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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "Foundation" arr. Wilbur Held

Lois Theesfield, organ

Acolytes: Zack Wierson and Lars Borwick

Welcome

***Gathering Song:** "How Firm a Foundation" ELW #796

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,





Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

***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.

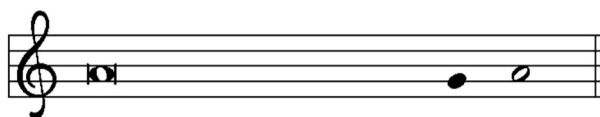
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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,

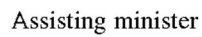
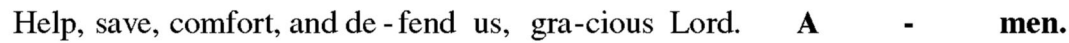
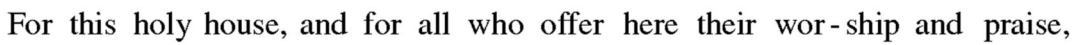


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

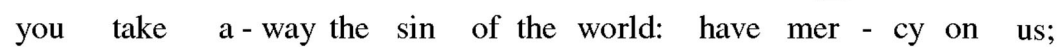
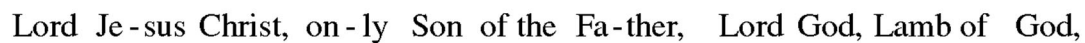
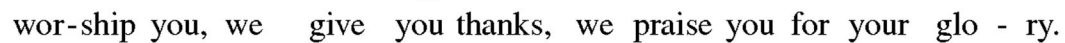


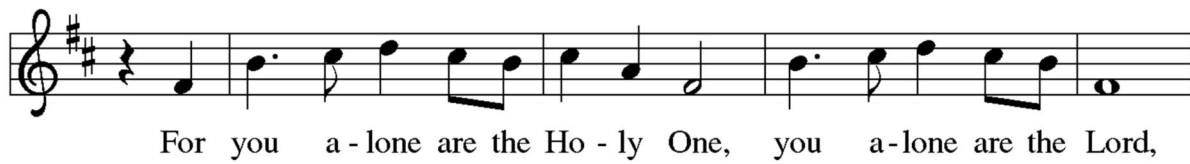


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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





*Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Lector: Gloria Jacobson

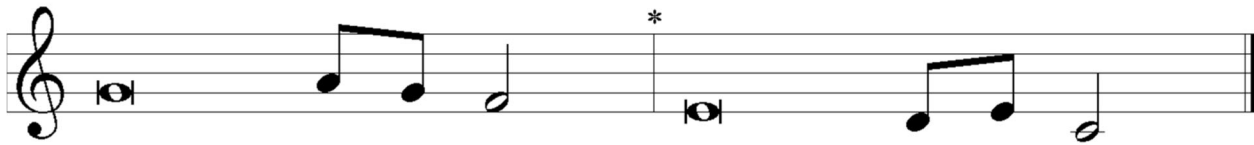
¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalm 8

Memorial Choir sings refrains; all chant Psalm text



REFRAIN: You adorn us with Glory and Honor.

**O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children,
Your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.**

REFRAIN

**When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?**

REFRAIN

**Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
O | Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**

REFRAIN

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Lector: Gloria Jacobson

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

The Gospel according to Mark
Glory to You, O Lord

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to

them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Anthem: *"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"* arr. Lloyd Larson
Memorial Choir

***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:** *"Day by Day"* ELW #790, verses 1 & 2



Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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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:** *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* ELW #543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “How Firm a Foundation” arr. David Cherwien

Lois Theesfield, organ



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

Council Nominations Continue This Week

All are invited to begin a time of prayer as you discern a person to nominate for a term on the Congregation Council. The term of service is three years beginning in January of 2022. There are four seats available with Carl Link, Dan Stieler, Kathy (Lynn) Johnson, and Kenzie Alderson concluding their terms. They would need to be nominated to consider serving another term.

And don't forget, young adults ages 16 - 34 are needed on Council too! We have many wonderful youth in our congregation, so please consider them in your nomination discernment.

Nomination ballots may be cast during the following times:

Today (Sunday, Oct. 3rd) during worship

Oct. 4th - 7th* during church office hours (8:30am - 4:30pm)

**On Wednesday, Oct. 6th nomination hours will be extended to 8:30pm*

Thank you for your input in choosing these very important leaders of our congregation!

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.

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.

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

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 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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