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Prelude: "Battle Hymn Tribute" arr. John Behnke

Lois Theesfield, organist

Welcome/Greeting

Call to Worship: "O God Beyond All Praising" ELW #880

All are invited to sing.

O God beyond All Praising



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Reading - Ezekiel 2:1-5

Reader: Larry Parker

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

“Spirit of Gentleness” ELW #396

Presenter: Dave Lekwa; congregation joins on refrains

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn 'Spirit of Gentleness'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness'. The second staff contains 'call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,'. The third staff contains 'stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.' The music consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together.

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **Refrain**
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **Refrain**
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **Refrain**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain**

Gospel Acclamation: "Spirit, Open Our Hearts"

Presenter: Dave Lekwa; congregation joins on repeat

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 6:1-13

The Gospel according to Mark

Glory to You, O Lord

1[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." 5And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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.

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.

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: "Listen God is Calling" ELW #513

Presenter: Dave Lekwa (Leader) & congregation (All)

Listen, God Is Calling *Neno lake Mungu*

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.



Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
 1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
 2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
 that he came to save us and set us free.
 In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
 walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Dismissal

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

Postlude: "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. John Behnke

Lois Theesfield, organist

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.

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Prayers for the family and friends of +Edith Bloomquist

Prayers for the family and friends of +Donna Peterson

Prayers for the family and friends of +Maxine Lekwa.

Easton Farrington
*son of Brady and Megan
Farrington*

James Stephens

Fred Samuelson

Harlen Johnsen

Jim Pappas

Janeen Driscoll

Jaylee Bartleson

Larry Christian

Julie Sutherland

Sheila Collingwood
Lyndsey De Vos' mother

Lynn Harris

George Forsyth

Cassie Harrell

Jeff Sebring
*son-in-law of Ernie and
Marlene Ruhde*

Norma Gandrup

Linda Horn

Glenda Day

Ginny Hausner

Ken Johnson

Camden Kelsey

Cooper Leeman

Jan Cook

Margie Nahnsen

John Snitko
*son-in-law of Bob and
Liz Meimann*

Announcements

Mark Your Calendars—Home Communion Minister Training July 25th

If you have been a home communion minister in the past or would like to learn more about this ministry, we will be having Home Communion Minister Training after church on Sunday, July 25th (approximately 10:00 — 11:00am). This is a very special way of reaching out to those in our congregation who aren't able to join us for in-person worship, but still wish to partake in Communion.

Apply for an Endowment Fund Grant

Is your head brimming with creative projects to serve our congregation, community, or even the world, but you need a little help getting those ideas off the ground? We invite you to apply for a Ministry Endowment Grant! Applications with more details are available on mlcnevada.org or in the Narthex. We can't wait to see your ideas!

Vacation Bible School 2021—St. Patrick's Church

Get on board this summer with St. Patrick's Vacation Bible School program: "Rocky Railway—Jesus' Power Pulls us Through". Kids entering K-6th grade are invited to attend VBS July 11—14 from 6:00—8:00 at St. Patrick's. The cost is \$10 for individuals or \$15 per family. Flyers are available in the Narthex.

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

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.

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or email Emily Dalthorp at emily@mlcnevada.org



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