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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa *An asterisk denotes that the congregation is invited to stand

Prelude: *"Praise the Almighty"* arr. Burkhardt, Rotermund, Behnke *Lois Theesfield, organ*

Acolytes: Rachel and Lars Borwick

Welcome

*Gathering Song: "Praise the Almighty!" ELW #877



Praise the Almighty!



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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





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









*Prayer of the Day

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Lector: Art Check

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob. and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See. I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Anthem: *"Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name"* arr. Dennard *Memorial Choir*

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Lector: Art Check

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

*Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

The Gospel according to Mark **Glory to You, O Lord**

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ₄₇When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ₄₈Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ₄₉Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ₅₀So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Sermon

*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.

Presentation from Endowment Board

It is the privilege of the Endowment Board to make annual grants to creative and innovative projects that serve our community and the world. Following the example of Jesus, our board particularly supports projects that serve the overlooked and the neglected. We favor...

- small projects, because they are often seeds of change;
- projects that require collaboration with others
- projects that draw diverse people together in order to build new relationships; and
- projects that evoke simplicity and self-giving generosity.

Since 2009, the Ministry Endowment has granted \$379,631 to 249 projects. These projects have served persons at Memorial, in Nevada and Story County in Iowa, and globally. Meanwhile, the principle of the Endowment Fund is preserved in order that we might perpetually continue to award worthy projects year after year.

This year, we are privileged to award \$32,043 to 28 worthy projects.

*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: "Amazing Grace" ELW #779

All are invited to sing the following verse two times through.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

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: "Lead Me, Guide Me" ELW #768

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

- I am weak, and I need Thy strength and pow'r To help me over my weakest hour; Help me through the darkness Thy face to see, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]
- Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
 Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
 I am putting all my trust in Thee,
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

3 I am lost, if you take your hand from me; I am blind, without Thy Light to see; Lord, just always let me Thy servant be, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* arr. Anne Krentz Organ *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.

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

Michael Neal

Ethyleen Sampson

Gary Kluever

Judy Coverdale

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

Larry Christian

Jaylee Bartleson

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

Norma Gandrup

Glenda Day

Sheila Collingwood mother of Lyndsey De Vos

James Stephens

George Forsyth

Janeen Driscoll

Lynn Harris

Julie Sutherland

Cassie Harrell

Jan Cook

John Snitko son-in-law of Bob and Liz Meimann

Jim Pappas

Trunk-or-Treat is Back! - Saturday, Oct. 30th

Join Memorial Lutheran, St. Patrick's, and Central Presbyterian in Memorial's parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 30th for Trunk-or-Treat! All ages are welcome to decorate their vehicle and / or participate in trick-or-treating. Please call the church office to reserve a parking space for your costumed vehicle. Setup will begin at 5:00 PM, followed by "trunk-or-treating" from 6:00—7:30 PM.

Donations Needed for Lutheran World Relief Kits

During our Wednesday night Faith Time this week, we will be assembling kits as part of a Lutheran World Relief initiative. The following supplies would be greatly appreciated (items in bold are especially needed). Please drop them by the church any time during office hours through Wednesday, October 27th. Thank you!

- Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"
- Light-weight bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. in original packaging
- Adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging
- Sturdy combs
- 30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- Erasers approximately 2 1/2" long
- Sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bags, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Join us for Faith Formation this Wednesday, October 27th

All ages are invited to join in Faith Time activities this Wednesday, October 27th from 5:45— 8:00 PM. We will be sharing a meal, fellowship time, and will be assembling Lutheran World Relief kits, along with completing other service projects. Please come and go as you like!

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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