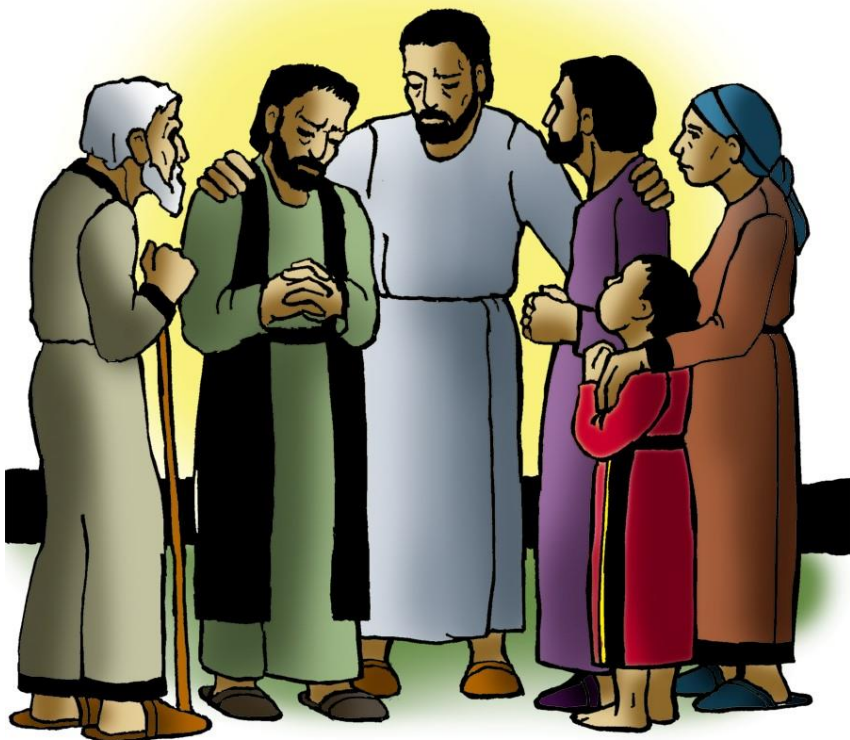


The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 - 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



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

Lectionary Readings and Music

Prelude

Opening Hymn: All creatures of our God and King (400)
vss 1-4,7

Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

¹Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

³The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey

his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The reading concludes

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Gospel: John 15:9-17

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so

that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

**Presentation Hymn: As those of old their first fruits brought
(705)**

Communion Hymn: I am the bread of life (335) vss 1,4, 5

Final Hymn: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (460)

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Amanda Vandervort, Ann Davis, Charles Sterner, Bob & Diane Rogalcheck, Heidi Partain, Ken Fringer, Laura Wolff, Marlon Brooks, Mark Savage, Nancy Modrow, Nancy Schaper, Tom Beechey, Lisa Stevens, Joan Miller, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Jan Landon, Joan Soske, Curt Van Peenan, Candy Mealer, Anna Dorn, Sarah, Stefan, Ellie, Greg and John Rasmussen, Nicole Cortino, Jackie White, Jessica Webb, Rob Sorenson, Carolyn McCarthy, Dan and Jan Buchin, Lexi Johnson, Lee Hickey and Raggles, the dog.

For the members of the Des Plaines Chronic Pain Group

For all who are suffering because of recent natural disasters, especially the storms and tornados wreaking havoc in the great plains, 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, Jimmy Pham 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
Including Keith Fornoff and Phil Pistone.

For those who grieve the recent death of loved ones.

Paula Frazier

Brian Lennon

Announcements

Coffee Hour Hosts are Needed for May.

Heath Missner and Phil Jackson are hosting coffee hour today.

**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)



Peace.

Longed for. Hoped for. Prayed for.

The eternal desire of God.

The elusive dream of humanity.

Not the absence of chaos, conflict, and war,
but the presence of true justice and equity.

O Holy One,
we crave the inner calm of the soul
and outward call to righteousness;
Give us your peace that passes all
understanding. Amen



Bishop Deon K. Johnson

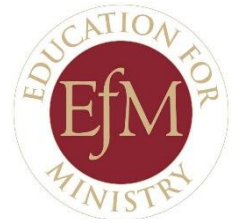
The Learning Opportunities below were all in the April 24 edition of the Diocesan Leadership Newsletter

From September through June we publish both a general email newsletter and Leadership News, a publication for lay leaders and clergy in the Diocese of Chicago, on alternate Wednesdays.

Sign up! <https://episcopalchicago.org/newsletter/>

An Invitation to An Open EfM Seminar

May 15 in Evanston and May 20 in Oak Park



Two Education for Ministry (EfM) groups are opening up their seminars to anyone who has been curious about the program and would like to learn more. Interested or prospective participants are invited to attend the following sessions:

- Wednesday, May 15, from 6 - 9 pm at **St. Luke's in Evanston**. **Contact Mary Clark** for more information or to register.
- Monday, May 20, from 7 - 9:30 pm at **Grace, Oak Park**. **Contact Cheryl Holt** for more information or to register.

Future of the Episcopal Church Panel Discussion

May 16 with Lifelong Learning at VTS

On May 16 from 2 to 4 pm, Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary will host an online panel discussion, **Future of The Episcopal Church**.



Panelists will envision a vibrant Episcopal Church, exploring the crucial role of formation and discipleship in nurturing Episcopal communities, and discuss ways attendees can contribute to the church's flourishing.

Participants can listen to and engage with the four panelists: the Rev. Jess Elfring-Roberts, the Rev. Nancy Frausto, the Rev. Scott Gunn, and Ryan Kusumoto. **Learn more and purchase tickets.**

Province V Migration Ministries Network

May 21 on Zoom

The Province V Migration Ministries Network will meet on May 21 at 7 pm on Zoom to discuss how Episcopalians are responding to the asylum emergency in Chicago.



The webinar will be presented by Jack Lloyd, co-coordinator of the Province V Migration Ministry Network, and the Rev. Jaime Briceño, whose church has converted its rectory to provide emergency housing for migrant families. Visit the Province V [Migration Ministries](#) website page for the Zoom link and password.

Wear Orange Weekend June 7-9



In 2024, the 10th National Gun Violence Awareness Day falls on Friday, June 7. **Wear Orange Weekend**, a time to stand in solidarity against gun violence, takes place from June 7 to 9.

Congregations that want to observe Wear Orange Weekend can find prayers, litanies, and other liturgical resources on the [Bishops United Against Gun Violence website](#). Bishop Clark is one of more than 100 Episcopal bishops who participate in the network.

The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations provides resources for responding to gun violence with advocacy and action. [Read more.](#)

81 st General Convention
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.

Great News:

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





Keep your calendar open for this fun event. We will have a table there so let's show our support

Saturday, June 1st 3:00-7:00 p.m. Details to follow.

Craft Fair Thanks!

Let me apologize for taking so long to get this out but time got away from me. I want to take a moment to thank some people for their assistance at the craft show. I want to thank my sister Barb for ALL of her help (thanks for having my back), Dee, Denise, Monica, and Libby. I especially want to thank Noreen Coussens for taking over the kitchen and making some really great food. Thank you, Leslie, for helping in the kitchen all day. It was a great day and without the above-mentioned people, it wouldn't have been so successful, so I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I also send a big thank you to Bryan Coussens who helped get tables and helped in the kitchen and went to get "coleslaw",

Candy Mealer

St. Martin's Ministry in Motion...

On Friday, April 26, Bryan and Noreen Coussens delivered 10 lbs of pop top tabs to Evergreen Park Community High School. Senior Ulises Cardenas welcomed them, along with Mr. Matt Dugan, Principal. Ulises is well on his way to meeting his goal of 1 million tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Oak Lawn Chapter. He commented that 10 lbs was a lot! He was quite surprised to learn that we traveled from Des Plaines to help his cause. When a young person is finding purpose in helping others, we, as Christians, need to do all we can to provide support and encouragement. Thank you to everyone who saved and brought in all those pop tops to help Ulises, who is off to USC in the fall! Mr. Dugan added, "This is on a full scholarship, one of many offered for his leadership and scholarship".



Mark Your Calendar

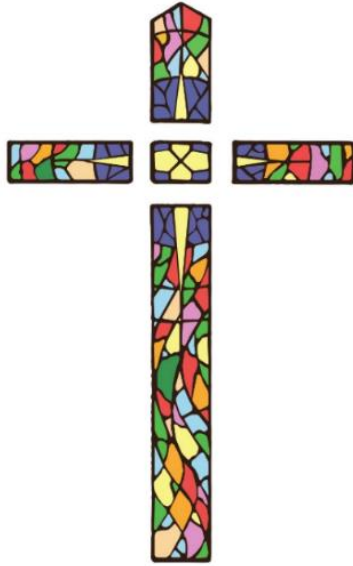
May 19 ~ Pentecost

May 21 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Vestry

June 1 ~ Maine West PRIDE Fest

June 28 ~ Bowling Fundraiser

Please make a note on your personal calendar that Healing
Corners will now be the 1st Sunday of each month.



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