MUSIC SUNDAY
MAY 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM

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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

Psalm 100 says to "Make a joyful noise to the LORD!" Today we will make many joyful noises, celebrating with music to praise and thank God. On top of that joyful noise, we will also have the jingling of change in a noisy offering. The music, the change, the worship - these are all offerings that show our thankfulness to our good and loving God!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC **Bell Choir**

"St. Anthony Chorale" *- Haydon/C. Maggs*
"Give Thanks" *- Smith/ A. L. Page*
"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" *- Arrg. T. Waldrop*

GATHERING

WELCOME

BELL CHOIR PRELUDE *"Enduring Gladness"* *- R. Mallory*

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, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN *"God Is Here!"* **ELW 526**

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.

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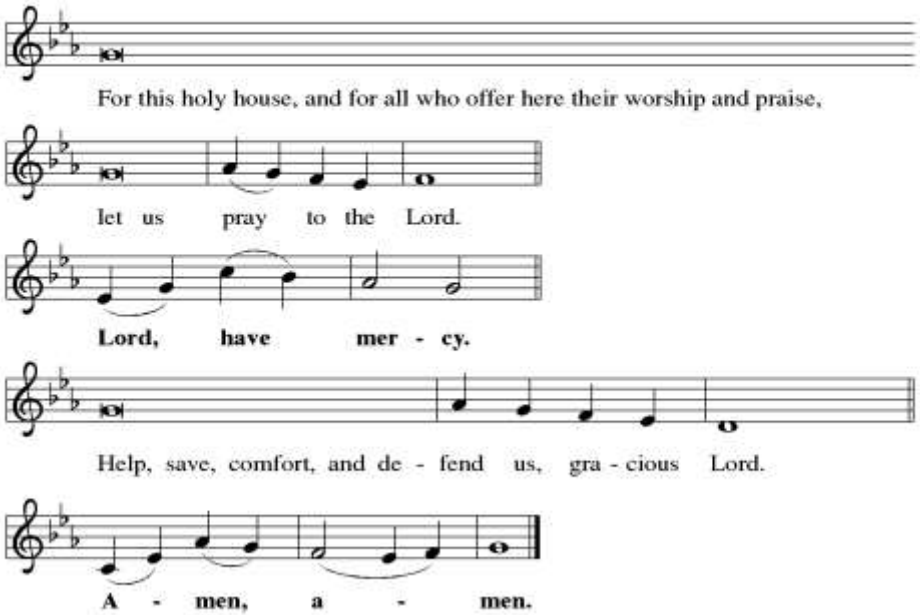


CANTICLE OF PRAISE *"Glory to God"*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANTHEMS **Senior Choir**

"We Walk By Faith" *- M. D. Costello*

"Great Is the Lord" *- Michael & Deborah Smith/ Larson*

WORD

PSALM **PSALM 98** **READ RESPONSIVELY**

1 Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
2 **O LORD, you have made known your victory,**
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
3 You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
4 **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;**
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
5 Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
6 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn**
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
8 **Let the rivers clap their hands,**
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.
9 The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Please stand as you are able.

PROCLAMATION ANTHEM DUET **Norma Bricker, Brenda Mason**

"I Will Lift My Eyes" *- Nolan*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **John 15:9-17**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] 9 "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

[11]I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that
your joy may be complete. [12]"This is my commandment, that you love
one another as I have loved you. [13]No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14]You are my friends if you do
what I command you. [15]I do not call you servants any longer, because
the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called
you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have
heard from my Father. [16]You did not choose me but I chose you. And I
appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father
will give you whatever you ask him in my name. [17]I am giving you these
commands so that you may love one another."

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

REFLECTION

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* **ELW 886**

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
Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your word that teaches us what is right and wrong. Help us by your grace to treasure it in our hearts, meditate upon it daily and share it with others especially during our year of the Bible. May your holy word settle in our hearts, families and be at the center of our congregational life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and eternal God, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces (especially Farrah Schluter and Devin Wilson). Give them courage, hope and strengthen their families. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love, and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. God of grace, **hear our prayers.**

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. (*We pray especially for . . . .*) God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation (*ministries may be named*), that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

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

Please be seated.

ORGAN OFFERTORY *"Prelude in G" - JS Bach* **Drew Alosi**

The Ushers will collect the offering.

Please stand as you are able.

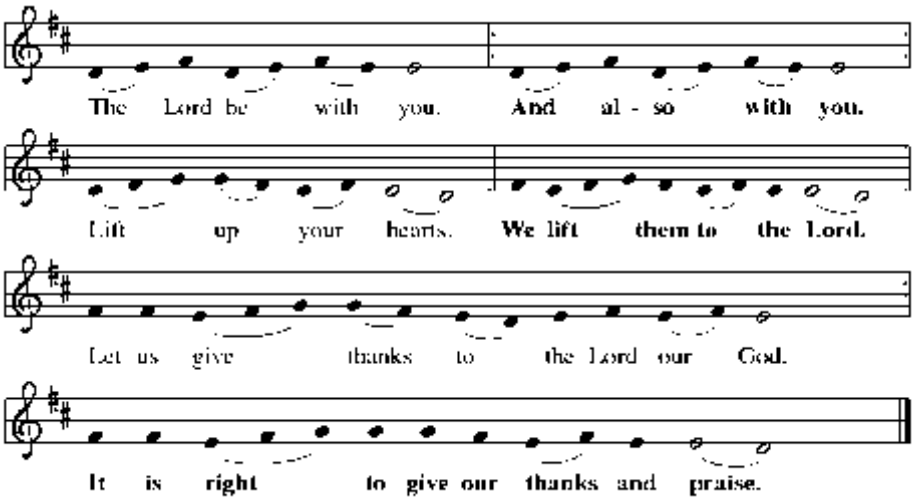
OFFERTORY RESPONSE
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **ELW 884**

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

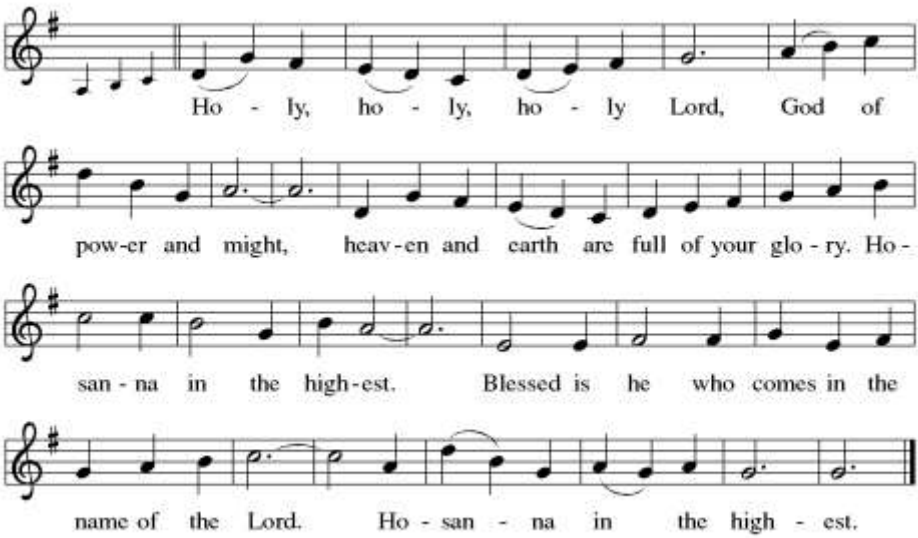
OFFERTORY PRAYER
Let us pray together.
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE - EASTER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

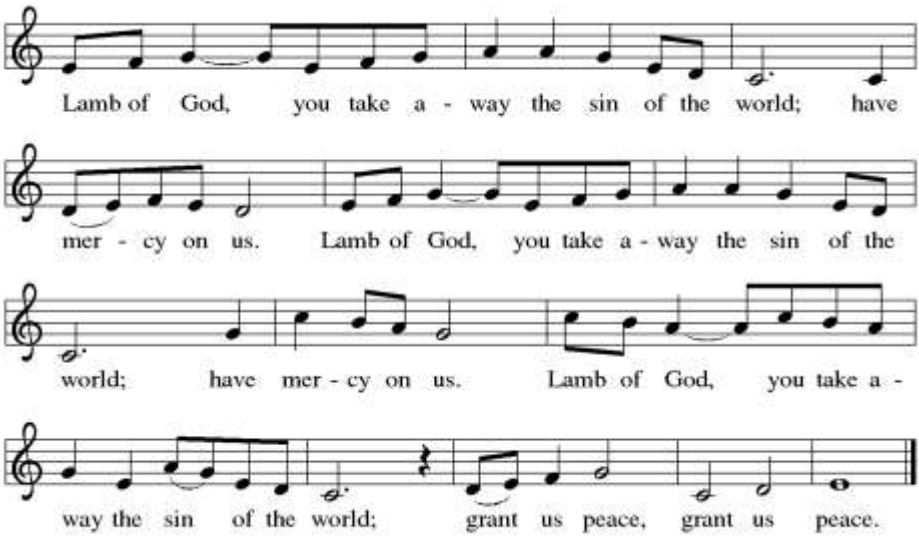
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All glory and honor is yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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
The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

Please stand as you are able.

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.
Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Please be seated.

POST COMMUNION ANTHEM **Senior Choir**
"Eternal God" - John Rutter

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

BLESSING
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"* **ELW 389**

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

DISMISSAL
Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

ORGAN POSTLUDE **Drew Alosi**
"Now Thank We All Our God" *- Karg Elert*

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A special thanks to today's Cantor, Bell Choir and Senior Choir Members and Director, Duettists, and Organ and Piano Accompanists who helped to make this Music Sunday so uplifting.

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Sing and
make music
from your heart
to the Lord,
always giving
thanks to God
the Father for
everything,
in the name
of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
EPHESIANS 5:19-20, NIV

Jackie Bishop
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Jean Goldthorpe
June Hile
Bernita Killian
Karen Larson
Doug & Pat Maun
Jeanne Naugle
William Porter
Dorothy Railing
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Pastor
Pastor Godfred Effisah

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