

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 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: Morning has Broken

sung by Karl

Opening Hymn: How wondrous and great (533) all

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

³For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

⁴When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11:14-15]

⁴All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they

said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” [¹⁴Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” ¹⁵So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — “I believed, and so I spoke” — we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The reading concludes

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People: Thanks be to God.

Third Reading Mark 3:20-35

²⁰The crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and his disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” —³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The reading concludes

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People: Thanks be to God.

Collect

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Final Hymn: Good of grace (594) all

Community Prayer List

Please pray for: Bob & Diane Rogalcheck, Marlon Brooks, Nancy Modrow, Amanda Vandervort, Ken Fringer, Nancy Schaper, Tom Beechey, Ann Davis, Heidi Partain, Mark Savage, Laura Wolff, Sarah, Lisa Stevens, Joan Soski, Curt Van Peenan, Ellie, Greg & John Rasmussen, Rob Sorenson, Nicole Cortino, Jessica Webb, David Broderson & Jan Langdon, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Raggles - the dog, and Charles Sterner.

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, Jimmy Pham, 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 and anniversaries this week

For those who grieve the recent death of loved ones.

Tilly McCarren

Christine Van Riper McCoy

Cassie, the dog

Announcements

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the end of June and July. Sign up on the bulletin board in Strauss-Betker Hall.

Pauline McGinnis and Louisa Moran are hosting coffee hour today.

Firepit Faith

Wednesday, 6/12 ~ 6:30 – 8:00 pm

How many books are in the Bible? The answer depends on who and when you ask! Gather round the fire to discuss the wonder that is the Bible. Why were there 25 books included in the New Testament in 200 AD, 21 books in 300 AD, 26 in 400 AD, and 27 in 2024? Why isn't the Gospel of Bartholomew or the Acts of Peter included? Is the Bible inerrant and unchangeable now?



5th Annual St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Bowling Fundraiser

Friday, June 28, 2024

River Rand Bowl - 191 S River Rd.

Des Plaines, IL 60016

6:30 - 9:00 pm



\$50 per person includes:

2 Games of Bowling, Shoe Rental, Food, & Raffle

PRIZES include:

\$200 Southwest Airlines gift card

44" TV

Paintball outing with Paint Pursuit Games

...and more!



Pride Month is an annual celebration of the many contributions made by the LGBTQ+ community to history, society and cultures worldwide. In most places, Pride is celebrated throughout the month of June each year in commemoration of its roots in the Stonewall Riots of June 1969.

<https://www.history.com/topics/gay-rights/pride-month>

The C.A.T. survey is coming!

Congregational
Assessment
Tool



PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

Our church is in a time of discernment during which we are gathering information to guide our decisions for the future. Recently, you have heard and read about one aspect of this process: *The Church Assessment Tool* (CAT). This tool will provide a clearer picture of who we are as a church and what directions might be important for our future. **Your response is very important to us.**

The CAT is going live on-line **this Sunday, June 9**. Members will receive an email with a link to the CAT by Monday at the latest. (If you don't see it in your inbox, remember to check the spam folder.) If you can't find it by Tuesday morning, please contact:

Helayne at saintmartinschurch1095@gmail.com or Rev. M.E. at rev.m.e.eccles@gmail.com

Our timeline for playing with the CAT is as follows:

June 9 CAT let loose on-line! (open it)
June 30 Wrangle the CAT to take a nap (close it)
July 7 Town Hall to discuss the Vital Signs
report ← **Save the Date!**

Are you a resident of Des Plaines?

As you know, SPEAK Des Plaines is partnering with the city of Des Plaines to distribute a resident survey to determine community strengths and unmet needs.

The survey is available in English as well as Spanish, Polish, Russian, Hindi, Tagalog, Farsi, Urdu, Gujarati, and can be accessed at: www.desplaines.org/survey



Paper copies of the survey are also available. To obtain one, send a request to: speakdesplaines@gmail.com

New Diocese of Chicago Pride T-Shirts for Adults and Kids

Participants in Pride celebrations around the diocese are invited to bring Bishop Clark's message of "Leading with Love" to their communities by wearing our new **Diocese of Chicago Pride t-shirts for adults and kids**.



These shirts are produced locally in Chicago through **Threadless** and are sold at cost for home delivery. **Visit Threadless** to view available styles, colors, and sizes.

Celebrate Pride

On June 30, members of the Diocese of Chicago will march in the 2024 Pride Parade with the **Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches**. The parade officially kicks off at 11 am from Sheridan and Broadway in Uptown and treks through the north side of the city, ending near the intersection of Diversey Parkway and Sheridan Road in Lincoln Park.



Watch for more information, including volunteer opportunities and the meet-up location and time in upcoming newsletters and on the **Facebook Event page**. Spread the word: all are welcome!

Pride Celebrations Around the Diocese

Congregations participating in Pride celebrations outside of Chicago are invited to share their plans in upcoming newsletters and in **this online listing**. **Email Jen Boyle Tucker** with dates, times and who to contact for more information.

A Prayer for Pride

When we are afraid to sparkle

by Jo Clare-Young

from *Grace Like Glitter: Resources for Pride*. (eds Alex & Jo Clare-Young; Wild Goose Publications: 1988) p. 8-9.

When we are afraid to sparkle,
when the rain is not followed by a rainbow,
when the night is dark and the stars are missing,

remind us that pride is a protest,
remind us that we are not alone in this,
remind us that in the storm the rainbow is born.

Show us how to shine for each other,
show us how to work for justice together,
show us how to hold each other's burdens.

When the stars come out and the rainbow returns,
we remember your promise, your hope, your colours.
Amen.



Towards GC 81: General Convention Media Hub

The **81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church** is scheduled for June 23-28 in Louisville, Kentucky. The GC81 Media Hub is a **one-stop website** for links to livestreams in the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, including the **June 22 Episcopal Revival** and convention worship. Learn more about General Convention at the **media hub**.

Love Always Revival

June 22 in Louisville and online



On Saturday, June 22, the day before General Convention begins, Bishop Michael Curry will lead **Love Always**, the final revival of his term in office. The service of prayer and music will be an opportunity to thank Bishop Curry for his nine years of leadership. A livestream will be available on The Episcopal Church's **Facebook** and **YouTube** pages, and on the General Convention **media hub**.

June 23 - 28, 2024

Louisville, Kentucky

Volunteers Needed! Volunteering is one of the most meaningful experiences a person can have, making people feel connected to their community. Be a part of history and volunteer at the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church! From Registration, Legislative Sessions, and Worship, to Information Resources, Revival and Community Awareness, there are many volunteer opportunities to consider. We invite you to sign up for one or many shifts available.



Please pray for Peace in the Holy Land

A Prayer for Peace in the Land of the Holy One

God of creation and of re-creation, we call on you for the gift of peace in these times of sorrow and of devastation in the Land of The Holy One.

We bring before you all those who suffer and all those who respond to their cry for compassion and understanding, for dignity and justice.

We pray for those who are injured and maimed, whose families are ripped apart and whose homes and livelihoods are gone.

Our prayer and our hope, Lord God, are for the sound of harmony and the voice of humanity.

We ask in the name
of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Archbishop Michael Jackson
Dublin & Glendalough

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Rev. M.E.'s new hours

With the reduction of my position to half-time, there's been an adjustment to my hours. Going forward, I'll be working the same days, but shorter hours. In general, these times are when I expect to be at the church:

Tuesdays	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesdays	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursdays	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
1 st & 3 rd Sundays	9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Or by appointment – *Subject to change*

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)

Great News:

The Zelle logo is a purple square with the word "zelle" in white lowercase letters.

St. Martin's now takes Zelle payments for pledge payments and donations. Just use your Zelle app and go to Saintmartinschurch1095@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar

June 12 ~ 6:30 pm – Firepit Faith

June 16 ~ 10:00 am – Eucharist

June 18 ~ 6:30 pm – Vestry

June 23 ~ 10:00 am - Morning Prayer

June 28 ~ Bowling Fundraiser

June 30 ~ 10:00 am - Morning Prayer

Rev. M.E. will be away at General Convention

June 21 – July 2

Helayne will be away

June 22 – July 23 (no regular office hours)

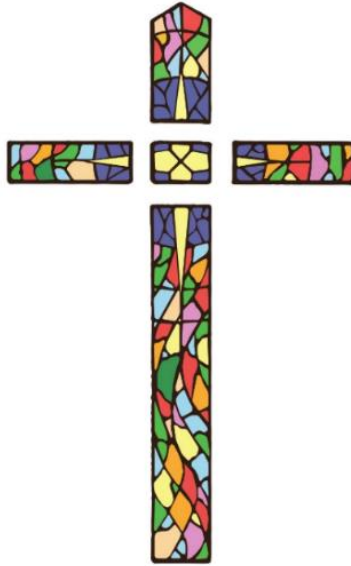
July 4 ~ Independence Day – Office Closed

July 7 ~ Q3 Town Hall Meeting

July 10 ~ 6:30 pm – Firepit Faith

August 14 ~ 6:30 pm – Firepit Faith

August 20 ~ 6:30 pm – Vestry



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