

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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: At the name of Jesus (435) vss 1-4

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with
Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who
were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the
prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by

what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the

name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The reading concludes

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Third Reading John 10:11-18

[Jesus said,] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The reading concludes

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Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Final Hymn: Savior, like Shepherd lead us (708)

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, Brian Lennon, 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. and Carolyn McCarthy.

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 and anniversaries this week
Including Linda Hess and Rev. M.E. Eccles.

For those who grieve the recent death of loved ones.

Jane Goerss
Paula Frazier

Announcements

Coffee Hour Hosts are Needed for May.

Bob and Libby Smolik are hosting coffee hour today.

Paws in the Pews

Sunday, May 5

10:00 am service

Your furry friends are
welcome to join us for worship.



**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)*

Garage Sale

**Des Plaines city wide Garage Sale,
May 3, 4, and 5.**

St. Martin's has signed up to participate in the City of Des Plaines Annual Garage Sale on May 3rd through 5th (Friday through Sunday). The community garage sales run from 8 am to sundown each day. Justin Cochran has graciously agreed to chair this effort.

Our sale will be held at St. Martin's in Strauss-Betker Hall from **8 am to 6 pm** each day. So look through all of the "stuff" you have that is in decent condition, still usable and that you would want to get rid of. We will begin collecting items the week of April 29th. Next week we will post drop-off hours that the building will be open. If you have large items (furniture) that would need to be picked up let us know.

All proceeds from our sale will be going to St. Martin's Church and anything that doesn't sell at the garage sale may be put online for auction or donated to other charities.

In Faith,
Bryan Coussens
Seniorwarden1095@gmail.com

Volunteer: we need people to accept items the week before the sale and people to work the three days of the sale. If you can help, please email Bryan Coussens at Seniorwarden1095@gmail.com

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3RD ANNUAL SEEDLING EXCHANGE

May 5, 2024 at 12:00 pm
1095 E. Thacker

While all non-invasive plants are welcome, we are focusing on sharing food plants and native plants.

To prevent the spread of invasive worms and insects, we can only accept plants that have been started indoors in bagged soil/starter or bare root plants cleaned of soil.

Come on by to pick up some free seedlings, share the seedlings you've started at home, swap stories and gardening tips with your neighbors, and much more!



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Notes from the kitchen ...

First, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered for coffee hour the past few weeks! We have had many goodies and smiles to share because of your generosity. I believe I speak for the entire St. Martin family when I say your efforts are much appreciated.

The Vestry suggested that I share the following information regarding the income and expenses for coffee hour. From January through April we received \$52.70 in donations and had \$91.47 in expenses.

As you can see this is a \$38.97 shortage.

The items purchased include coffee and snack bars. Half and half has become a regular item on our shopping list, so this is not included in the expense. In the future, snack bars will not be purchased.

We have members of our congregation who enjoy baking and cannot host coffee hour and would like to help. I have been contacting coffee hour hosts a few days prior to the Sunday they are hosting to ask if they would like food provided, or if they are willing and able to bring treats. If hosts are unable to provide the food portion of coffee hour, I will contact our baking volunteers. Talk about everyone working together- we are a blessed community! This will also keep the costs down.

On another note... in the past week, I have disposed of two bottles of expired juice. One bottle appeared with an expiration date of 2022, and the seal was broken, but the bottle was full. There is another bottle of vegetable juice that seems to

appeared. If this is open for coffee hour, it has to be used within a week. Based on my experience, this will likely become another wasted product. *Please* do not bring items to St. Martin's kitchen because you think we might have use for them. If you are not sure, call me and ask. I do not like to waste food or beverages.

Finally, we will continue to use 'real' plates and mugs as much as possible, always for coffee hour. This is an easy way to keep expenses down. If you have any other suggestions, please be in touch. We work better as a community!

Be well,
Noreen Coussens
224-567-3974



We need your help to continue our mission to save our environment:

St. Martin's is so proud of the sheer amount of plastic film items we have recycled, doing our part to help the environment. We are in need of a few people on a rotating basis to pick up a bag or two and drop it off at the recycling center at Wolf and Algonquin Roads. M.E. has been doing this approximately twice a month and it is simply a drop off task. If you are able to help, please call the church office at 847-824-2043 or email Helayne at saintmartinchurch1095@gmail.com

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.

Registration is Open for the Big Provincial Gathering

Registration is now open for the **Province V Big Provincial Gathering (BPG)**, April 26-27 in South Bend, Indiana. The BPG is structured like a "ministry fair" with workshops and opportunities for networking conversations. Registration is \$50 for the Friday-Saturday portion, and the pre-event trainings can be added for a small amount. **Scholarships** are available



How are you
celebrating Earth Day
in your congregation
or community?

Share your story with
#EarthDay #Episcopal
#EpiscopalClimate #CreationCare

<https://tinyurl.com/EpiscopalEarthDay2024>

Earth Day Resources, Action Opportunities from The Episcopal Church

This year, Earth Day is Monday, April 22. Episcopalians are invited to commemorate the occasion on Sunday, April 21, or any Sunday this spring by praying, preaching, and taking action to care for God's creation. Visit the [Episcopal Earth Day 2024 webpage](#) for downloadable resources.

Action Alert: Green New Deal for Health Act:

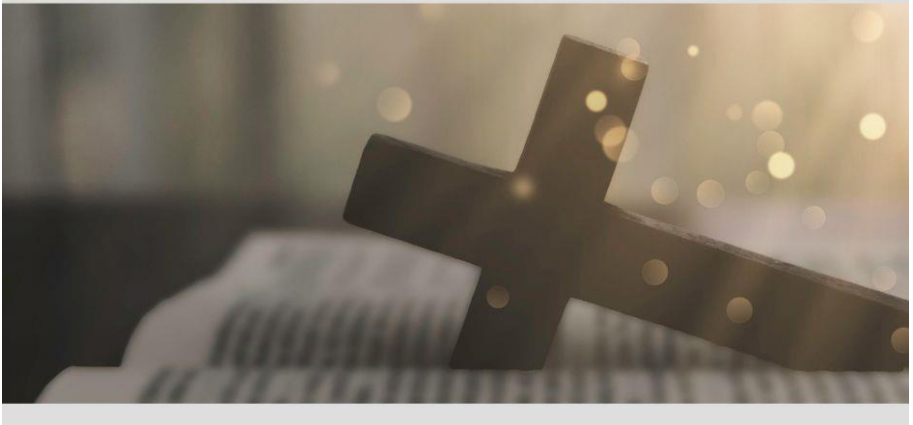
In honor of the 54th annual Earth Day, Episcopalians are encouraged to learn about the Green New Deal for Health Act, which seeks to improve and strengthen public healthcare system while reducing emissions. Individuals can also encourage their members of Congress to support the Green New Deal for Health Act. [Learn more.](#)

How the U.S. Federal Government Can Help You and Your Church:

The recently launched Direct Pay program allows tax-exempt institutions like churches to access federal funds for clean energy projects, including solar panels. [Learn more.](#)

Join us on Zoom for Noonday Prayer
Monday through Saturday 11:30 am

**FIND HOPE, PEACE, AND
STRENGTH IN PRAYER.**



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



Mark Your Calendar

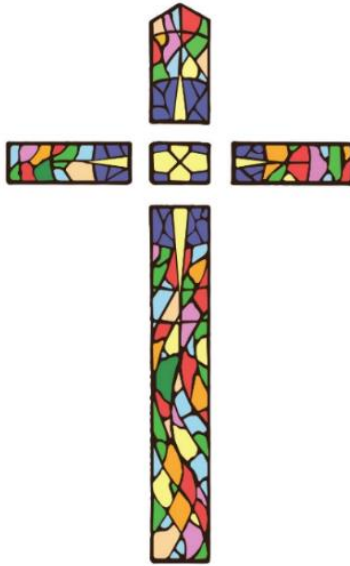
Rev. M.E. will be away...

at Executive Council
through Monday, April 22
and

at the Big Provincial Gathering
Thursday, April 25 through Monday, April 29

May 5 ~ 10:00 am Paws in the Pews
May 5 ~ 12:00 pm Seedling Exchange
May 19 ~ Pentecost

June 1 ~ Maine West PRIDE Fest
June 28 ~ Bowling Fundraiser



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