MUSIC SUNDAY
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Welcoming all
Reaching out in love
Growing together in Christ
Worshiping and serving in Jesus' name

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Children are an active part of Memorial's community of faith! We welcome you to worship each week! Children's bulletins and Quiet Bags (lots of exciting things *to do!) are available at the doors coming from the parking lot. Please take one of each as they may help your children bring smiles into our time of worship!*

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.

A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC TO THE GLORY OF GOD

An important contribution Martin Luther brought to Christian worship was the importance of music. Luther regarded music first and foremost as a gift—a gift that builds community, forms and expresses Christian identity, and is able to direct us, when leaving the liturgy, in ways of justice and mercy toward our neighbor. Music is a communal and relational activity, claiming that we are a community in Christ. This morning we celebrate this gift of music here at Memorial Lutheran Church. Thank you for joining us for this celebration!

GATHERING

BELL CHOIR PRE-SERVICE MUSIC **9:45 am**

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me" *- Arrg. Tammy Waldrop*
"As the Deer" *- Arrg. Susan Geschke*
"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" *- Arrg. Hart Morris*

WELCOME

PIANO & BELL CHOIR PRELUDE

"How Great Thou Art" with "Majesty" *- Joel Raney*

Please stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"* **ELW 392**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter,
his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the
victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful
Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus
out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in
sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes,
nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight
received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our
hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our
food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to
you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of
sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the
songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent
we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your
footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you
entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the
victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful
Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus
out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray together.
O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

PSALM 100 READ RESPONSIVELY
[1]Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
[2]Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
[3]Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
[4]Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
[5]For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

PIANO AND ORGAN DUET Kathy Kerr, Nancy Fogelsanger
"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" - Lani Smith

SECOND READING Colossians 3:15-17

[15]And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. [16]Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. [17]And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION ANTHEM Senior Choir
"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" - Costello

Please stand

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Luke 2:8-14**

[8]In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9]Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. [10]But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: [11]to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. [12]This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." [13]And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, [14]"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON ***"Music – the Story of God's People!"***

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"* **ELW 763**

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

<u>Refrain:</u>
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

<u>Refrain</u>

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

<u>Refrain</u>

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

<u>Refrain</u>

APOSTLES' CREED

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council (*persons can be named*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for (*Helena and*) all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated

BELL CHOIR QUARTET OFFERTORY ANTHEM
"*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* *- Arrg. Larry Sue*
Norma Bricker, Don Hilbinger, Kyle Hilbinger, Brenda Mason

The Ushers will collect the offering.

Please stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **ELW 884**

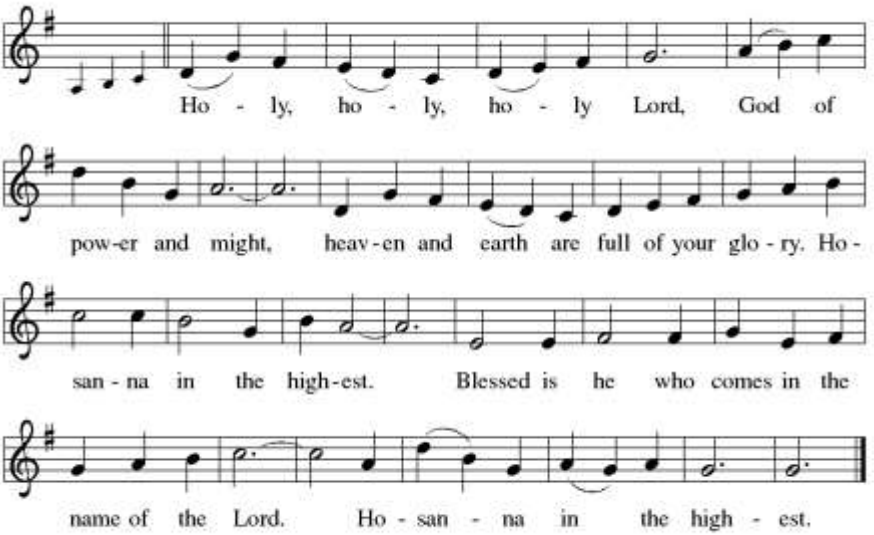
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Let us pray together.
Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

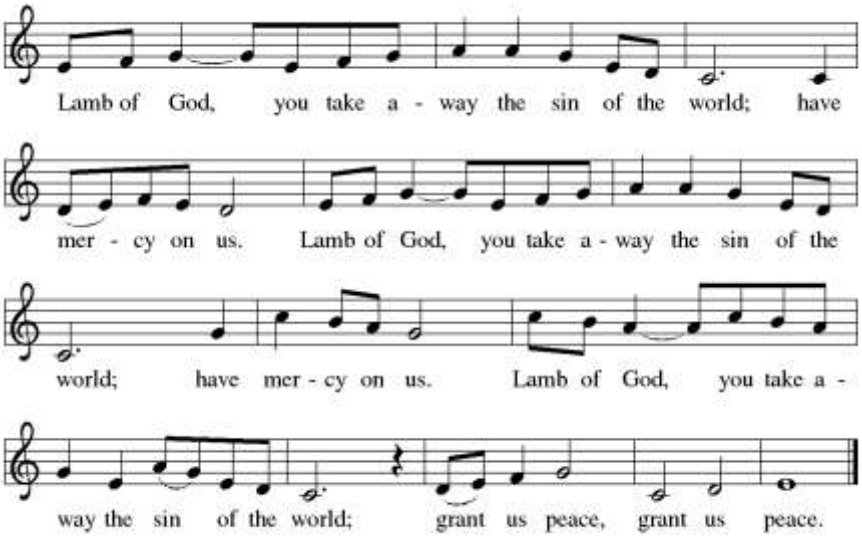
Lord remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *"As The Grains of Wheat"* **Senior Choir**

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray together.
Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING
The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* **ELW 855**

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love-- behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

CHORAL BENEDICTION *"God Be With You"* **Senior Choir**

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

POSTLUDE *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"* *- Behnke*

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Our sincerest gratitude this morning for the many musical talents shared by our Bell Choir and Director; our Senior Choir members and Director; for our Organist; for our pianist; and all who have worked to make this morning's celebration a deep expression of who we are as a faith community. Our deepest thanks, also, for the weekly commitment of so many individuals who make music an integral part of our weekly worship throughout the year.

Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330 - Sunday, May 21
Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

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