



**SAINT MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Lessons and Carols**  
**for the Second Sunday in Christmas**  
**JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**PRELUDE:**

*Stand*

**OPENING DIALOGUE AND CONFESSION**

**P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**P** Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**C** **We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father.**

**P** To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C** **In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

**P** He was named Jesus, for he saves his people from their sins. Gathered in the name of Christ Jesus, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

**C** **Gracious God, in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome and follow his light. Forgive us and renew our sense of hope, peace, joy, and love, to live more fully in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord.**

**P** I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord; in him our sins are forgiven.

**C** **Amen**

# GATHERING HYMN

ELW #300

## THE FIRST NOEL



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

### Refrain



night that was so deep.  
tin-ued both day and night.  
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
place where Je - sus lay.  
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, by the light of a star, you led the magi to the true Light, our Lord Emmanuel. Grant that we your servants may seek him always and walk ever in the light of your Son, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C** Amen

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

**ISAIAH 63:7-9**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,  
the praises of the Lord,  
according to all that the Lord has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely.”

And he became their Savior.

<sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

# CAROL

ELW #242, VSS. 1-2

## AWAKE, AWAKE AND GREET THE NEW MORN



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

## SECOND READING

## MATTHEW 1:18-25

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

## CAROL

ELW #279, vss. 1,4

### O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

<sup>1</sup>O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

<sup>4</sup>O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!

## THIRD READING

## MATTHEW 2:7-9

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

## CAROL

ELW #296

### WHAT CHILD IS THIS



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## THE FOURTH READING

## MATTHEW 2:10-12

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

## CAROL

## WE THREE KINGS



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,  
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



*Refrain*  
Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

*Stand*

## FIFTH READING

## MATTHEW 2:13-15

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

**CAROL**

**ELW #267, VSS. 1-2**

### JOY TO THE WORLD

<sup>1</sup>Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

<sup>2</sup>Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

*Sit*

## MEDITATION

**Bishop Eberhardt**

*Stand*

## PEACE

**P** Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and he will be called the Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.



*Sit*

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Stand*

### OFFERTORY

ELW 295, VSS. 2,4

#### OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have deem - been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
spect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more,  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more,  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more,  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more,  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace to all people. Receive now these gifts that we bring, and may the works of our hands proclaim the news of your redeeming love in Jesus Christ throughout the world.

**C** Amen

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

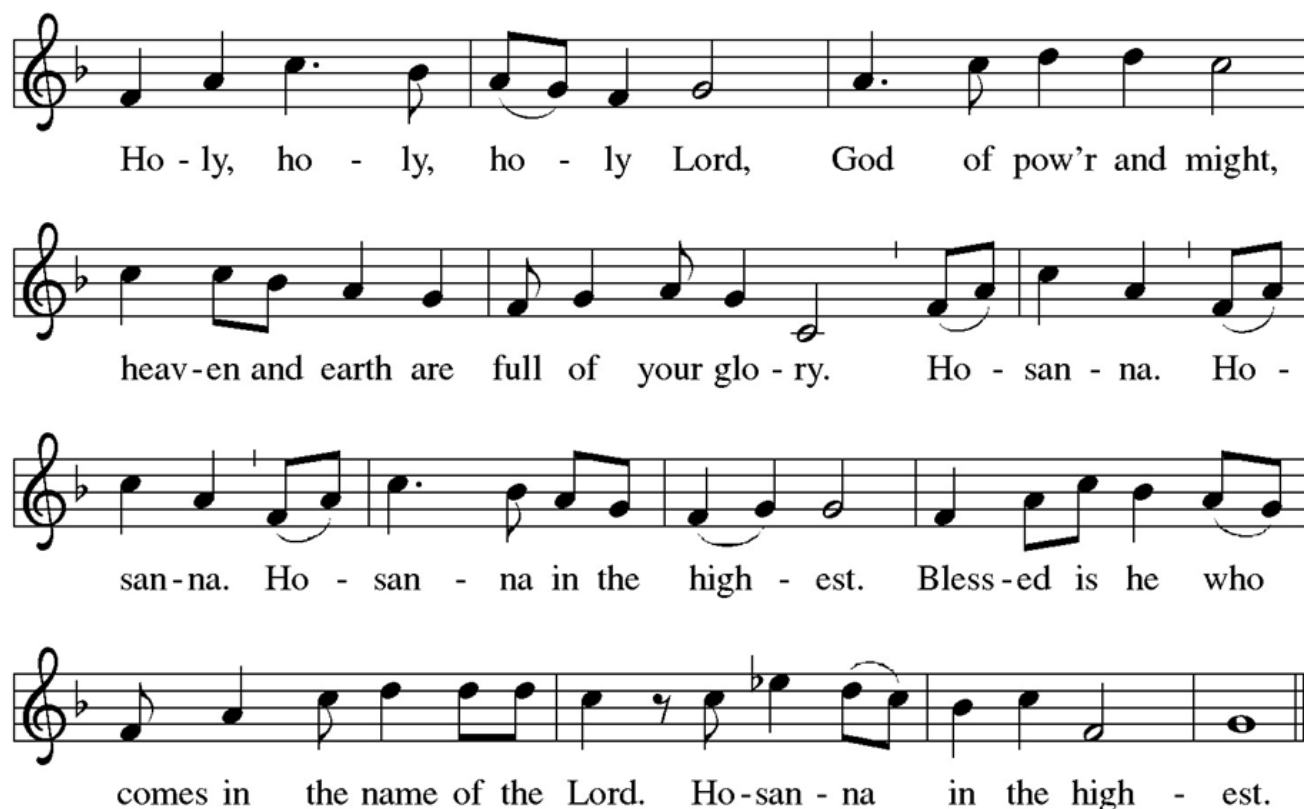
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

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

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, in the beginning your Word brought light into the whole world. In the fullness of time you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

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.”

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await with joy his coming again.

**C Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

## LORD’S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

### LOVE HAS COME ELW #291



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

### AWAY IN A MANGER ELW#278

<sup>1</sup>Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
 the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

<sup>2</sup>The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
 but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
 I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
 and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

<sup>3</sup>Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
 close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
 and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

*Stand*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C** Amen

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Gracious God, in the incarnation of your Son, Emmanuel, you have united heaven and earth. May we who have tasted heavenly things share the gift of your presence with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

## BENEDICTION

**P** I bring you good news of great joy for all people! For a child has been born for us, a son given to us, and he is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel. So may God With Us; the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you this holy day and forever.

**C** Amen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING HYMN

ELW #270

### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

## **Dismissal**

**A** Jesus the Savior is born! Go in peace to share the Good News!

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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### **A Thank You Note from Mary Ann Kuettner**

Thank You for the beautiful poinsettias and for  
the carolers who came to our house on  
December 7<sup>th</sup>.



## WELCOME TO ALL

We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Our stated goals are that of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC): *Christ centered, mission driven, traditionally grounded, and congregationally focused*. Learn more about the NALC at <https://thenalc.org/>.

**A special welcome to visitors. Please fill out a blue visitor card on the usher table before you leave. Be sure to take one of our Saint Martin brochures from the back table. If you have no regular church home in this area, please consider Saint Martin. Everyone is encouraged to join in fellowship in the Commons area and courtyard after worship.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

By invitation of our Lord, all baptized Christians are welcome to the table of the Lord. You do not need to be a member of Saint Martin in order to receive the holy sacrament. Children not yet communing are also invited forward for a blessing; please come forward and cross your arms so the pastor will know to give you 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. Gluten free is also available upon request. You may then intinct (dip) the host in the first chalice held by the worship assistant; or you may choose to receive the wine by Common Cup from the second chalice.





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We will have a 2-week Christmas break for the education hour and resume on January 11th. Our adult class will begin a focus on the Holy Spirit. We often think of God our Father, and of course as Christians we believe and follow God the Son. But how often are we mindful of the Holy Spirit? As we begin Epiphany and the revealing of the light of Christ in the world, let's also explore the revealing of the Holy Spirit in our education hour together. All are welcome! See you for both children's and adult Sunday School classes on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas

### **Saint Martin Monday Morning Bible Study News!**

We record the audio portion of David Ott's Monday Morning Bible study for those who are unable to attend the 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. classes, so that you can listen to the recordings at a more convenient time in your busy schedule! If you are interested in accessing this class, please contact Doug Neale ([dglzneale@gmail.com](mailto:dglzneale@gmail.com)) to receive the weekly link.

***This is exciting; come and be a part of it!***

### **New Saint Martin Offering Envelopes for 2026!**

Please remember to use your new offering envelopes for 2026. Your ID number is on each envelope and the Financial Secretary relies on those numbers to make certain that you will have a record of your giving for tax purposes. If you use checks, you can also help the tellers by writing the enclosed check numbers on the envelope. Your gifts will be used for the budgeted operational expenses of the church unless you identify a specific unbudgeted Saint Martin use or fund for your support ("Restricted" or "Designated"). We encourage you to give to your personal favorite charitable organizations by donating directly to them rather than passing your gift through the church.

*Thank you for your continuing warm, loving and generous support of the Saint Martin mission!- the Finance Team (Alan Cole, Mace Gunter, and Doug Neale)*



## **Sisters in Christ Meets January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Sisters in Christ is the official name of our Women's Circle. Sisters in Christ will have our first meeting of 2026 on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the home of Peggy Forsberg. The address is 667 Bow Court, Lilburn.

We will begin our study of the book, "Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John MacArthur. At this meeting we will be focused on the Preface and Introduction to the study by John MacArthur and explore how we can incorporate this study in our lives and our Sisters in Christ meetings.

All women of Saint Martin are invited to join Sisters in Christ and come to our meetings for fellowship, food and fun. If you are interested and need a book and workbook, please let Peggy know so that she can place another order. *Please let Peggy, Ingrid or Sandra know that you will be attending.*

## **Lunch Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:25 a.m.**



Join us Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> after worship and the Annual Meeting for a buffet style lunch catered by Nikato Japanese Restaurant. All are welcome!

We will be highlighting the stewardship work we do with our money at Saint Martin Lutheran Church. Several of our Social Ministry partners will be there to join us in recognizing the places God has called us to help and the good work that they do. Please come!

## **Calling All Future Church Council Leaders**

We are prayerfully seeking members who feel called to help guide Saint Martin Lutheran Church's ministry by serving on the Church Council. It is a three-year term, meeting once monthly. The congregation will vote on a slate of candidates at our annual meeting, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026. No prior experience is required. Please contact John Martin, [ja62cs@aol.com](mailto:ja62cs@aol.com), if you or someone you know is willing to serve.

## Fellowship Hour 2026 – Sign Up!



Beginning in January, we will once again use the **Sign Up Genius** to schedule our volunteers for Sunday Fellowship. Everything needed for set up and clean-up will be in the pantry (lock code: 2019), and directions will be available to help you.

Coffee, creamer, sugar, cups, napkins, cookies, etc. will all be provided. If you have already signed up on the paper list, it will be transferred to Sign Up Genius. Diane Guest will be available to answer any questions (770-906-8282) you may have.

*To continue our valuable Fellowship Hour, we need volunteers!*

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



We have started a Prayer Shawl Ministry at Saint Martin to provide comfort and support to members experiencing difficult times, primarily due to major health concerns.

A small team of people who knit and crochet are making shawls that Pastor Mark can distribute as needed. Prayer Shawl Ministries are part of a larger tradition within the Christian community as a way to give warmth, love, and kindness to those most in need, all blessed by the mercy and love of our Lord. If you would like to help knit, crochet, or quilt a prayer shawl please contact Sarah Kuester or Jenny Cranford-Thomas.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY



During the 1st Quarter of 2026, our Local Benevolence Contribution will be to **THCA and Rainbow Village**. The Mission of Rainbow Village is to transform the lives of families experiencing homelessness by providing help, hope, housing and healing in order to instill initiative, self-development and accountability that will foster meaningful growth in the lives of all who encounter Rainbow Village. Rainbow Village strives to be change makers who are moving to end homelessness through education and support driven programs.

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Every Sunday we need volunteers to help our services run smoothly. We continuously plan in advance for our worship services. Please consider serving and go to our online sign-up sheet: <https://tinyurl.com/smlc-sunday-volunteers>



<b>Servers</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 11</b>
Preacher & Celebrant	Bishop Eberhart	Pastor Beatty
Altar Guild	Jill Baska	Mitzi Eberhardt & Sandra Williams
Cantor/Assisting Minister	Mitzi Eberhardt	Wayne Burdette
Crucifer	Matthew Williams	John Martin
Acolyte	Ben Williams	Amanda Thomas
Chalice Bearer	Wayne Burdette	Doug Neale
Common Cup	Cathy Keene	Gary Brinker
Lector	Gary Brinker	Matthew & Ben Williams
Usher	<b>** Needed **</b>	<b>** Needed **</b>
Commons Door Usher	Alan Cole & Ed Forsberg	Alan Cole & Ed Forsberg
Tellers	Tracy Roberts & Cathy Keene	Tracy Brown & Scott Jennings
Greeters	The Forsbergs	Sandy McGaffigan
Fellowship Hosts	Ed & Peggy Forsberg	Fellowship Committee

### Upcoming Dates

January 25<sup>th</sup> – Annual Congregational Meeting  
February 8<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl Sunday

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Choir practice, 9:00 a.m.

Educational Hour, 9:30 a.m. (resumes January 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m.**

Fellowship following Worship

### Monday Mornings

Men's Bible Study: 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Leader: David Ott

<https://tinyurl.com/SMLC-Zoom-BibleStudy>

Or <https://zoom.us/> Meeting ID: 869 4014 7627 Passcode: 2044251517

### Wednesdays

Bulletin and Published Prayer Requests Submissions Deadline

Send to: Cyndy Baker, Saint Martin Church Administrator

[clbaker2025@gmail.com](mailto:clbaker2025@gmail.com)

*You can reach Pastor Mark by email, text, or phone.*

*Please note that his usual day off is Friday.*

### TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### The Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

You are warmly invited to a memorial service in worship of our Lord and in memory of Colin Moore at Saint Martin Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

*Catered refreshments will be offered following the service.*

## **Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests may be sent to Cyndy Baker, Saint Martin Church Administrator at clbaker2025@gmail.com. Specific prayer requests will stay on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

For the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, especially all those and their families who have become unemployed or underemployed; 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...

- Prayers of healing for Doris, sister of Grace Crary, following a stroke
- Prayers for peace and comfort to the family of Noah Daniel
- Prayers of healing and full recovery for Craig Poston, friend of Pastor Mark
- Prayers of healing for Tony Myers and his wife sick with flu
- Prayers for peace and comfort to the family and loved ones of Colin Moore, our beloved organist, who died December 18<sup>th</sup>
- Prayers for Sandra Williams' sister Cynthia McAllister who is again hospitalized, with pneumonia
- Prayers for Karen Osborne with ongoing breast cancer treatment
- Prayers of healing from prostate cancer for Mike Mizell
- Prayers for Leah, friend of Sarah Kuester, treatment for high blood pressure
- Prayers for Claire Sheppard the Neale's neighbor battling breast cancer and currently undergoing chemotherapy
- Prayers for Dave, neighbor of the Kuester's, hospitalized with a severe diabetic leg infection, prayers for saving his leg
- Prayers for Maria and Maria that the Holy Spirit guide their actions. That God would bless Rob R's children, their health, his job and finances and his church family and that all would be led by the Holy Spirit
- Prayers for Kate, friend of Sarah Kuester, recovery from thyroid cancer surgery
- Prayers for Annette and Mike Forster in the death of Sonja, Annette's Mother
- Prayers for David Burt, just diagnosed with prostate cancer
- Prayers for Mark Buchanan and family in the death of his mother, Patsy
- Prayers for the Nominating Committee work through December
- Prayers for healing from breast cancer for Janet, friend of Sarah Kuester
- Prayers for Nick for New Life
- Ongoing prayers for healing for Diane Guest's former student, Billy (fighting cancer)
- Prayers for Pastor Rodney Eberhardt (cancer treatment and heart bypass)
- Prayers for former Rock Spring pastor, Ken with cancer (Friend of Diane Guest)
- Prayers for cancer recovery for Bruce Koshkin (former student of Diane Guest)
- Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Nigeria, and the Sudan, being persecuted because of their Christian faith
- Prayers for Rainbow House





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