

3rd Sunday after Pentecost



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Prelude: *“Come Into God’s Courts With Praise”* by Michael Helman#

Memorial Handbells

Acolytes: Wierson Family

Welcome/Greeting

Call to Worship: *“Come to the Table”*

Presenters: Fox Henson; Clairra, Lily, & Sarah Miller

Come to the table

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All is now ready

Come one and all

Come, oh come

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

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24#

Reader: Dario Zaffarano

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.
²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.
²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Presenter: Dario Zaffarano; Congregation speaks refrain

REFRAIN: “It is good to give thanks to the Lord!”

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
²to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;
³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

REFRAIN: “It is good to give thanks to the Lord!”

⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

REFRAIN: “It is good to give thanks to the Lord!”

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;
¹⁵that they may show how upright the Lord is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

REFRAIN: “It is good to give thanks to the Lord!”

Gospel Acclamation: “Spirit, Open Our Hearts”

Presenter: Fox Henson

*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 3:20-34

The Gospel according to Mark

Glory to You, O Lord

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Blessing and Welcome to the Table

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.**

Invitation to Commune

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.

Prayer for Confirmation Students leaving for camp

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: “Jesus Loves Me” ELW #595

Presenter: Fox Henson

*Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong. [Refrain]*

*Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. [Refrain]*

*Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. [Refrain]*

Refrain:

*Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.*

Dismissal

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

Postlude: “Etude in C” by John Behnke

Memorial Handbells

Announcements

First Communion Online Registration

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: mlcfirstcommunion.eventbrite.com

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

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

A Special Thank You

Denise Rehor, and all of us at Memorial, would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to Peggy Bruns for her gift of beautiful handmade baptismal cloths. Thank you so much, Peggy!

2021-22 Faith Formation Committee Meeting June 17th

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. **Interested individuals are invited to a meeting Thursday, June 17th at 7:00pm in the Lounge.** Contact Kim at 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



Help Needed with Pets

A parishioner is looking for temporary lodging for two lovable cats from noon June 25th through 5:00pm July 13th. The owner will provide litter, litter pans, food, and treats. Please call the church office at **515-382-6509** if you can help.

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 +Marcia Handsaker.

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