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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: "Air" arr. Gottlieb Muffat

Lois Theesfield, organist

Acolyte: Borwick family Song Leader: Dave Lekwa

## Welcome/Greeting

## **Holy Baptism**

- P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.
- P As you bring Conner James to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper

bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that Conner James may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made and work for justice and peace.

- P Do you promise to help Conner James grow in Christian faith and life? Then answer "I do"
- R I do.
- P People of God, do you promise to support Conner James and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- C We do.

#### **Profession of Faith**

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- R I do.

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C 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.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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

#### Thanksgiving at the Font

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Rite of Baptism

## **Welcoming the Newly Baptized**

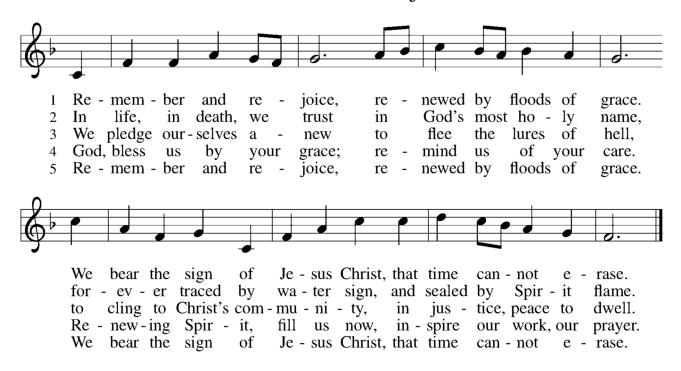
Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- P Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

#### Gathering Song: "Remember and Rejoice" ELW #454

All are invited to sing.

# Remember and Rejoice



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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## Prayer of the Day

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Lector: Steve Jungst

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." To And as Aaron spoke to the whole

congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

#### Psalm 78:23-29

Chanted by congregation.

#### Psalm Tone #7



<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the | clouds above and opened the | doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>raining down manna upon | them to eat and giving them | grain from heaven.

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the | bread of angels; God provided for them | food enough.

<sup>26</sup>The Lord caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens and powerfully led out | the south wind.

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon | them like dust and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>letting them fall in the midst | of the camp and round a- I bout the dwellings.

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and | were well filled, for God gave them | what they craved.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Lector: Steve Jungst

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁵one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be

apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Spirit, Open Our Hearts" All are invited to sing through twice.

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: John 6:24-35

The Gospel according to John Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>35</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ** 

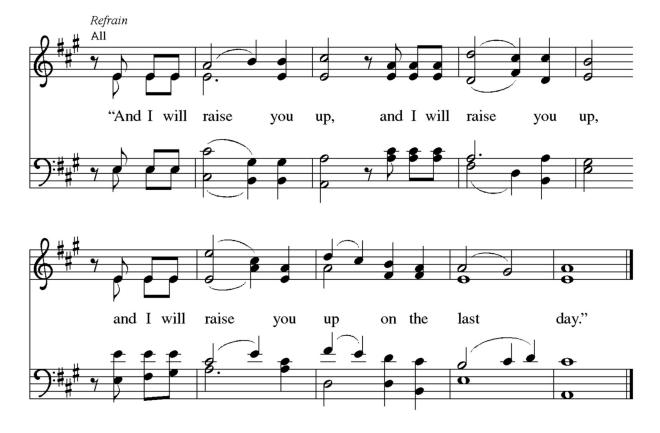
#### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day: "I Am the Bread of Life" ELW #485

Song Leader sings verses; congregation invited to join on all refrains.

- 1 "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."
  Refrain
- 2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever."
  Refrain
- 3 "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you." Refrain

- 4 "I am the resurrection,
   I am the life.
   If you believe in me,
   even though you die, you shall live forever."
   Refrain
- 5 Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the world. *Refrain*



Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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## **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.

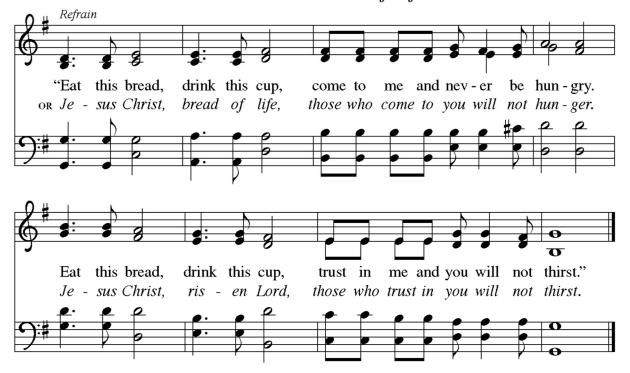
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### Invitation to Commune: "Eat This Bread" ELW #472

Congregation joins on 2nd refrain

Eat This Bread Jesus Christ, Bread of Life



# **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**

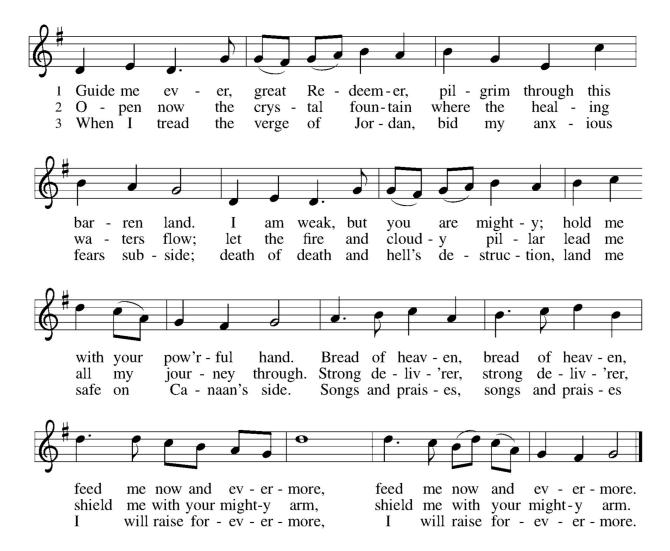
## **Blessing**

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

#### Sending Song: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW #618

All are invited to sing.

## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

#### **Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" arr. Paul Manz Lois Theesfield, organist

#### **Announcements**

## **Home Communion Ministry**

Memorial's Home Communion Ministry is once again reorganizing and preparing to share Communion with those who are homebound or living in care facilities. If you are someone who is interested in taking Christ's gift of Communion to people in our community, or if you know of anyone who would like to receive Communion in their home please call or e-mail Pr. Kathleen at PastorKathleen@mlcnevada.org. Thank you!

# **Endowment Fund Grant Applications Due Aug. 6th at Noon**

There is still time 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!

## Men at Prayer

Join us to read scripture and pray. This group meets here at Memorial Saturday mornings in the Lounge from 7:30—8:30am. Contact the office with any questions. No RSVP required. Hope to see you there!

## "God's Work. Our Hands." Returns Sunday, Sept. 5th

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday is a special day of service where congregations across the ELCA find creative ways to serve in their church and communities. We will have many opportunities available, from singing at care facilities to cleaning Sunday School rooms.

## **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: <a href="mailto:mlcfirstcommunion.eventbrite.com">mlcfirstcommunion.eventbrite.com</a>

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

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

# Memorial's Ministry Teams Need You!

Through our newly reinstated Ministry Teams, there are a variety of ways to become involved with the life of the church. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining one of the following teams:

- Education/Faith Formation Remembrance Outreach & Fellowship Audit
- Stewardship
   Property
   Worship
   Finance

## **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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Patricia Barrance mother of Vanessa Borwick

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