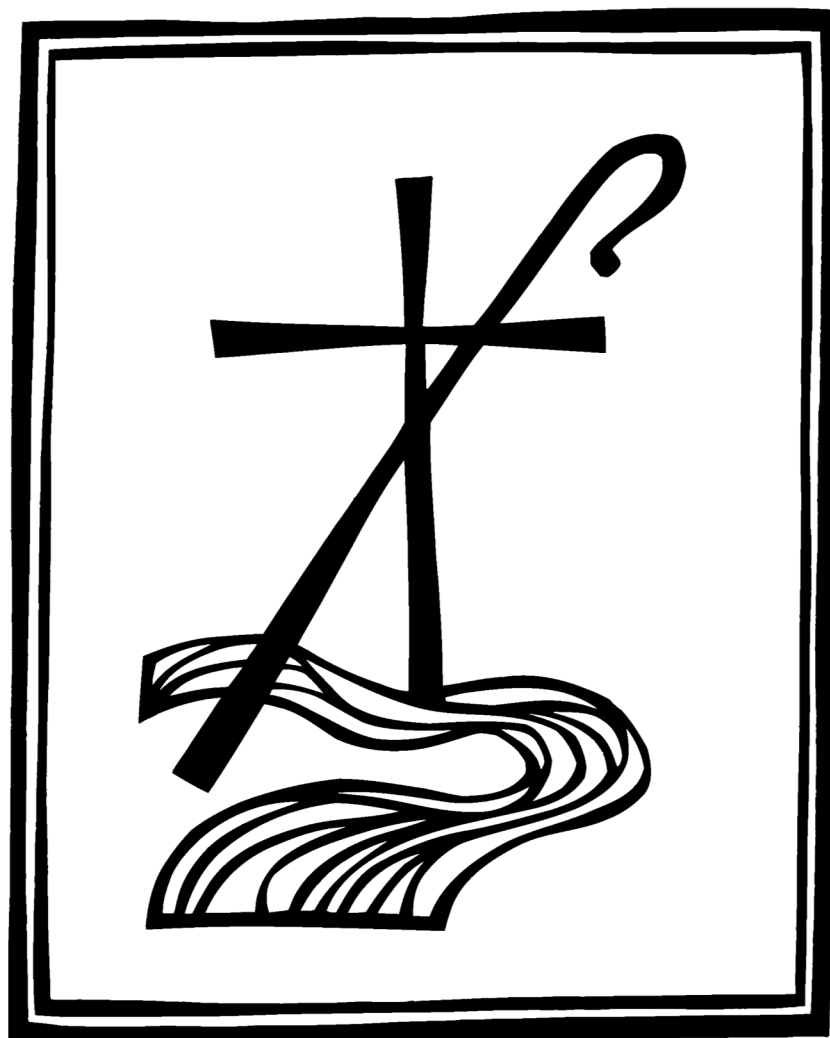


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Prelude: *"Here is Love" by Robert Lowry, arr. Sharon Wilson*
Gretchen Theesfield, violin; Fox Henson, cello

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 Theodore Ezekiel 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,
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 Theodore Ezekiel 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 Theodore Ezekiel grow in Christian faith and life? Then answer
"I do"

R I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Theodore Ezekiel 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: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" ELW #445

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Lector: Kenzie Alderson

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Anthem: “Grace Alone” arr. Molly Ijames

Memorial Choir; Gretchen Theesfield, violin; Fox Henson, cello

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Lector: Kenzie Alderson

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 6:56-69

Bishop Amy Current

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Bishop Amy Current

Hymn of the Day: "Soli Deo Gloria" ELW #878

Soli Deo Gloria



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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Installation of a Pastor

Presentation

Address and Questions

The presiding minister questions the pastor being installed.

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

The presiding minister questions the pastor being installed.

Pastor Lotz, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace?

Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

*The assembly responds: **Amen.***

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God,
will you receive Pastor Kathleen Lotz as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her,
help and honor her for her work's sake,
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

Pastor Lotz the office of Pastor is now committed to you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessing & Procession

Sharing of the Peace / Offering Our Thanks

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

Choral Response: *"This is Christ's Body"*

Memorial Choir

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 God Beyond All Praising" ELW #880

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.

Dismissal

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

Postlude: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" arr. Burkhardt
Lois Theesfield, organist

Announcements

Installation Celebration Following Worship Today

All are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments following today's service of installation. Seating will be available both outdoors and indoors.

Join Memorial's Music Ministry

The Memorial Choir and Memorial Handbells are looking for singers and ringers! Handbells meet Wednesdays from 6:00—7:15pm, followed by choir from 7:30—8:45pm. Rehearsals begin September 1. Please contact Lois Theesfield, Director of Music Ministry (loistfield@gmail.com) for more information.

School Supplies Needed for Nevada Kids

With school just around the corner, a variety of supplies are needed to help kids get an awesome start to their new year. The following items are especially needed and can be dropped off at Memorial during office hours or Sunday mornings through August 29:

- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Plastic Folders
- School Supply Boxes
- Pencil Pouches
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks

“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.

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!

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 worshipping 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

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.

Lisa & Chuck Rodgers
and family

Patricia Barrance
*mother of Vanessa
Borwick*

Carsrud family following
death of De's brother,
Dave Olinger

Family of John and
Tanya Sorem

Jami Tharp

Fred Samuelson

Harlen Johnsen

Larry Christian

Jaylee Bartleson

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

Norma Gandrup

Glenda Day

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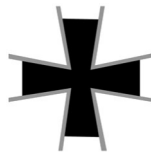
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