SAINT MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
and World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026 at 10:30 am

Welcome to the worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Day: *Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, remembering that our Lutheran expression is also part of the one Christian church, with one faith, and one baptism. Communion is a gift and a treasure. However, as the parable of the tenants reminds us in today's gospel, it is not a treasure that can be stolen.*

PRELUDE

Please silence devices during this quiet time of preparing our hearts for worship.

Stand

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

℗ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

℗ Most merciful God,

℃ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

℗ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℃ **Amen.**

The assembly follows the ministers into the church. The Procession begins.

GATHERING HYMN — ELW #641

ALL ARE WELCOME

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

℗ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

℃ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

℗ Let us pray.
Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

℃ **Amen.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Pastor Beatty**

FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 5:1-7**
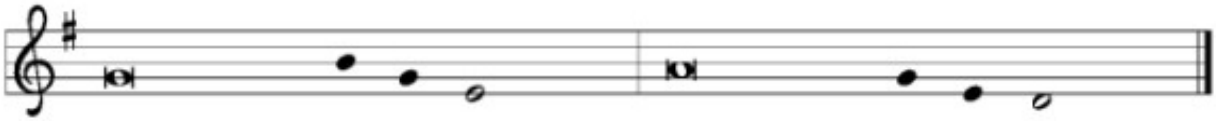
The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

L A reading from the book of Isaiah, the 5th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY **Psalm 80:7-15**



7 Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
8 You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
9 You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered | by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.
11 You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.
12 Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
14 Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;
15 behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.

SECOND LESSON — Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

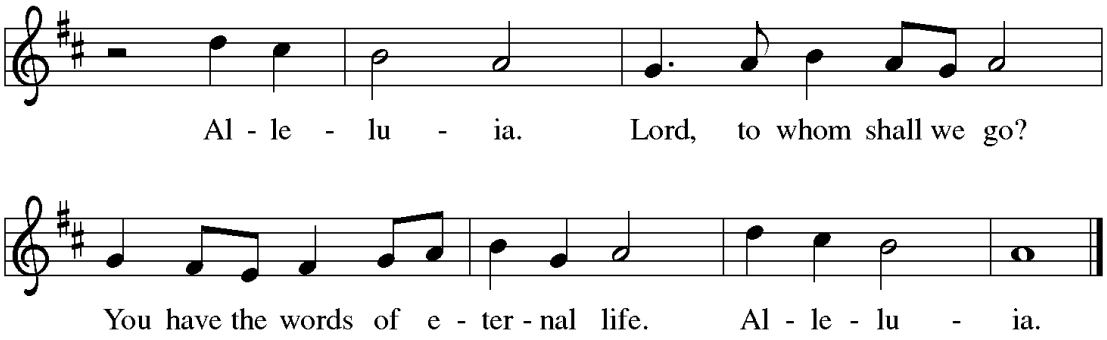
L A reading from the book of Philippians, the 3rd chapter, beginning at the 4th verse.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter, beginning at the 33rd verse.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON — Pastor Beatty

"You Can't Take It, But You Can Receive It"

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW #623

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

P With one voice let us confess our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P/A *Lord in your Mercy,* C ***hear our prayer.***

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℃ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you ℝ ***Peace be with you***

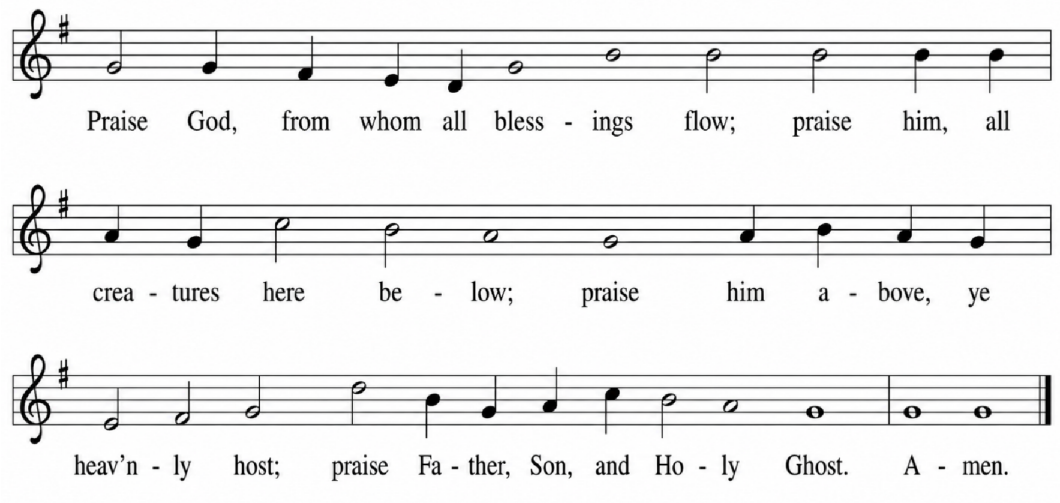
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OFFERING

The ushers collect our gifts of tithes and offerings. The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

Stand as gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY



OFFERTORY PRAYER

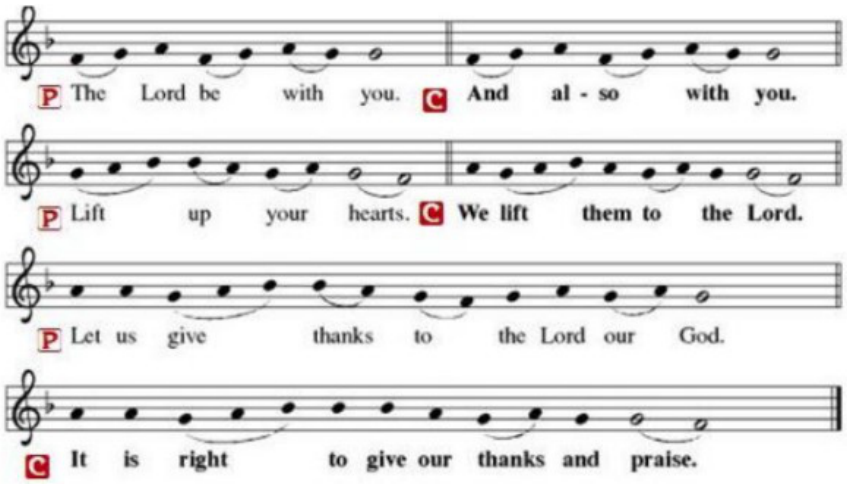
Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

℃ **And also with you.**

Ⓐ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

℃ **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

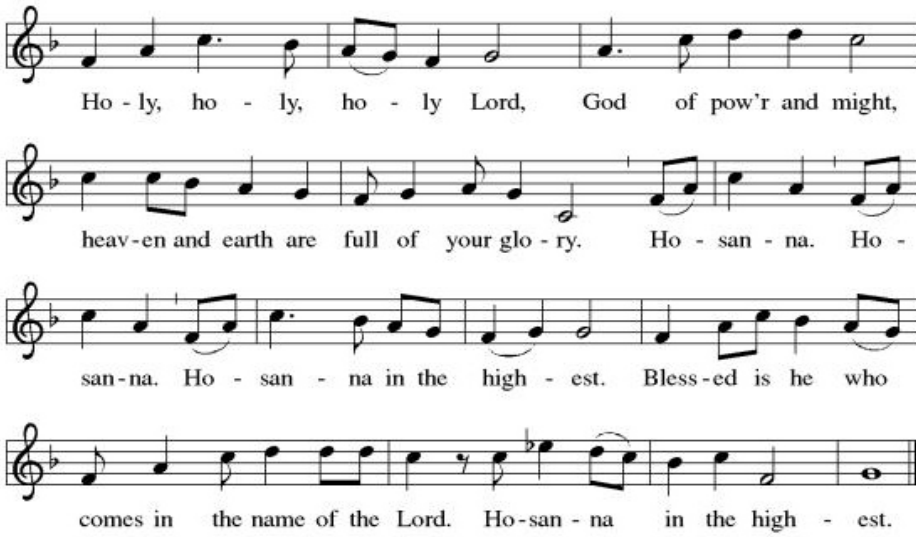
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, …, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

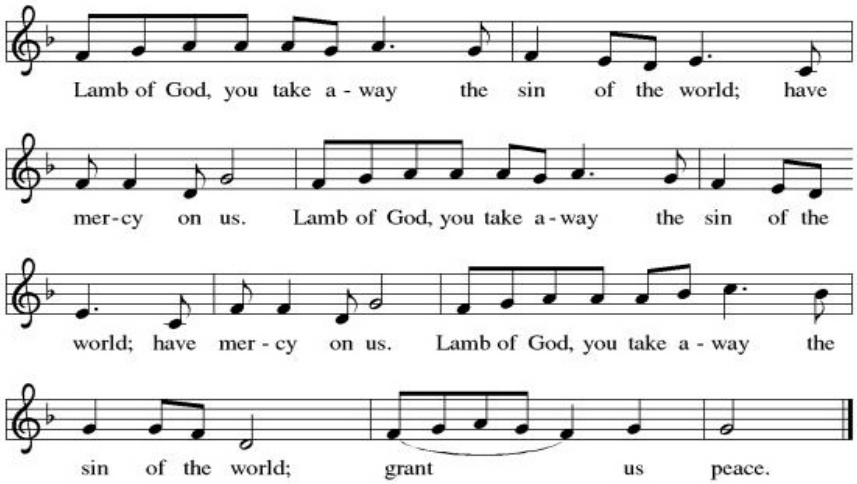
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us together to pray:

C **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, 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.**

Sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMNS

COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY **ELW #777**

EAT THIS BREAD **ELW #472**

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen ✝ you and keep you in God's grace.

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
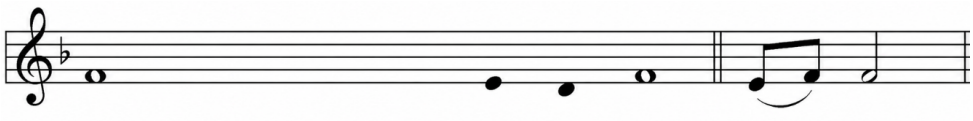
A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Let us pray: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. C **A - men**
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace;
In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN **ELW #543**

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

DISMISSAL

A Love The Lord!

C **Live The Mission!**
Together!

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO ALL

We are grateful that you chose to worship with us today. Our values are those of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). We are *Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, and Congregationally Focused.* Learn more about the NALC at https://thenalc.org/.

We extend a special welcome to visitors. Before you leave, please fill out a blue visitor card and be sure to take one of our Saint Martin brochures; both are available on the Ushers' Table at the rear of our Sanctuary. We invite visitors to join together with us in the Fellowship Hall after Worship and to consider Saint Martin as a new church home.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION



By invitation of our Lord, all baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table and need not be a member of Saint Martin in order to receive the Holy Sacrament. Unbaptized adults and children not yet communing are invited forward with crossed arms for Pastor to offer a special blessing.

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. In his body and blood we are forgiven, we are strengthened and nourished, and we are assured of his promise of everlasting life. This meal is a foretaste of the feast to come in heaven. Come, let us eat together.

Our ushers will invite you forward. The host (bread) will be placed in your hand. A gluten-free option is available upon request. Intinct (dip) the host in the first chalice held by the worship assistant or receive the wine by Common Cup from the second chalice.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School

Children and Adult classes: 9:30 am

Bible Study

Mondays, 7:00 to 8:00 am

Please find details in the Weekly Calendar.

Come join us for a new Adult Catechumenate class this fall. It's essentially a Confirmation class for adults, except that it doesn't take the place of our New Member classes and is not a requirement for church membership. The purpose is for members and guests from different backgrounds other than Lutheran, as well as for long-term Lutherans, who are curious to go a little deeper into what we believe as Lutherans and why we live out various aspects of our faith the way we do. All are welcome! Classes are now back in session.

Thinking about becoming a member here at Saint Martin?



A New Class for potentially "New Members" begins Sunday, October 4th, at 9:30 am and continues October 11th and 18th. Pastor Mark and Pastor Kollmeyer will teach this class for those who may want to join Saint Martin as members. So, if you have been worshiping here and would now be interested in possibly becoming a member, please come. Pastor Mark and Pastor Kollmeyer will cover information on topics such as the Bible, Jesus as Savior, Lutheran heritage, Lutheran beliefs, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, Liturgical Worship, and Living the Christian Life in a non-Christian world.

"New Member Sunday," at which time we will "receive" New Members, will be on Reformation Sunday, October 25th.



Please make sure Pastor Mark or Pastor Kollmeyer knows if you are interested. Please note – we offer the "New Member Class" to give as much information as possible to those considering joining the church, but Lutherans who have been active in a previous congregation are also welcome to join by "Letter of Transfer." In addition, we also receive "Associate Members" if you need or want to maintain a membership in another congregation as well.

COME AND JOIN this exciting and growing church!

Fall Food Drive for THCA



The Social Ministry Team is sponsoring a Food Drive in support of Toco Hills Community Alliance. This drive ends today.

The following items are needed.

- Pop-top canned vegetables, fruits, beans, tomatoes, and soups
- Pasta, rice, and peanut butter
- Oatmeal, cream of wheat, and grits
- Shelf-stable milk
- Clean, used grocery bags for staff use

As of this month, THCA has served over 130,000 meals this year. Our help is greatly appreciated.

Sewing Lessons Available



If you've been putting off learning to sew, now is the time! Bring your sewing machine and supplies to the Peachtree Library, 1315 Peachtree Street, on Saturday, October 10th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Patriotic cotton fabric will be provided for the activity. Adults and children ages 10 and up are welcome. For more information, contact Pat Kilmark, Saint Martin worship attender, at (404) 281-9354.



Celebration of Tracy & Peter Roberts' 40th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, October 25th

A Fellowship Hour brunch on Reformation Sunday, October 25th, will be offered in celebration of new members and all of their church family by Tracy & Peter Roberts to the glory of God and in gratitude for their 40th wedding anniversary. They prayerfully hope that, for those so inclined, donations might be made to our Juberg Faith Fund in lieu of anniversary cards or gifts.



Sisters in Christ
Wednesday, November 4th

Meeting: Wednesday, November 4th, 10:30 am
Location: Home of Peggy Forsberg, 667 Bow Court, Lilburn
Study: Twelve Extraordinary Women, Chapter Four, "Ruth: Loyalty and Love," led by Carol Martin.
Includes: Study of chapter and Group Activity
All women of Saint Martin are invited to join Sisters in Christ for Bible Study, food, fun, and fellowship!
For a book or workbook contact Peggy: peggyforsberg@gmail.com.
We look forward to seeing you.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS



Juberg Faith Fund was created to collect money for a down payment for our own church property, a place of our own. We are in our first year of a two-year capital campaign to raise $500,000. As of September 2026 the fund has over $282,000.

We are well on our way to reach our goal of $500,000 by the end of October 2027. How can you give? You can give a one-time gift over and above your regular giving; you may also give weekly or monthly in addition to your regular offering. Just designate the money for the Juberg Faith Fund on your check or envelope.
We give thanks for the gifts we receive!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths"
Proverbs 3:5

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

Choir Practice: 9:00 am
Children and Adult classes: 9:30 am
Worship with Holy Communion: 10:30 am
Fellowship Hour: immediately following Worship

Mondays

Bible Study: 7:00 to 8:00 am
David Ott, Leader
https://tinyurl.com/SMLC-Zoom-BibleStudy
Or https://zoom.us/, Meeting ID: 869 4014 7627,
Passcode: 044251517
Please email Doug Neale at
dglsneale@gmail.com to request a recording of the class.

Wednesdays

Bulletin Submissions due to Cyndy Baker at
clbaker2025@gmail.com: 12:00 Noon

Pastor Beatty is available at mbeatty363@gmail.com and by voice or text at (404) 434-9806; his usual day off is Friday.

Preparation for next week

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Please consider serving and visit our online SignUpGenius platform at https://tinyurl.com/SignUpGenius-SMLCVolunteers or ask an usher for assistance. We continuously plan in advance for our worship services. Volunteers bring our church family to life!

Servers	October 4	October 11
Preacher and Celebrant	Pastor Beatty	Pastor Beatty
Altar Guild	Jill Baska Barbara Kimmich	Mitzi Eberhardt Karen McIntyre
Cantor/Assisting Minister	Mitzi Eberhardt	Melissa Freas
Crucifer	Matthew Williams	John Martin
Acolyte	Ben Williams	Amanda Thomas
Chalice Bearer	Wayne Burdette	Doug Neale
Common Cup	Gary Brinker	Gary Brinker
Lector	Mace Gunter	Mitzi Ebrerhardt
Usher	*Needed*	*Needed*
Fellowship Hall Greeters	Alan Cole Ed Forsberg	Alan Cole Ed Forsberg
Tellers	Linda Heisler Cathy Keene	Tracy Brown Melissa Freas
Sanctuary Greeters	Peggy Forsberg	Sandy McGaffigan
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Donna Jennings Ann Otterness	Debbie Atkins Sandy McGaffigan

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 25th after Worship — Reformation Sunday and New Member Brunch

Sunday, November 1st after Worship — Sisters in Christ Baby Shower for Kathryn and Kevin Hagler

PRAYER LIST



For the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, and their families; all advocates who intercede for others; the suffering and their caregivers; and for the weak in body, mind, and spirit. We especially remember before you and pray for…

- Linda, Larry, and family (sister and brother-in-law of Karen McIntyre)
- Shirley Kanour (friend of Barb and Jack Kimmich)
- Larry Fort, recovery from stroke (brother-in-law of Karen McIntyre)
- Jack Kimmich, for continued healing
- Mike Mizell, healing from prostate cancer (Veteran whom Pastor Mark serves as Chaplain)
- Terry and Barry Brinker, for recovery and healing following a kidney transplant to Terry (brothers of Gary Brinker)
- Christina, recovery from breast cancer surgery on September 3rd (friend of Sarah Kuester)
- Eliza Morrill, as she fights pneumonia while recovering from a stem cell transplant for leukemia (family member of Ed and Peggy Forsberg)
- The Hoover family and friends, comfort following the death of Noah
- Karoline, successful cancer treatments
- Bill Howell, a Veteran in hospice care
- Jon Snyder, successful prostate cancer treatment
- Claire Sheppard, healing from breast cancer and successful chemotherapy (neighbor of the Neales)
- Pastor Rodney Eberhardt, continued recovery from cancer treatment, heart bypass, and a recent procedure
- Atlanta Mission and Toco Hills Community Alliance

Please send printed Prayer List requests no later than Wednesday at 12:00 Noon to Cyndy Baker at clbaker2025@gmail.com. Requests will remain on the List for two weeks unless otherwise specified.



Serving Saint Martin Lutheran Church

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