Lord, now let your servant go in peace

for my eyes have seen Your salvation!

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THE LORD'S SUPPER is the way Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. Through this Sacrament, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. In accordance with Jesus' teachings, we practice *closed communion* with those who share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

BULLETINS can be found on our website under the News Tab, Newsletter/bulletins. Select the appropriate service.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—If you are hospitalized, please be sure to update your admittance records indicating your religious preference and if you would like the hospital to call St. Martin. They will not contact the church unless you tell them to do so.

IF YOU REQUIRE PASTORAL CARE or would like to learn more about Jesus Christ and St. Martin Lutheran, please contact the church office at 920/849-4421 or Pastor Thomas K. Schmitt at 920/418-1559.

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Judy Hacker
JANUARY CALANDERS are available in the narthex and social hall.
JANUARY – MARCH 2023 Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex. A monetary donation is appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN. 1/1	9:00A Worship Service with Holy Communion
WED. 1/4	7:00P Worship Service
THU. 1/5	7:00P Dartball at Brant
SUN. 1/8	9:00A Worship Service with Holy Communion
	Installation of Officers/Board Members
	10:10A Fellowship
	10:15A Bible Study
	10:20A Sunday School

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MEMBERS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

Daniel and Gay Woelfel
Nathan and Amanda Plackemeier

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

Kate Juedes, Gary Halbach, Ashley Lisch, Gary Jahn, Jennifer Derks, Bryleigh Tasch, Paige Derks, Kelsey Nett

IN OUR PRAYERS

-*OUR SHUT-INS*: Hal Bancroft, Darlene Brehmer, Linda Friederichs, Lucinda Loose, Janet Maile, Larelda Siebert
-*THE SICK:* Diane Broker, Linda Freiderichs, Floretta Lemke

FELLOWSHIP--Will be served most Sundays after the Worship Service in the social hall, unless otherwise noted. If you are willing to host a certain Sunday, please sign up in the social hall. St. Martin will provide coffee, water, and paper products. All are welcome!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:	12/18	111
	12/24	180
	12/25	69

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING GIFT WITH THANKSGIVING:

-$200.00 from the American Legion Auxiliary for use of our social hall. This donation was put towards the current fund.

YOUR 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPS HAVE ARRIVED! Please take your envlopes and your family members home today. Just a reminder we are no longer offering E-ofering. Please see Tammy in the church offce if you need assistance with direct bill pay at the bank.

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING AN ELDER TO FILL A VACANT TERM. The current term of an elder is three years. IF we changed the term to two years would you be more willing to accept the position? Please speak with head elder Bob Olson, Pastor or Tammy if you are interested in serving St. Martin as an elder or have any questions.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCRIP PROGRAM--Order forms can be picked up in the narthex or social hall. Help support our church! If a business is not listed, please ask! The next order will be placed in January.

CHILDREN'S LESSON: All children through grade 6 are welcome to come forward when called for the Children's lesson. Parents are more than welcome to accompany young and special needs children. Please note that our services are being streamed on Facebook Live. Therefore, you and your child(ren) may be visible to those viewing our services, either live or via recorded playback. Should this be a problem, please talk with the Pastor before the service, we may be able to adjust the camera.

TO THOSE VIEWING ONLINE: If you are a member of St. Martin, please "Register" by clicking one of the "Like" button on Facebook. We are trying to gauge how many of our members are worshipping with us virtually.

Treasurers Report - St. Martin Lutheran Church			
2022 - December (November Totals)			
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Monthly Offerings	$ 13,735.60	$ 10,660.00	$ (3,075.60)
Offerings YTD	$ 151,091.60	$ 147,441.45	$ (3,650.15)
Expenses YTD	$ 149,580.98	$ 142,992.80	$ 6,588.18
Missions YTD	$ 15,109.16	$ 14,744.15	$ (365.01)
Total Expenditures YTD	$ 164,690.14	$ 157,736.95	$ 6,223.17
YTD Actual Offerings less Total Expenditures		$ (10,295.50)	

Naming of our Lord Jesus
January 1, 2023

Opening Hymn: 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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↑ Divine Serivce I *LSB p. 151-156*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king,**
almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

⬇ Old Testament Reading *Numbers 6:22–27*

[22]The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [23]"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

[24]The LORD bless you and keep you;
[25]the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
[26]the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

[27]"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Galatians 3:23–29*

[23]Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. [24]So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. [25]But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, [26]for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. [27]For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28]There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. [29]And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise**.**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

↑ Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?**
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel *Luke 2:22–40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

[22]When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord [23](as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") [24]and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." [25]Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. [26]And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. [27]And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, [28]he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation
31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.
34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

⬇ Little Lambs' Lesson: The Calendar

Hymn: 900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

1 **Jesus! Name of wondrous love,**
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

2 **Jesus! Name decreed of old,**
To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell,
By the angel Gabriel.

3 **Jesus! Name of priceless worth**
To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall His people save."

4 **Jesus! Name of mercy mild,**
Given to the holy Child
When the cup of human woe
First He tasted here below.

5 **Jesus! Only name that's giv'n**
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 **Jesus! Name of wondrous love,**
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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Sermon

♫ Offering Presentation and Offertory LSB p. 159

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

↑ Prayer of the Church

P O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. The heavens are the work of Your fingers, yet You willed to save us in the most humble and sacrificial of ways. Already eight days after being born of the virgin Mary, Your Son was at work for our salvation by fulfilling Your Law and shedding His blood. Receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You have shown Your power by establishing governments and leaders to serve Your people in Your name. Grant to our president, governor, Congress, legislators, judges and magistrates the wisdom and courage to act with integrity on behalf of all people, especially those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, bless and keep us by Your grace. Remember those in need who cry out to You . . . According to Your will and wisdom, lift up Your countenance upon them and give them peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, You invite Your children to the table of Your Son. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would discern Christ's body and blood in this Sacrament and come with joyful and repentant hearts to receive the foretaste of the eternal feast. Strengthen us by this blessed communion, that we would love You above all and love one another in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

℗ Gracious Father, in Your steadfast love You have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of Your elect is complete. Keep Your people watchful, vigilant and awake with Your gift of faith until that day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

(♫ LSB pp. 160-166)

℗ The Lord be with you.

Ⓒ **And also with you.**

℗ Lift up your hearts.

Ⓒ **We lift them to the Lord.**

℗ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Ⓒ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

℗ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Ⓒ **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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;**
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

⬇ Distribution Hymns:

356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

1 **The angel Gabriel from heaven came,**
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

2 **"For know a blessèd mother thou shalt be,**
All generations laud and honor thee;
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

3 **Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;**
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

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375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

1 Come, your hearts and voices raising,
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom.

2 Christ, from heav'n to us descending
And in love our race befriending;
In our need His help extending,
Saved us from the wily foe.

3 Jacob's star in all its splendor
Beams with comfort sweet and tender,
Forcing Satan to surrender,
Breaking all the pow'rs of hell.

4 From the bondage that oppressed us,
From sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us,
We, the captives, now are free.

5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing
That Your love has set us free.

6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
From Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join Your choir above.

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Post-Communion Hymn: Thank the Lord LSB p. 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given

us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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