

# First Sunday of Advent

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

**Prelude:** "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" arr. John Behnke

Lois Theesfield, organist

Acolytes: Rachel & Lars Borwick

## Welcome

## \*Warm the Time of Winter Gathering and Penitential Rite

### WARM THE TIME OF WINTER

Hymn text: Ruth Duck

Gathering Rite

Music: Lori True

#### 1. Gathering Song



1. When the wind of win - ter blows, bring - ing times of  
2. When we shiv - er in des - pair, when the chill of  
3. When in days of fall - en snow, change con - founds or



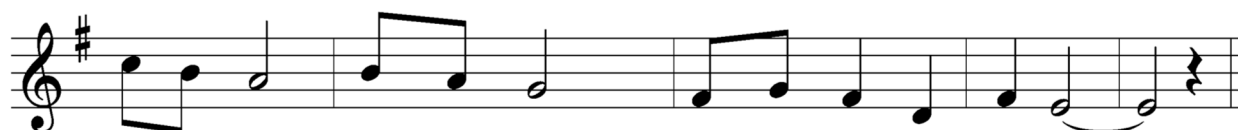
sol - i - tude, fill the si - lent, ic - y night;  
death comes near, hold us, Spir - it, calm our fear,  
love burns low, from the ash - es may there rise



be our hearts' com - pas - sion.  
while the eve - ning deep - ens.  
phoe - nix of our grow - ing.



Ho - ly light, warm our night; warm the time of win - ter.



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## 2. Penitential Rite

*Cantor*

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e -  
Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e -  
Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e -

*All*

le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e,  
le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste,  
le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e,

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chri - ste e - le - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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## \*Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lighting of Advent Candle

All sing first verse of "People Look East" ELW #248



## People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.

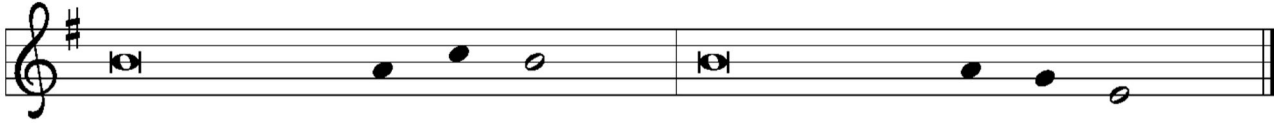
### First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

*Lector: Josh Lotz*

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

## Psalm 25:1-10

*Soloist chants odd verses; congregation chants even verses*



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- <sup>1</sup>To <sup>l</sup>you, O LORD,  
I lift <sup>l</sup>up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be <sup>l</sup>put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph <sup>l</sup>over me.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be <sup>l</sup>put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame <sup>l</sup>who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup>**Show me your <sup>l</sup>ways, O LORD,  
and teach <sup>l</sup>me your paths.**
- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>l</sup>truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all <sup>l</sup>the day long.
- <sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- <sup>l</sup>sion and love,  
for they are from <sup>l</sup>everlasting.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and <sup>l</sup>my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your  
good- <sup>l</sup>ness, O LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- <sup>l</sup>right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners <sup>l</sup>in your way.**
- <sup>9</sup>You lead the low- <sup>l</sup>ly in justice  
and teach the low- <sup>l</sup>ly your way.
- <sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast <sup>l</sup>love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your <sup>l</sup>testimonies.**

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

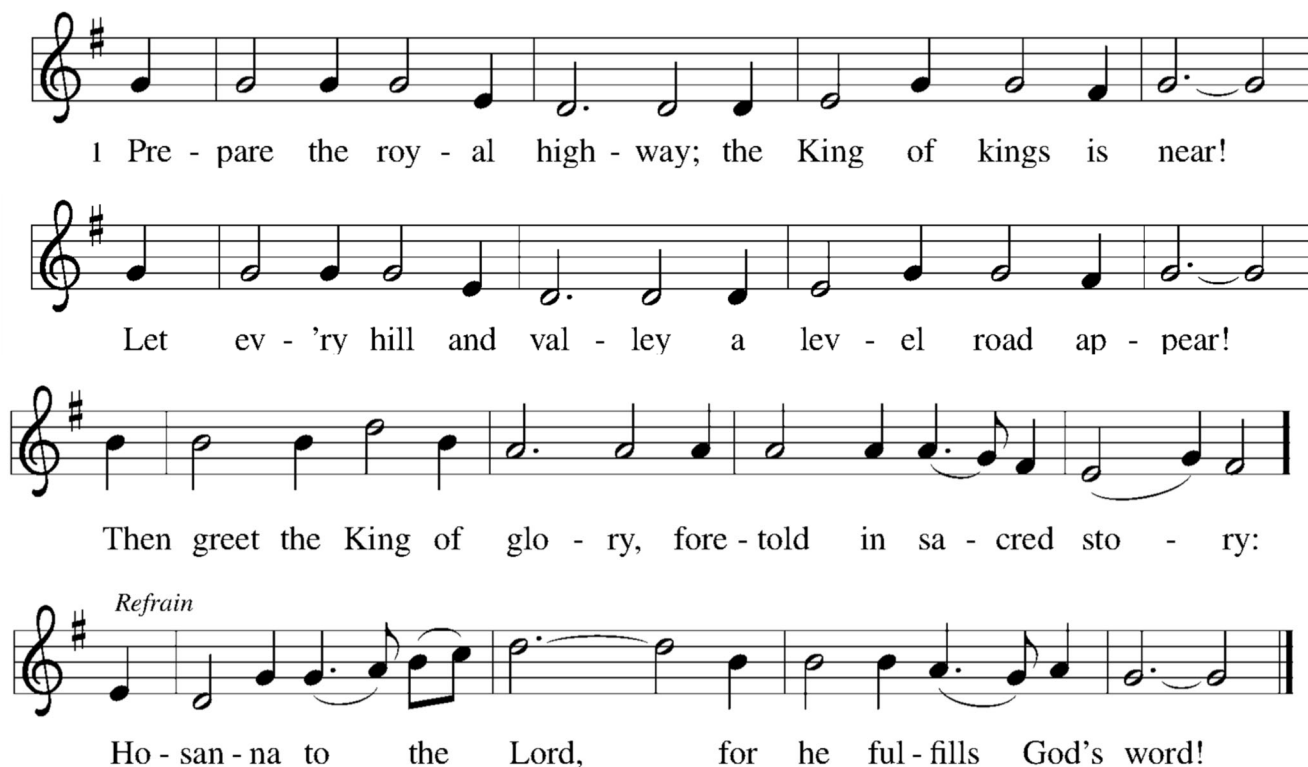
*Lector: Josh Lotz*

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## \*Gospel Acclamation

### Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:

*Refrain*

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

## \*Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

## Sermon

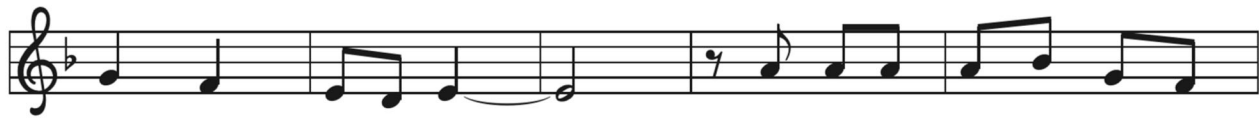
### Hymn of the Day “There is a Longing in Our Hearts” ACS #1078

Memorial Choir sings verses; all sing refrains

## There Is a Longing in Our Hearts



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us.

There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole-ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.  
hear our prayer.  
deep-est night.

In sor - row, in grief:  
In weak - ness, in fear:  
In sick - ness, in death:  
We call you; we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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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**

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

## **Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** *"We Are Waiting for Jesus"* arr. John Helgen  
*Memorial Choir*

## **Offering Prayer**

God of our waiting and watching,  
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives  
to the service of all your people.  
Prepare the way before us  
as we meet you in this simple meal,  
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.  
**Amen.**



## **\*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.

## **Invitation to the Table**

**Communion Song:** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* ELW #254



# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## Prayer after Communion

Most High God,  
you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**Amen.**

## Announcements

### \*Blessing

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:** *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"* ELW #436 (stanzas 1 & 2)



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"* arr. David Cherwien  
Lois Theesfield, organist

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

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Lynn Harris  
Julie Sutherland  
Cassie Harrell  
Jan Cook  
John Snitko  
*son-in-law of Bob and  
Liz Meimann*  
Carsrud family following  
death of De's brother,  
Dave Olinger



# Announcements

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation December 12th

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, December 12th during our regular 9:00 AM worship. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Memorial's ministries, review the 2022 Spending Plan, and vote on important amendments to our Constitution.

## Kids Christmas Program December 12th

Memorial's kids will be presenting their Christmas program during worship on Sunday, December 12th, where we will hear the story of Jesus' birth through narration and song.

## Christmas Vespers Premieres Online December 19th at 7:00 PM

Join us on our YouTube channel for our annual Christmas Vespers concert. From choir and bells, to soloists and special instrumentalists, you won't want to miss this beautiful evening of Christmas music!

## First Communion Workshop and Celebration

We will be holding a First Communion Workshop from 9:30—11:30 AM Saturday, December 4th at Memorial. A celebration of First Communion will then be held Sunday, December 5th during the 9:00 AM worship service. If you have any questions, please email Pr. Kathleen at [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org).

## Tithe.ly Clarification

Thank you to everyone who has already made the switch over to Tithe.ly, our new online giving platform. Please note that this switch applies to all members who have been using automatic giving. In other words, ***if you have been using automatic giving, you will need to switch to Tithe.ly for that giving to continue.*** Please visit [mlcnevada.org](http://mlcnevada.org) or [tithe.ly/give](http://tithe.ly/give) to start giving with Tithe.ly. If you need help, please call the church office or stop by during office hours.

## **Join in a “Snowtastic Day” this December!**

ISU Extension and Outreach will be hosting a “Snowtastic Day” December 28th from 8:00 AM—3:00 PM here at Memorial. This indoor event will explore programming robots to move snow, using Legos to create snowblades, learning about snow, and much more! Fees are \$25 per participant; \$15 per 4-H/Clover Kid Member; \$15 per additional sibling. To register, please contact Mary Wilkins at 515-337-1601 or [mwilkins@iastate.edu](mailto:mwilkins@iastate.edu).





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