


**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
**November 8, 2026**

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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*

**Welcome to Memorial Lutheran Church. As you prepare for Worship, please silence your cell phone.**

**INTRODUCTION**
Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

## GATHERING

**WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK** **Steve & Amy Piper**
**Global Outreach International, Haiti**

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
*Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

*All 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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.**
**Amen.**
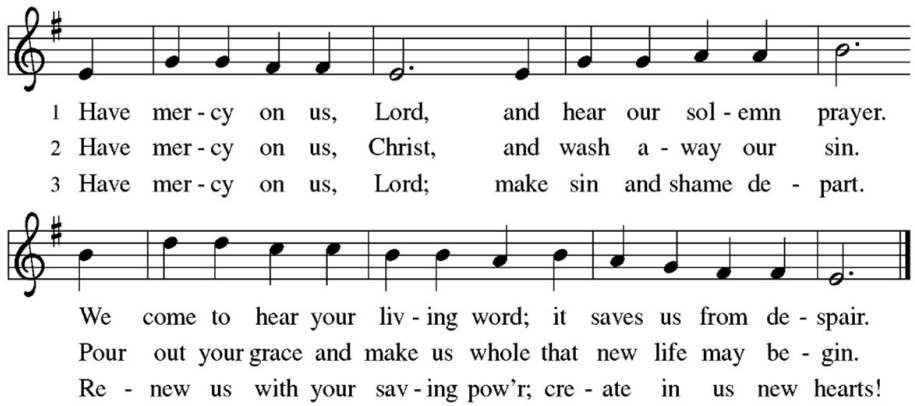
Inherit the riches of God's grace. + Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
**Amen.**

*Please remain standing or stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING HYMN** *"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"*
**ELW 441**

**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.**

**KYRIE**




**PRAYER OF THE DAY**
Let us pray together.
**O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

**FIRST READING** **Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16**
*Wisdom is part of the structure of the universe and is easily accessible to those who want to find her. Wisdom actually seeks people out. People who are wise are free from care.*

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those
who love her and is found by those who seek her. 13 She hastens to make
herself known to those who desire her. 14 One who rises early to seek her
will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. 15 To fix one's
thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her
account will soon be free from care, 16 because she goes about seeking
those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

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

**PSALM Psalm 70 READ RESPONSIVELY**

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
**let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
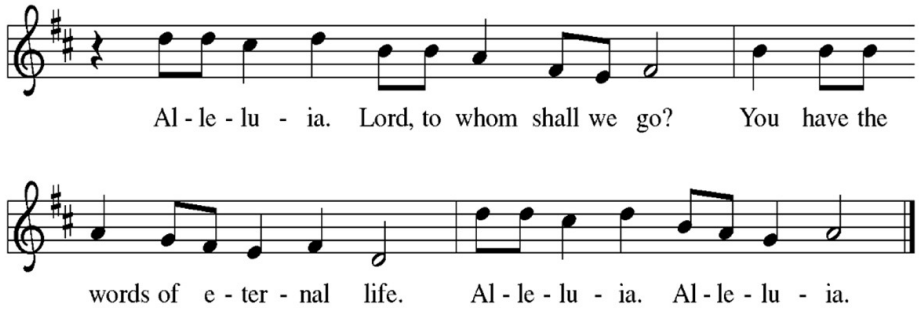
*Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.*

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**




The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13**

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* **ELW 244**

**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 with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of the called and sent, revive deeply in us the desire to follow you closely as your disciples. Help us, we pray, to drop our nets and abide with you. Touch our hearts, enlighten our minds, and stir our spirit to share the fruits of our faith with all people. Give us the strength to carry our cross and walk humbly in Your grace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope and mercy, you are our refuge and our strength, our sure rock in the midst of any storm. Be with all victims of natural disasters and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering, and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of goodwill to respond with compassion and generous hearts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict (*relief ministries or organizations may be named*). Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
**Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** *Please greet those around you*

The peace of Christ be with you always.
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY** *"Spirit Song"* **Senior Choir**

*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.
**Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through 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 FOR SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

**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.

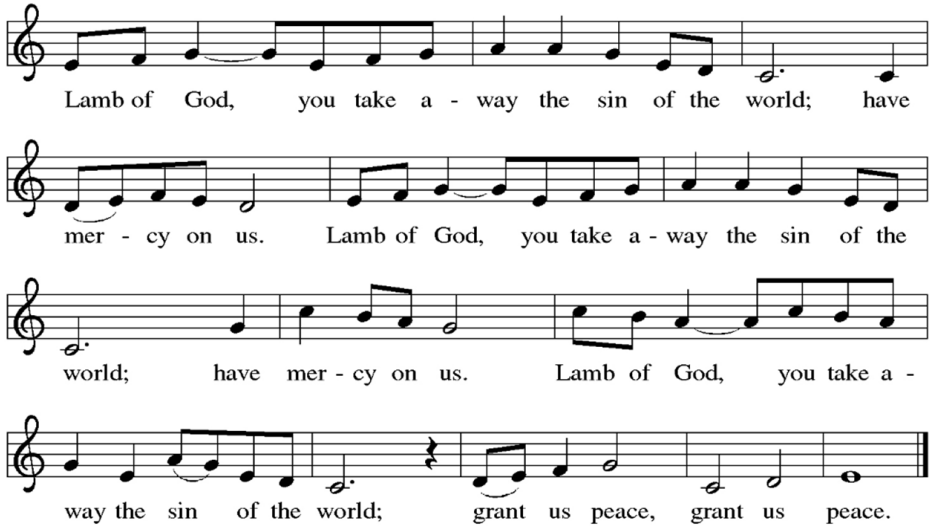
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, 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.**

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**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

*Please be seated.*

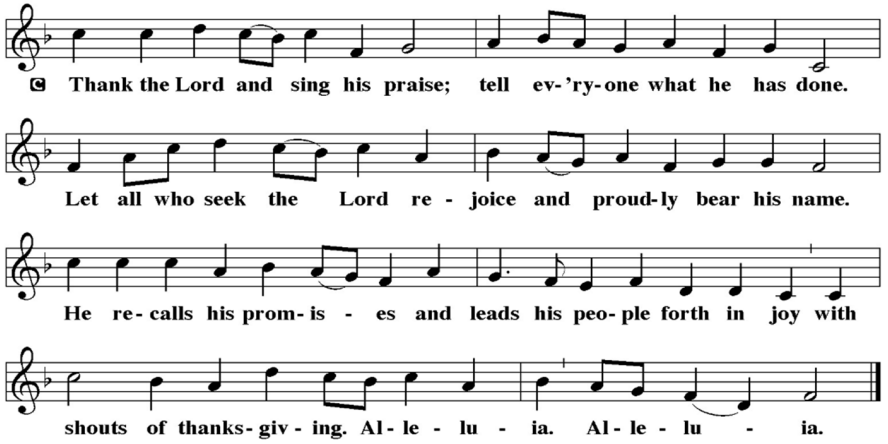
**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**
*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward by the center aisle at the usher's direction. If you choose to have wine for communion, take an empty cup from the usher. If you prefer grape juice, receive a pre-filled cup at the altar. If you or a child has never 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.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *"Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness"*
**Senior Choir**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
**Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**




**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Let us pray together.
**Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.**
**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER THE ELECTION**
Almighty God, we lift before you all who govern and all who have been elected to public office. Be present with President Trump, Vice President Vance and Governor Shapiro as they continue to lead our nation. Be present with all elected public servants as they prepare for their time in office. May those who hold power understand that it is trust from you to be used, not for personal glory or profit, but for the service of the people. Drive from us cynicism, selfishness, and corruption; grant in your mercy just and honest government; and give us grace to live together in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**
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. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *"Soon and Very Soon"* **ELW 439**

**DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

# KEEP IN PRAYER

**Mary Kay Dagenhart**
**Doug & Pat Maun**
**Jeanne Naugle**
**Ed Pearson**
**Dorothy Railing**
**Trina Ruth**
**Wayne Widney**
**All Caregivers**

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**Nancy Fogelsanger**

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