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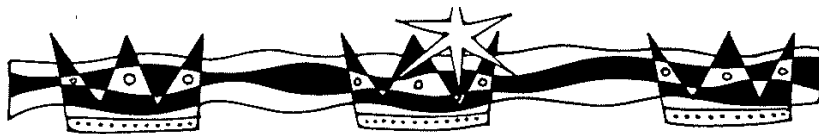
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Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

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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*. 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.

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 virtually.

LIVE STREAMING—is now available in the social hall and in room #7.

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.

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 stmartinlcms@gmail.com or Pastor Thomas K. Schmitt at 920/418-1559 or stmartinlsmc.pastor.com.

JAN-MAR Portals of Prayer are available; donations are appreciated.

JAN/FEB CALENDARS are available in the narthex and social hall.

FEB ALTAR GUILD: Andrea Jaeckels

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN. 1/28	9:00A Worship with Holy Communion 10:10A Fellowship/Annual Voter's Meeting 10:20A Sunday School
WED. 1/31	5:00P Confirmation Class resumes 6:30P Worship with Holy Communion
THU. 2/1	6:00P Legion Using Building
SUN. 1/21	9:00A Worship with Holy Communion 10:10A Fellowship 10:15A Wieting Family Funeral Home Presentation 10:20A Sunday School

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MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

Jill Schisel, Kayde Boesch, Harry Sturtz, Dessarae Johnson, Jordan Propson, Judy Hacker, Larelda Siebert, Brinley Lisowe, Kathy Ridder

IN OUR PRAYERS

-*OUR SHUT-INS*: Linda Friederichs, Lucinda Loose, Janet Maile, Simone Pagel, Larelda Siebert, Don Michael, Marvin Schommer, Lou Ridder, Pastor Novotney, Pat Bailey

-*THE SICK--*: Len Sturtz

ATTENDANCE: Worship 1/21 & 1/24 78 + 21 = 99
Sunday School 1/21 16 students, \$10.00

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in serving as a substitute elder, please speak with any elder or the church office with your availability.

BULLETIN COVERS FOR LENT/EASTER ARE AVAILABLE FOR DONATIONS: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, or Good Friday. Please contact Tammy if you are interested in sponsoring.

IT HAS PLEASED THE LORD of Life to call from this world to the life everlasting our Sister Doreen Wingers, who departed this life on Thursday, January 18. The funeral service was held at St. Martin this past Thursday. We continue to remember the family in our prayers, trusting in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting through Jesus Christ.

TRINITY LUTHERAN-RANTOUL –Early childhood Round February 20th at 6:00pm at our school. Parents of 3k, 4k, and kindergarten students are welcome to join us to learn more about our program! We are blessed to have the opportunity to provide Lutheran education to our community!

THE PARKING LOT RUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Total Cash Donations Received to date: \$43,484.00

Total Pledges: \$3300

Total Funds raised through our fund Raisers in 2023: \$20949.

\$43,337.81 was paid in principal only in November.

AN ONGOING FUNDRAISER that will continue as long as needed is the option to have your clothing embroidered with the St. Martin Logo. Please see the insert.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The next big fund-raising event will be a Chili Supper and Brat Fry on Tuesday, February 20th. Drive thru only, 3-6 PM. We are looking for help! Please see the sign-up sheet in the social hall.

Treasurers Report - St. Martin Lutheran Church			
2023 - December Totals			
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Monthly Offerings	\$ 15,673.00	\$ 20,971.00	\$ 5,298.00
Offerings YTD	\$ 188,075.95	\$ 177,033.00	\$ (11,042.95)
Expenses YTD	\$ 170,880.22	\$ 158,890.92	\$ 11,989.30
Missions YTD	\$ 17,097.81	\$ 17,703.11	\$ (605.30)
Total Expenditures YTD	\$ 187,978.03	\$ 176,594.03	\$ 11,384.00
YTD Actual Offerings - Total Expenditures		\$ 341.05	
Parking Lot Loan	\$ 122,367.00	\$ 50,780.47	\$ 71,586.53

Six payments of \$1146.61 have been made to LCEF. Plus a Principal only payment of \$43,337.81. The council will review principal payments in March, May and November.

LAST CALL---There are two artificial 12 ft. trees in the basement that are waiting for a new home. Some lights work, some don't, sometimes I'm crooked, sometimes I'm not. Donate and it's yours! See Tammy.

EPIPHANY IV

WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2024

Opening Hymn: 825 Rise, Shine, You People

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

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↑ Order of Service, Divine Service 4, LSB p. 203

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis p. 204)

(Music: LSB)

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. ... Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his

mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ Alleluia and Verse

(Music: LSB p. 205)

C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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 Lamb's Lesson

Hymn: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.**
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.**

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Sermon

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

↑ Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** To the Holy Trinity who alone is God of gods and Lord of lords,
from whom with Jesus Christ are all things, and for the revelation of
His saving knowledge to us and all the world, that together we may
be known by God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the Church and her ministers, that the God who speaks by His
Christ, the Prophet greater than Moses, would make them diligent to
listen to His Word and speak it faithfully in His name; and that God
would preserve us from false prophets who would lead us away
from His truth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For our families and homes, that God would guard them and build
them up in love; that He would support parents in their task of
instructing their children; that He would strengthen those whose
faith is weak; and that He would make us bold to forego
convenience and security to attest the truths of our most holy faith,
let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For those who are sick, distressed, in danger or facing any need,
[especially _____,] that the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Great Physician who cast out unclean spirits and taught
with authority, would sustain them with patience, trusting in His
merciful care, and so graciously relieve them, let us pray to the Lord

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in
their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of
forgiveness of sins and renewal of life, and so receive a foretaste of
the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgy:

(Music: LSB pp. 208-212)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. 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

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us

faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

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."

Pax Vobiscum

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

↓ **Distribution Hymns:**

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

- 1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken;
For the foe, Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping.**
- 2 Watch against the devil's snares
Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.**
- 3 Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled
It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you,
Who but seek to harm you.**
- 4 Watch against yourself, my soul,
Lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control
Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin Lurk within,
All your hopes to shatter;
Heed not when they flatter.**
- 5 But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing,
So that still Mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him
And forever love Him.**

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
 And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
 For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
 Comes our homage to demand.**

- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
 As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
 In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
 His own self for heav'nly food.**

- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
 Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
 From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
 As the darkness clears away.**

- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
 Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
 As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

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↑ Post-Communion Liturgy:

(Music: LSB p. 211-212)

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

[P] O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

[P] Let us bless the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

[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.

Closing Hymn:

815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine *sts. 1, 3, 5*

**1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was Thine,
That in our darkened hearts Thy grace might shine.
Alleluia!**

**3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling Thyself to death on Calvary.
Alleluia!**

**5 Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord,
In heav'n and earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord,
And God the Father be by all adored.
Alleluia!**

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