



**250th ANNIVERSARY AND CELEBRATION
DAY OF PENTECOST
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**Welcoming all
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Growing together in Christ
Worshipping and serving in Jesus' name**

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Welcome to Memorial Lutheran Church. As you prepare for Worship, please silence your cell phone, complete the connection card and place it in the offering plate.

INTRODUCTION

On this 250th (plus one) anniversary, we thank God for the faithfulness and blessings in the past, present, and future. On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who is the faithful guide of our whole Christian family: our ancestors, our current generation, and our descendants.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Bell Choir

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Voluntary on "Ein' Feste Burg"*

- Young

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (1913, 1917, and 1958)

We are gathered to worship in the name of God the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved people of God, let us gather together in one mind, with one heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking for forgiveness through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Almighty God,

Our maker and redeemer, as poor sinners, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We cling to you and your mercy, seeking your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our almighty God and heavenly Father has mercy on us, has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all of our sins.

Through the faith of Christ, God empowers the children of God with the Holy Spirit. Through this faith and baptism, we are saved. Grant this salvation, O Lord, to all people.

Amen.

Please stand

*A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield
victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and
wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.*

*No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost,
rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom
God himself elected. You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.*

*Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to
devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they
cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.*

*God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who
fear it; for God himself fights by our side with
weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!*

GREETING

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

And also with you.

GLORIA PATRI (1958)

Read Responsively

Glory to the Father,

And to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (1913)

Let us pray together.

O Lord Jesus Christ, almighty Son of God: We hunger for the presence of your Spirit in our hearts. Send your Holy Spirit through your Word, guide us with your will, comfort us in our trials and challenges. Empower us to stand firmly in your faith, to love and do good, and to trust in the grace that you have given us through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 8:22-30

God's steadfast love in each generation.

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. ²⁷But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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READ RESPONSIVELY

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴**Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. Selah**

- ⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- ⁶**As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**
- ⁷They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- ⁸**O Lord GOD of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah**
- ⁹Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.
- ¹⁰**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than
live in the tents of wickedness.**
- ¹¹For the Lord GOD is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk
uprightly.
- ¹²**O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

ANTHEM *"God is Spirit"* - J. S. Bach

Soloist, Anne Nispel

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:1-9

A house of living stones.

¹Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ***Alleluia.*** (2 Cor. 5:1)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Hearing the Shepherd's voice.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *"This Little Light of Mine"*

*Each stanza of this gospel camp hymn has hand motions.
If you'd like to follow along, begin by holding your pointer finger
upward like a small candle.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*

Refrain: *Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!*

*Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.
(Repeat 3 times, then Refrain)*

*Won't let Satan (blow) it out. I'm gonna let it shine.
(Repeat 3 times, then Refrain)*

*Shine all over Shippensburg. I'm gonna let it shine.
(Repeat 3 times, then Refrain)*

*Everywhere I go. I'm gonna let it shine!
(Repeat 3 times, then Refrain)*

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering (*especially*). Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel. Foster our relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners, that our visions and actions are Spirit-led. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(In recent months, we have resumed the customary practices associated with the Sharing of the Peace: and handshake accompanied by a greeting such as "Peace be with you." If you wish to refrain from shaking hands, consider bowing, placing your hands together in a prayerful position, waving, or showing a peace sign to those near you. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the sanctuary.)

Please be seated

BELL CHOIR OFFERTORY

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

- setting by Kevin McChesney

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

- arranged by Tammy Waldrop

OFFERTORY

The Ushers will collect the offering

Please stand when the Doxology begins

DOXOLOGY (1674)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER (2020)

Let us pray together.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (1917)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior; who ascended above the heavens, and from His seat at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as He had promised, upon his faithful followers, so that the whole world may know You and celebrate your love. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your glorious Name, praising you through all time, saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Read Together

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23b-25)

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Chris will come again.

With holy ones from all times and places,

With the earth and all its creatures,

With sun, moon, and stars,

We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

LAMB OF GOD

*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, grant us peace.*

Please be seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward by the center aisle at the usher's direction. If you choose to have wine for communion, take an empty cup from the usher. If you prefer grape juice, receive a pre-filled cup at the altar. If you or a child has never received the sacrament, fold hands to receive a blessing instead. After receiving communion or a blessing, you may choose to remain at the altar for extra time in prayer. When you return to your pew do so by the side aisles. Please deposit the empty cup in the basket.

*Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.*

*Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.*

*Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.*

*Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.*

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (1913)

The crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, has given his holy Body and Blood for you. Receive this forgiveness and God's promise of faith and everlasting life. Peace be with you.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (1913)

Let us pray together.

O Lord, from the depths of our hearts we thank you for teaching us of your faith and commands. By your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, keep your Word in our hearts, strengthen our faith, and comfort us in life and death.

Amen.

Please be seated

POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM

“How Marvelous is the Power of God”

Soloist, Anne Nispel

- by Joseph Haydn

Please stand

SENDING

BLESSING

The holy Three, The holy One, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and + grant you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

LBW 509

*Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See, his banners go!*

Refrain: *Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.*

*Like a mighty army Moves the church of God;
Let us boldly follow Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided; All one body we;
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.*

Refrain

*Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst the church prevail.
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.*

Refrain

*Onward, then, you faithful, join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the king.
We through countless ages With the angels sing:*

Refrain

Please be seated

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Senior Choir

“God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”

POSTLUDE *“Toccatà in G major”*

- Dubois

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Memorial Lutheran Church, Shippensburg, PA, witness to Christ’s love since 1771

Christian celebrations of anniversaries are occasions for thanksgiving for past blessings from God, affirmation of what God is doing in the present, and hopeful expectation for what God will do in the future. In this worship celebration, we incorporated worship texts from hymnals from the past and present (which were modified to exclude “Thee,” “Thou,” “Thine,” etc.) The headings in the service that have a year beside them (1913, for example) indicate that the worship element is from a hymnal from that year. Worship resources for this service range from the Doxology, published in 1674, to “All Creation Sings,” a 2020 supplement to the 2007 Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

Anne Nispel, soloist

Over a hundred years ago, J. C. Reeder, maternal grandfather of Anne Nispel, joined Memorial Lutheran Church. The name of his daughter, Elizabeth Reeder (Nispel), appears on the Cradle Roll in 1922. And one hundred years later, his granddaughter, Anne Nispel, is very pleased to be here to help celebrate the 251st anniversary of the founding of Memorial Lutheran. Now a resident of East Lansing, Michigan, Anne Nispel is a member of the faculty at the College of Music, Michigan State University.

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Thank you to all who were involved with the planning and preparation for this weekend of celebration! This includes the 250th anniversary committee, the church council, the church staff, donors, and a fleet of volunteer artists, artisans, archivists, and organizers. How soon until we start planning for the 300th?

Also a special thank you to all of the extended family of Memorial who were able to worship and celebrate this joyous weekend by being physically present or by holding us in your hearts. We love you! We thank God for you! We look forward to seeing you again!





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