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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "Praise!" arr. Fred Gramann

Memorial Handbells

Acolytes: Seyller family

Welcome

***Gathering Song:** "Gather Us In" ELW #532

Gather Us In



- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.





Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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.

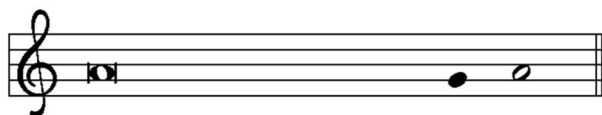
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

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 Canticle 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.



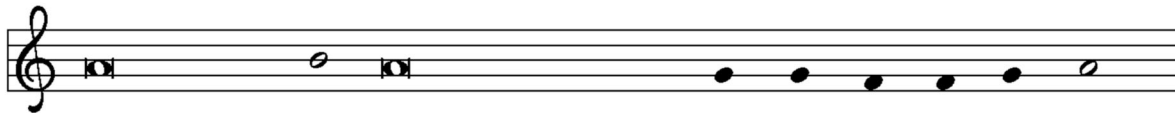
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

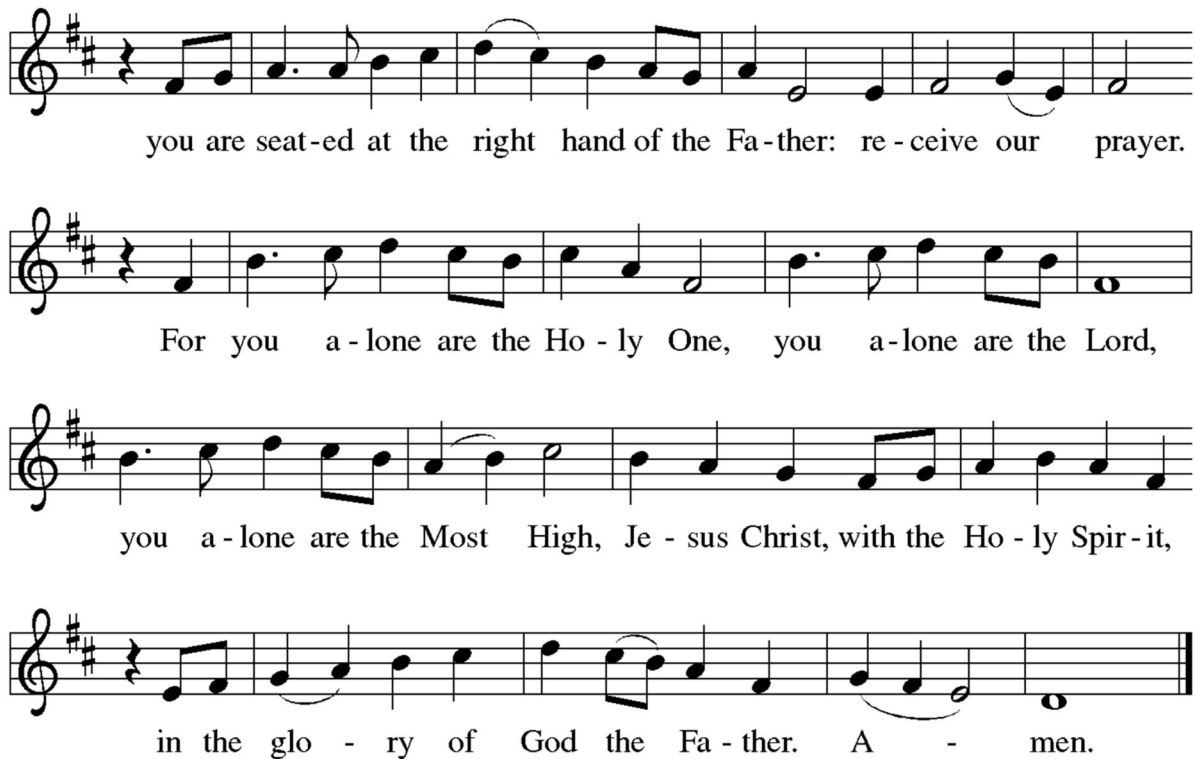


Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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





*Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

⁶Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm 90:12-17

All chant Psalm text



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So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.
Return, O Lord; how long | will you tarry?
Be gracious | to your servants.

Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

Show your ser- | vants your works,
and your splendor | to their children.
May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***Gospel Acclamation**

***Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31**

The Gospel according to Mark
Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Anthem: *“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”* arr. Bob Burroughs
Memorial Handbells; Dave Lekwa, vocal solo

***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**

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: "I Received the Living God" ELW #477

Verse 1 sung by Dave Lekwa; all sing refrain

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

Verse 1

Jesus said: I am the bread,
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die. **Refrain**

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:** *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* ELW #551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *"The Heavens Declare"* arr. Benedetto Marcello
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.

*Prayers of thanksgiving and prayers for a healthy return home for
Steve and Sue Lekwa's newest granddaughter Hanna*

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

Pizza and Games this Wednesday, October 13th, 5:45—8:00pm

Our Wednesday night intergenerational faith formation will feature pizza and outdoor / indoor games this week. Come hungry and ready for some fun!

Memorial Kids Sing Next Sunday, October 17th

Our Sunday School kids will lead us in special music next Sunday—you won't want to miss it! Thank you, kids!

Need a ride to church?

We are compiling a list of those who are willing to take people to and from worship on Saturdays / Sundays or to other church activities. Please let the church office know if you or someone you know needs a ride, or if you would be willing to be a driver. Thank you!

First United Methodist Dinner Fundraiser for Good Samaritan Fund

A freewill donation take n' go dinner will be served from the Methodist Church on Friday, October 29th during the time of the Main Street Nevada Trick-or-Treat Event. There will be opportunities to help prep and distribute the to-go meals. A freewill donation will be collected for the Good Samaritan Fund which provides Nevada families assistance with their rent and utility bills. Please contact Kim Stieler if you would like to help in any way.

Tithe.ly, Memorial's New Online Giving Platform, Launches November 1st

We are excited to share that beginning **November 1, 2021** we will be launching online giving through Tithe.ly, a safe and secure giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts! (Tithe.ly will replace Vanco, our current giving platform.)

Members who are currently enrolled in Vanco's automatic giving will be contacted directly in the coming weeks with step-by-step information on switching to Tithe.ly (hint: it's incredibly easy!) Keep an eye on your email and worship announcements for more details.

All Saints Sunday, November 7th

On the first Sunday in November, we will be reading the names of those who have passed away during this past year. Please let the church office know of those whose names you would like to be read.

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

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.

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!

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!



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