcopal Charities; and Agustina Salinas, senior warden of St. Michael and All Angels. Coffee, pastries and lunch will be provided. [Learn more and register.](#)
~ Contributed by The Catholic Health Association of the United States

Because you are all GREAT at helping by doing surveys, please participate in the 2024 Attender Survey

2024 Attender Survey

Add **your** voice to this large national study exploring what is it like to participate in a religious community today

Takes less than 15 minutes

Complete it online* using computer, tablet, or smartphone
*Ask your congregation's leader about the option to take it on paper

Available in English, Español, Français, 中文, 한국어, or 日本語

St. Martin's Attender Survey link:
https://covidreligionstudy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9CY189a3NNQWu1Fw?congregation=13182

Please complete by **November 8, 2024**

Hartford Institute for Religion Research | Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations | Faith Communities Today

What is this survey and who is conducting it?

This survey is a part of our Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC) research project and Faith Communities Today (FACT) research initiative which aims to provide religious leaders of all traditions with data-based, critical information about the changing nature of congregational life and how to respond effectively. Faith

Communities Today has conducted research for more than 25 years and has been a valuable resource for religious leaders. Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations is one of our more recent projects that is tracking the congregational landscape since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Hartford Institute for Religion Research is conducting this research in partnership with several denominations and faith groups who are members of FACT. A list of FACT member groups can be found here. Hartford Institute for Religion Research has been conducting applied research to provide religious leaders with data for more than 40 years.

What is unique about this survey?

Unlike other components of the EPIC study and FACT research, which gathered information from one representative of each congregation, this approach aims to capture the experiences of those who attend congregations. This is a unique approach that is seldom attempted, making this survey a valuable opportunity to gain insights from attenders of religious communities across the country.

To learn more: www.covidreligionresearch.org/get-involved/attender-survey/



<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/province-v-joins-intentional-acts-of-kindness-week-during-election-week/>

Province V of the Episcopal Church is excited to announce its participation in “Intentional Acts of Kindness Week,” a nationwide initiative running from October 29 through November 5, 2024. This week, which coincides with Election Day in the United States, is sponsored by Neighbor 2 Neighbor and is designed to promote kindness and understanding during what can be a divisive political time.

In a climate often charged with political tension, Intentional Acts of Kindness Week (IAK Week) shifts the focus from negativity to positive and peaceful action. The initiative reminds us that we are neither helpless nor hopeless. By making deliberate efforts to be kind to one another, we can change the atmosphere around us and set the tone for a more compassionate society.

Mark your Calendar

October 5 ~ 12:30 ~ Pet Blessing

October 6 ~ 10:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist
& Healing Corners

October 12 ~ 11:00 am ~ Goerss Funeral

October 13 ~ 10:00 am ~ Morning Prayer

October 15 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Vestry

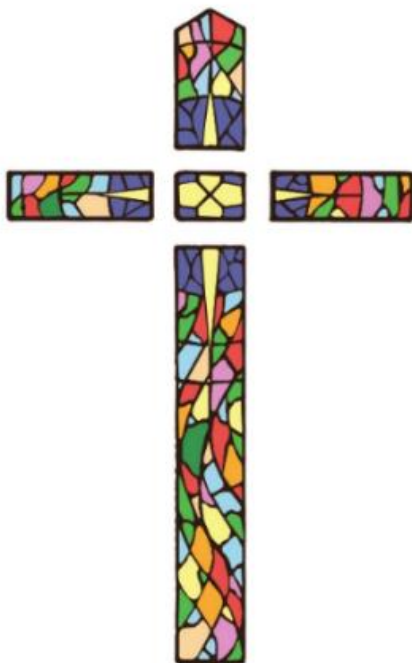
October 19 ~ Designer Bag Bingo

5:00 pm ~ Recycling Challenge Potluck at Christ Church UCC

October 20 ~ 10:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist

11:00 am ~ Q4 Townhall

October 27 ~ 10:00 am ~ Morning Prayer



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