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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**An asterisk denotes that the congregation is invited to stand*

Prelude: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Chris Owenby

Memorial Choir

Acolytes: Lars & Rachel Borwick

Welcome

***Gathering Song:** "O Sing to the Lord" ELW #822

Oh, Sing to the Lord *Cantad al Señor*

1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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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,
 whose teaching is life,
 whose presence is sure,
 and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

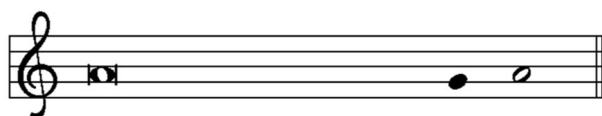
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

*Kyrie and Cantic of Praise



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



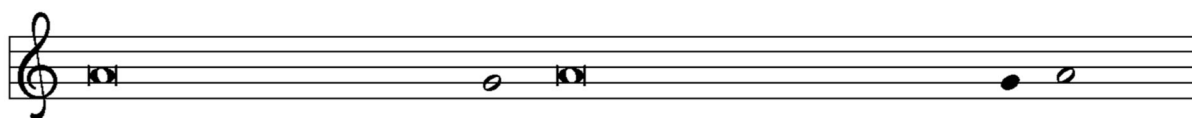
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

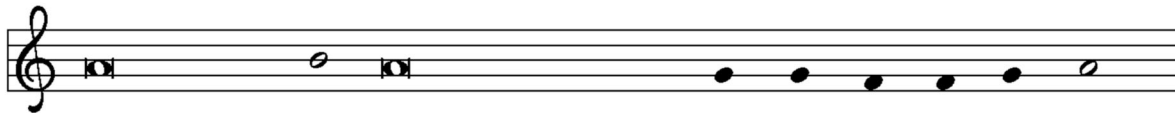


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

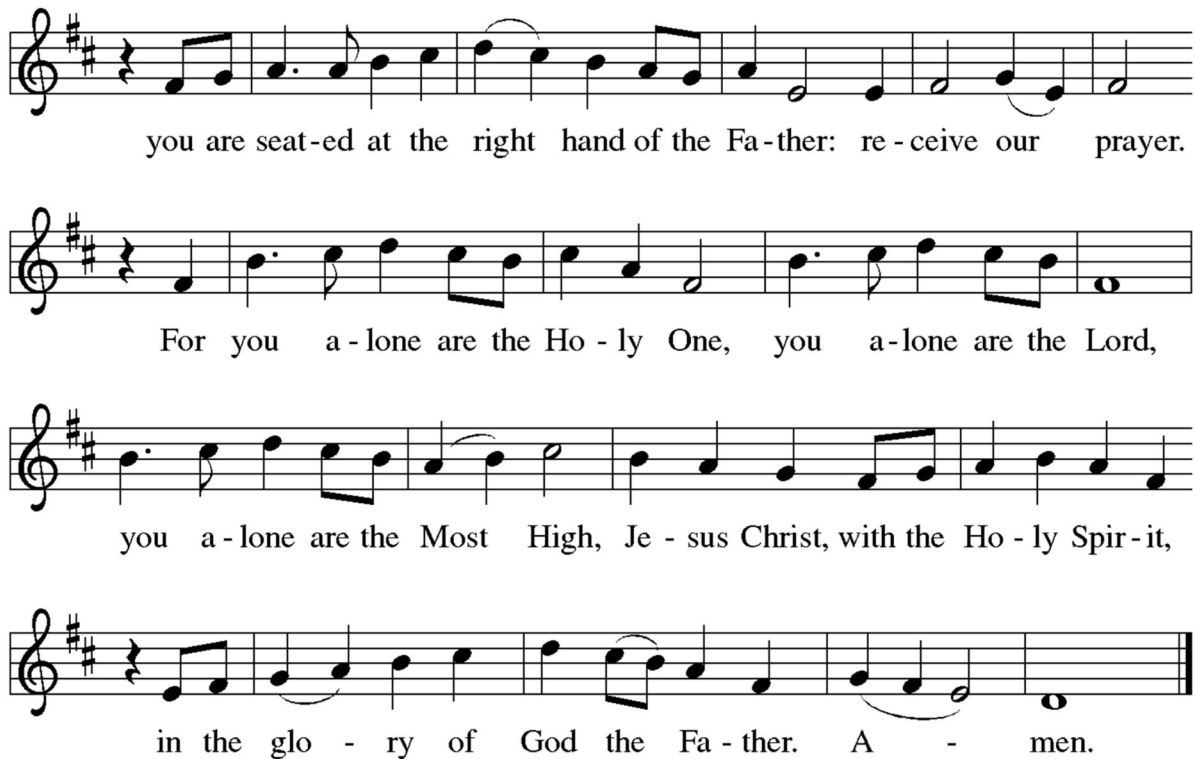


Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;





*Prayer of the Day

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Lector: Judi Twedt

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy

elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Psalm 19:7-14

Memorial Choir sings refrains; all chant Psalm text

Psalm Tone #1



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REFRAIN: The Commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes.

**The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.**

REFRAIN

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

REFRAIN

**Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion |
over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your
sight,
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.**

REFRAIN

Second Reading: James 5:13-20

Lector: Judi Twedt

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

The Gospel according to Mark
Glory to You, O Lord

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"Where Cross the Crowded Way of Life"* ELW #719

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

- 5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

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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.

***Prayers of Intercession**

***Sharing of the Peace / Offering Our Thanks**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

***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.

***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.

Congregation is invited to be seated while they commune and then stand to participate during the Communion Song

Invitation to Commune

***Communion Song:** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart"* ELW #800

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move; one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:'. The third staff continues with lyrics: 'stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part, the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with lyrics: 'and make me love you as I ought to love, my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.'.

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,
wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:
stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,
and make me love you as I ought to love,
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Announcements

*Blessing

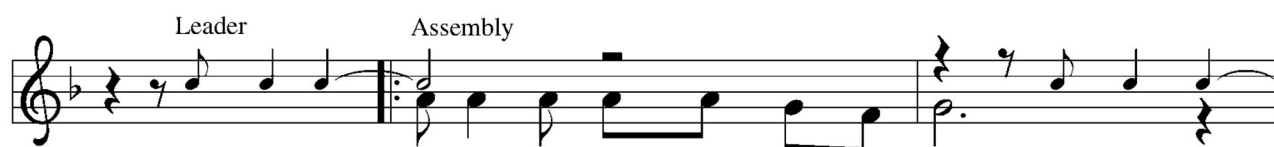
People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, + one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

*Sending Song: "Amen, We Praise Your Name" ELW #846

All sing four times through following Memorial Choir introduction

Amen, We Praise Your Name

Amen siakudumisa



Ma - si - thi! A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!
Sing prais-es! A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!



A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi! A - men, ba - wo.
A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A - men, a - men.



A - men, ba - wo. A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!
A - men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!

Text: South African traditional

Music: AMEN SIAKUDUMISA, attr. S. C. Molefe, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana

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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. J. Bert Carlson

Lois Theesfield, piano

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.

Gary Kluever	Fred Samuelson	George Forsyth
Judy Coverdale	Larry Christian	Janeen Driscoll
Lisa & Chuck Rodgers and family	Jaylee Bartleson	Lynn Harris
Patricia Barrance <i>mother of Vanessa Borwick</i>	Jeff Sebring <i>son-in-law of Ernie and Marlene Ruhde</i>	Julie Sutherland
Carsrud family following death of De's brother, Dave Olinger	Norma Gandrup	Cassie Harrell
Family of John and Tanya Sorem	Glenda Day	Jan Cook
Jami Tharp	Sheila Collingwood <i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>	John Snitko <i>son-in-law of Bob and Liz Meimann</i>
	James Stephens	Jim Pappas



Announcements

Have you picked up your name badge?

In the spirit of being “The Welcome Place”, let’s help Pr. Kathleen, visitors, and all of us get to know one another. Name badges are available for pickup outside the South door of the Sanctuary. Please take it with you (we suggest storing it in your vehicle) and bring it when you come to church. If you don’t see your name, don’t panic! Our database needs some cleaning up, so some names may not have made it to the computer-generated list. Please write your name on the sheet provided on the name tags table, and we will print one for you.

Blessing of the Animals—Saturday, October 2nd, 10:00am

Next weekend we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi! Saint Francis of Assisi was the patron saint of animals and was also well known for caring for the poor and all of nature. You are invited to bring your pet to the courtyard at Memorial next Saturday morning for a very brief blessing service. All are welcome to come and receive God's blessing for their furry (or not so furry) four-legged family members, as well as those that perhaps are scaly or have gills. Let your friends know and bring them and their pets along too!

Intergenerational Faith Formation Continues

Kids and adults of ALL ages are invited to learn and grow in their faith through lessons and activities offered both Sundays following worship and Wednesday evenings this Fall. A full schedule is available in the Narthex.

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. Please contact Lois Theesfield, Director of Music Ministry (loistfield@gmail.com) for more information.

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!

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

Home Communion Ministry

Memorial's Home Communion Ministry is preparing to share Communion with those who are homebound or living in care facilities. If you are 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!

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



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