

# 2nd Sunday after Pentecost



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Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”*

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**Prelude:** “Joyous Morning” by Barbara Brocker

*Bell tree soloist: Emily Dalthorp*

*Pianist: Lois Theesfield*

*Acolyte: Elsie Sorem*

**Call to Worship:** “God is Here Today” ACS #993

*Presenters: Gabe & Ethan Nady*

*God is here today;  
as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.*

## Welcome/Greeting

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.  
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.  
Turn us again to you.  
Where else can we turn?  
Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.  
Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **First Reading - 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20**

*Reader: Gloria Jacobson*

<sup>4</sup>Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup>and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, <sup>7</sup>and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup>Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." <sup>10</sup>So Samuel reported all the

words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup>He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots;

<sup>16</sup>He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup>He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup>And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.” <sup>19</sup>But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, <sup>20</sup>so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

## **Psalm 130**

*Presenters: Gabe & Ethan Nady*

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
O LORD, hear my voice!*

*Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.*

*If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?*

*Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.*

*I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.*

*My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.*

*O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.*

*For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.*

## **Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

*Reader: Gloria Jacobson*

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## **Gospel Acclamation: “Spirit, Open Our Hearts”**

*Presenters: Gabe & Ethan Nady*

*Spirit, open our hearts to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may we love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open our hearts.*

## **Gospel Reading - Mark 3:20-35**

The Gospel according to John

### **Glory to You, O Lord**

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord

### **Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

## **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 to the dead.**

**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.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

### **The Meal**

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.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **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.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
+ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **Sending Song: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW #860**

*Presenters: Gabe & Ethan Nady*

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

*Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

*When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,*

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude: "Hymn to Joy" by Albert Travis**

*Organist: Lois Theesfield*

# Announcements

## First Communion - Online Registration Now Open!

Any kids currently finishing up 2nd or 3rd grade are invited to attend a First Communion class with their parents this summer. ALL ages interested in learning about Holy Communion are also invited to attend! Please register online for one of the sessions listed below. [mlcfirstcommunion.eventbrite.com](http://mlcfirstcommunion.eventbrite.com)

**Class:** Saturday, June 12, 10:00am - 11:30am

**First Communion Celebration:** Sunday, June 13 during 9:00am worship


**Class:** Saturday, August 28, 10:00am - 11:30am


**First Communion Celebration:** Sunday, August 29 during 9:00am worship

## Stay Connected

Join us online! We need your help in growing our communities on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. Here's how you can find us:

 **Facebook**  
@memluthnevada

 **YouTube**  
Memorial Lutheran

 **Instagram**  
Memorial Lutheran ELCA

## 2021-22 Faith Formation Committee

Sunday School Superintendent Kim Stieler is looking for individuals to serve on the Faith Formation Committee to plan next year's Sunday School, Bible studies, and other activities. Contact Kim at [amunsonk@gmail.com](mailto:amunsonk@gmail.com) or 515-450-2650.

## Holy Communion

Pastor Kathleen will be offering Holy Communion Thursday mornings at 11:00. If you or someone you know would like a home visit, please contact Pastor Kathleen. Sign up online via SignUpGenius, or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

## Summer Sidewalk Bible Study for Kids

Nevada's St. Patrick's and Central Presbyterian churches have teamed up for a weekly sidewalk Bible study this summer! Kids entering 1st—6th grade will read a Bible story and create a storyboard book on the sidewalks around town. Flyers with more information are available in the Narthex.





## Seeking Part-time Custodian

We have been so grateful over the years for the faithful custodial work of Fred Alderson. *THANK YOU*, Fred! At this time, he has discerned taking a step back from this role.

While we will miss Fred, we are currently looking for someone to fill a part-time custodial role. The position will be a flexible 10-15 hours per week and will include cleaning, setup, and other support as needed.

Please call the church office at **515-382-6509**  
or email Emily Dalthorp at **[emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org)**

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.#

*Prayers for healing for Liz and Bob Meimann's son-in-law, John Snitko, as he has just been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Prayers for the entire family.*

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Fred Samuelson	Jeff Sebring
Gary Kluever	<i>son-in-law of Ernie and Marlene Ruhde</i>
Harlen Johnsen	Norma Gandrup
Jim Pappas	Linda Horn
Janeen Driscoll	Glenda Day
Darren Kluever	Ginny Hausner
Jaylee Bartleson	Ken Johnson
Larry Christian	Camden Kelsey
Julie Sutherland	Cooper Leeman
Sheila Collingwood	Jan Cook
<i>Lyndsey De Vos' mother</i>	Margie Nahnsen
Lynn Harris	Maxine Lekwa
George Forsyth	<i>mother of Dave and Steve Lekwa</i>
Cassie Harrell	




*So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my  
righteous right hand.*

**- Isaiah 41:10**



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