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Prelude: Two Meditations on *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* - Rotermund/Behnke
Lois Theesfield, organ

*"He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart."*

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

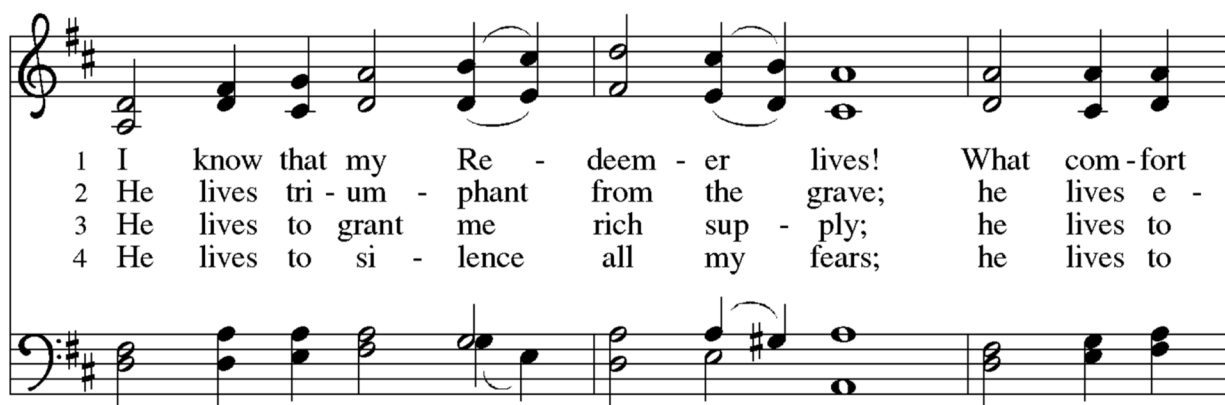
Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

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.

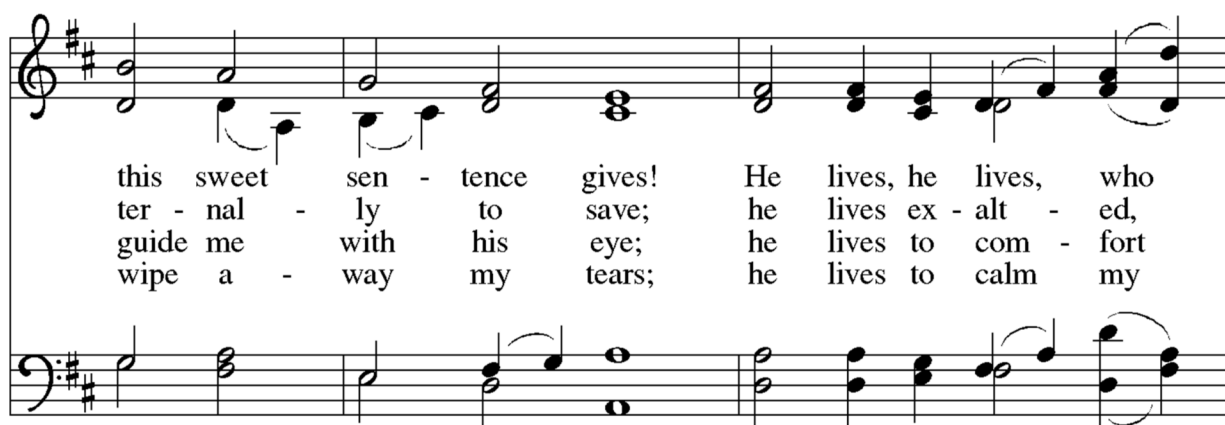
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
 We ask this through Christ,
 who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
 Amen.

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

Gathering Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" ELW #619, verses 1-4



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:42 - 47

Lector: Steve Lekwa

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19 - 25

Lector: Steve Lekwa

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Children at heart sermon

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1 - 10

The Gospel according to John
Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Reflection

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Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"Psalm 23"* - Hylton Stewart
Memorial Choir

Offering Prayer

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.

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

It is indeed right... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

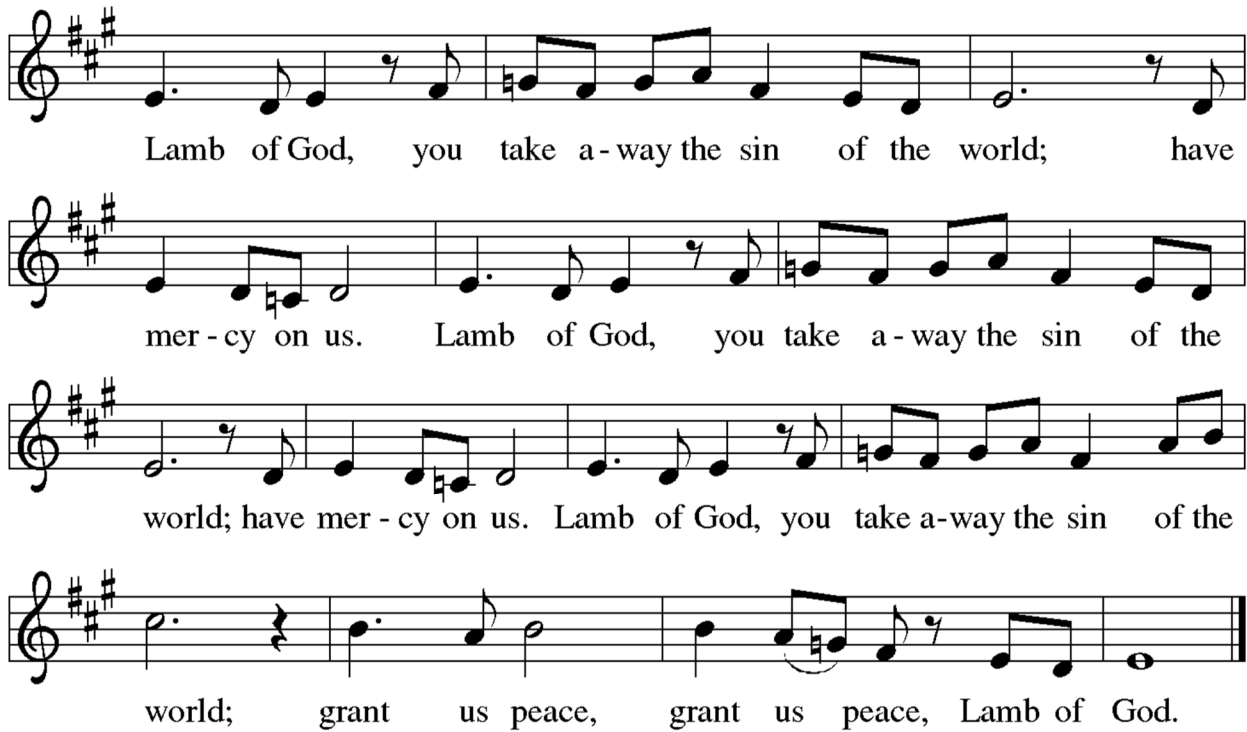
Hymns during Communion

"Lamb of God" ELW Setting 8

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW #484

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ELW #502

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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Prayer after Communion

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.

Announcements

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: "Have No Fear Little Flock" ELW #764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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Dismissal

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

Postlude: Fanfare on "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" - Donald Rotermund
Lois Theesfield, organ

*"He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule His Church in love.*

Please stay for a few minutes after worship for our congregation photo!

Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org or emily@mlcnevada.org, or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

Prayers for the family and friends of +David Blumer following his death

*Prayers for Sandy Golden and Bev Sorem and their families
following the death of their mother, Evelyn Winterboer*

Prayers for Donna See and family following the death of her husband, Bill See.

Prayers for Betty Runge and family following the death of her husband, Leo Runge

Prayers for Judy and Kip Farthing following the death of their son, Wade Farthing

Prayers for Susan Radke and family following the death of her husband, Jerry Radke

Jenny Adelmund	Annette Dalthorp	Michael Neal
Georgiann Grant	Ellie Lynch	Jami Tharp
Richard Moats	Ernie Ruhde	Fred Samuelson
<i>friend of Jerry & Diane Eilers</i>	Sierra Parr	Larry Christian
Jan Seibel	<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	Jaylee Bartleson
Lily Miller	Janet Jacques	Sheila Collingwood
Jeanie & Jerry Gibson	Easton Farrington	<i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>
Marsha Kane	Janice Hartz	Judy Coverdale
Pr. Marcia Kisner	Jim Dalthorp	Family and friends of +James Stephens
Marlene Waddell	Connie Krupp	George Forsyth
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch</i>	Randy Matthews	Janeen Driscoll
Sandy Muesburger	Jackie Byers	Lynn Harris
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch</i>	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Julie Sutherland
John Bass	Donna See	Jan Cook
<i>son-in-law of Ron & Gloria Jacobson</i>	Katie Brockmeier	
Carol Vincent	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier</i>	
Cassie Harrell	Norma Dannan	
Jean Smith	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>	

Announcements

TODAY: Annual Meeting of the Congregation + Photo

During worship this morning, we will hear an update of the mission and ministry at Memorial and the goals that our Council has set for the upcoming year. After the service we will be taking a group photo before celebrating God's mission together with treats in Fellowship Hall.

Presenting Bibles to 4th - 6th Graders

Sunday, May 14th during 9:00am Worship

If you or a student you know is in 4th-6th grade make sure that you join us in worship on May 14th when we will be presenting Bibles to these students. Please email our Sunday School Superintendent Kim Stieler at amunsonk@gmail.com with any questions!

“Hallelujah! I’m So Glad!” - Memorial Musicians’ Spring Concert

After three years of silence (Covid-related), the musician's spring concert IS BACK!! Our music ministry team is rich in talent and variety and is excited to present a program of highlights from this past year plus a few newbies. Memorial Handbells and Memorial Choir will be joined by guest musicians bringing their best to the afternoon program.. Please SAVE THIS DATE and come to support all the dedicated Musicians of Memorial.

When: Sunday, May 7, 4:00 pm

What: Concert presented by Memorial Choir and Memorial Handbells with guest musicians Amy Christiansen, (English Horn), Gretchen Theesfield (Violin), (And maybe a few other SURPRISES!). Free-will offerings will benefit the music fund, and hor 'd'oeuvres will be served following the program in the Fellowship Hall.

You’re Invited: Thursday Morning Bible Study in Chapel

You’re invited to join Pr. Kathleen in reading the upcoming weekend texts together every Thursday morning from 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel. All are welcome to stop in!

Camping with Memorial September 23rd - 24th

Planning for our annual camping outing at Hickory Grove is in the works! It’s not too early to reserve your spot for the weekend of September 23/24: **please note that if you intend to stay the night, you must secure your own campsite by contacting the campground.** Stay tuned for more details for this fun weekend!

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/give> or by scanning the QR code.



Save the Date

Thursday Morning Bible Study

When: Thursday, May 4th, 8:30—9:30am

Where: MLC Chapel

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, May 4th, 6:30pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

“Hallelujah! I’m So Glad!” - Memorial Musicians’ Spring Concert

When: Sunday, May 7th, 4:00pm

Presentation of Bibles to 4th—6th Graders

When: Sunday, May 14th during 9:00am worship service

SEIA Synod Assembly (online)

When: Evenings of May 15th and 16th

SEIA Synod Revival

All ages are welcome to join our fellow SEIA Synod congregations in worship, music, speakers, learning about ministry opportunities, and more!

When: Saturday, May 20th, 10:00am—3:00pm

Where: Grand View University

Camping Committee Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 31st, 5:30pm

Camping with Memorial

Please note that if you intend to spend the night, you must reserve your own campsite by contacting the campground.

When: September 23rd - 24th

Where: Hickory Grove

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