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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: "A Joyful Psalm" arr. Michael Helman

Memorial Handbells

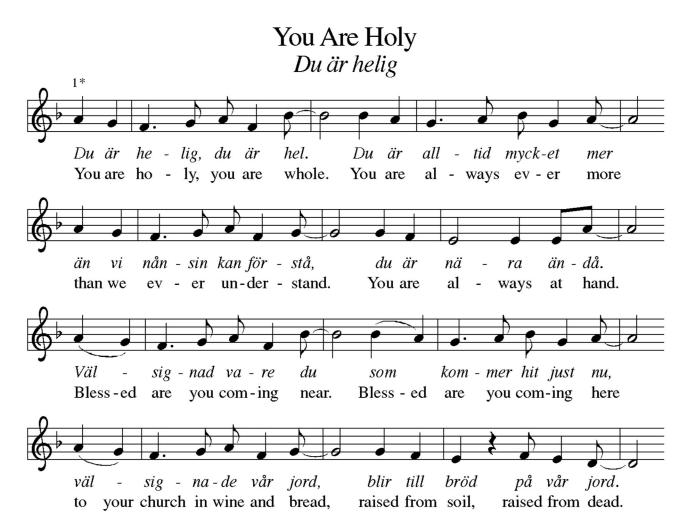
Acolyte: Elsie Sorem

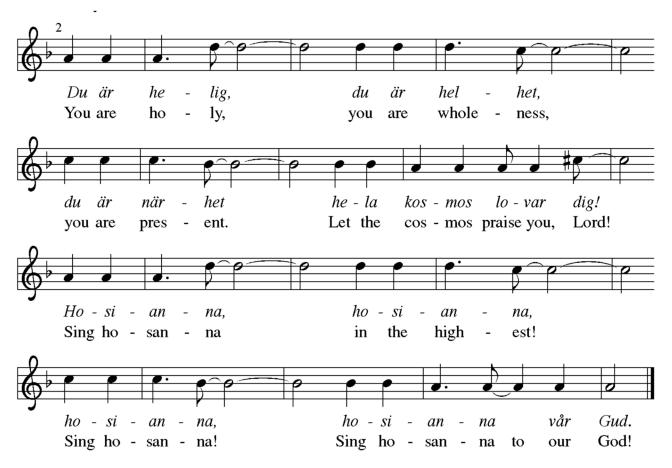
Song Leaders: Sarah and Lily Miller

Welcome/Greeting

Gathering Song: "You Are Holy" ELW #525

Song Leaders sing 1st time through; Congregation joins for 2nd and 3rd time through.





^{*} May be sung in canon.

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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

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Lector: Larry Parker

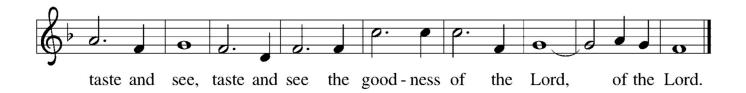
⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Psalm 34:1-8: "Taste and See" ELW #493

Song leaders sing verses; congregation joins on all refrains.

Taste and See





- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*
- Glorify the Lord with me.
 Together let us all praise God's name.
 I called the Lord, who answered me;
 from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*
- Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Lector: Larry Parker

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "Spirit, Open Our Hearts"

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 6:35, 41-51

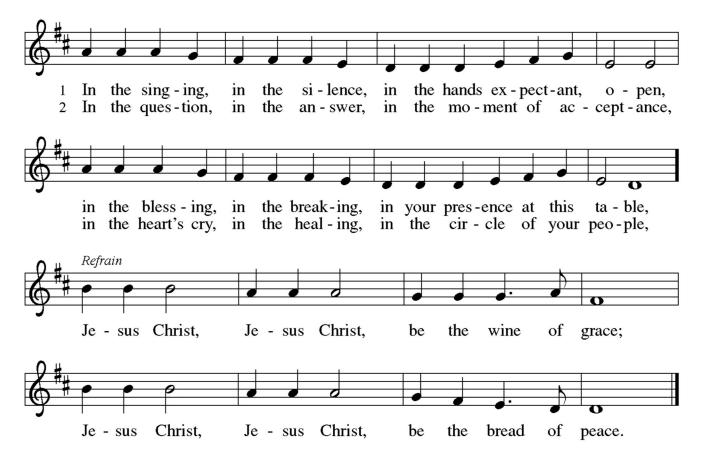
The Gospel according to John Glory to You, O Lord

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Sermon

In the Singing



Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BRÉAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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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

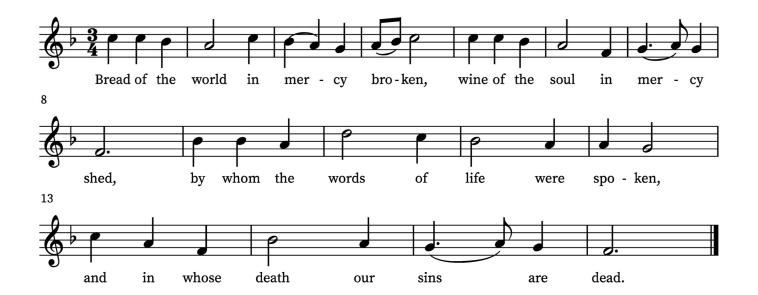
Lord's Prayer

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: "Bread of the World"

Solo first time through; congregation joins second time through.

Bread of the World



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: "O Living Bread from Heaven" ELW #542

All are invited to sing verses 1, 2, and 4

O Living Bread from Heaven



- 1 O liv ing Bread from heav en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav-ior, you have led me with in your ho-liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want ed; this food can death de stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest. here your-self have and fed me with trea - sures of your grace; And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy. course on earth is serve you, free from length - ened, to fear:



0 won-drous food of bless - ing! O that heals our woes! cup giv - en what for you have free - ly earth could nev - er My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown, bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Dismissal

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

Postlude: "Jubilant Fanfare" arr. Kevin McChesney

Memorial Handbells

Announcements

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!

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!

"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: mlcfirstcommunion.eventbrite.com

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

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

A Reminder Regarding Offering

It's been some time since we've all been regularly worshiping in person together, so here's a quick reminder of how our loose offering is distributed each month:

First Sunday: World Hunger

Second Sunday: Good Samaritan Fund

Third Sunday: Dorcas Fund

Fourth/Fifth Sunday(s): MLC General Fund

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.

Lisa & Chuck Rodgers and family

Dave Olinger brother of De Carsrud

Patricia Barrance mother of Vanessa Borwick

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Family of John and Tanya Sorem

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