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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" arr. Pachelbel

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



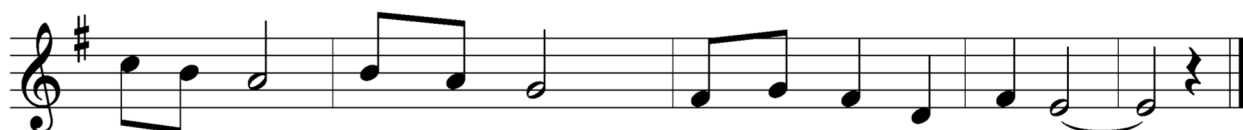
sol - i - tude, fill the si - lent, ic - y night;
death comes near, hold us, Spir - it, calm our fear,
love burns low, from the ash - es may there rise



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.



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

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lighting of Advent Candle

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



People, Look East

2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '2' indicating a second ending or a specific measure. The lyrics are: '2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.'

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Lector: Chad Borwick

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

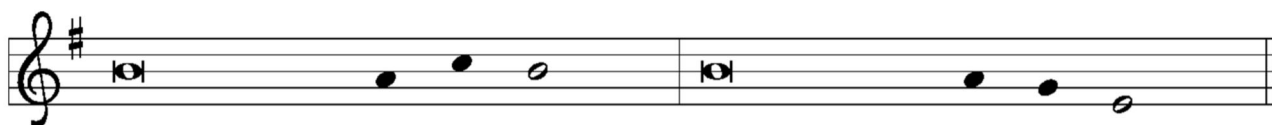
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:68-79

Congregation chants **bold** verses; soloist chants all other verses



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Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.

**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
from the hands of | all who hate us,

**to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

**free to worship you | without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

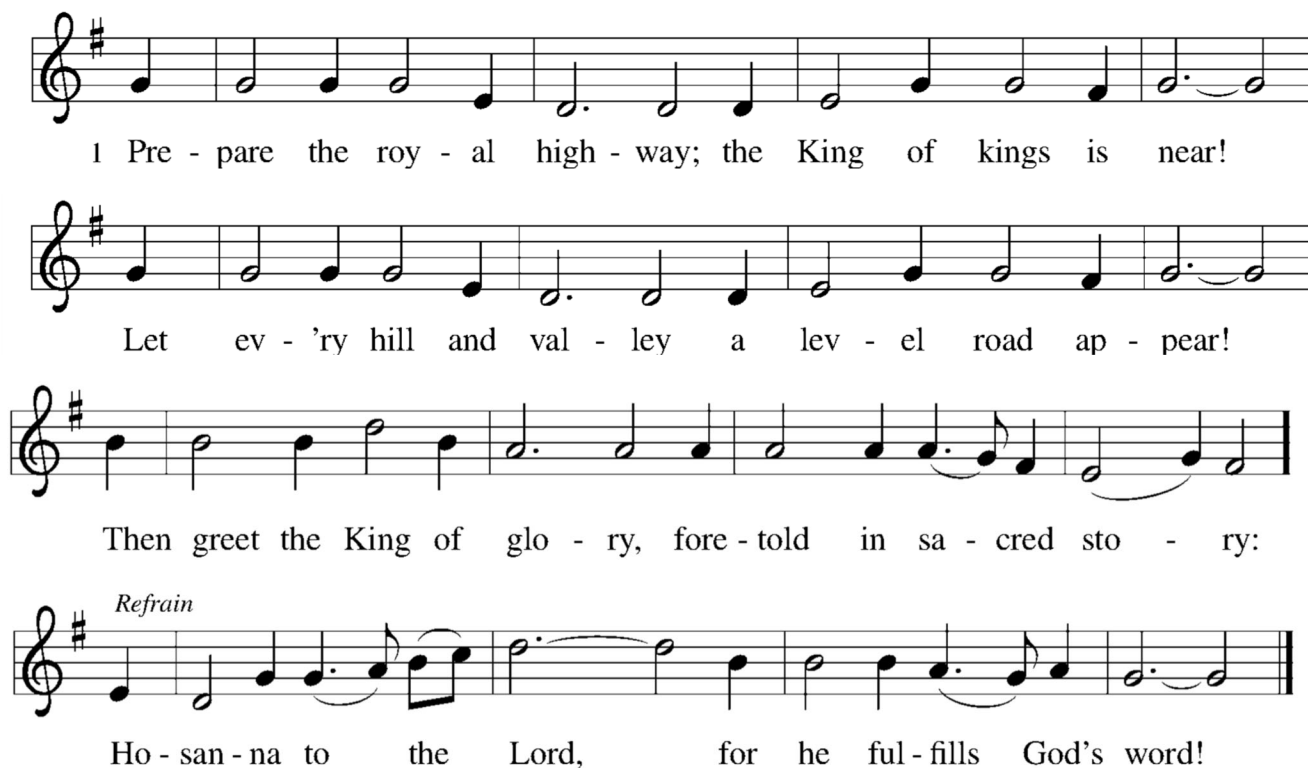
Lector: *Chad Borwick*

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*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 3:1-6

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"* ELW #255

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the

high - way, a high - way for our God!
peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
na - tions and soon will right the wrong.

The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the

loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now

plac - es where God, our God, may go!
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
lead them, and bring them to your fold.

Text: James Lewis Milligan, 1876-1961, alt.

Music: ASCENSION, Henry Hugh Bancroft, 1904-1988

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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: *"Savior of the Nations Come"* arr. Cathy Moglebust
Memorial Handbells

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.

Invitation and Prayer for First Communion families

***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: *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"* ELW #256



Comfort, Comfort Now My People



- 1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
- 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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:** *"Hark, the Glad Sound"* ELW #239

Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"* arr. Pachelbel

Lois Theesfield, organist

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.

Jane Heintz
Dick Couser
JD Parr
cousin of Kim Stieler
Teresa & Kim Krebs
and family
Michael Neal
Ethyleen Sampson
Gary Kluever
Judy Coverdale
Patricia Barrance
*mother of Vanessa
Borwick*

John Snyder
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
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*
Carsrud family following
death of De's brother,
Dave Olinger



Announcements

Today: First Communion Celebration

A celebration of First Communion will be held during worship this morning. We welcome to the Table:

- Elsie Sorem • Orson Nady • Kane Kinyon
- Tava Beaston • Emerson DeVos • Owen Olson

Annual Meeting of the Congregation Dec. 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 Dec. 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.

Blue Christmas Service (in-person) Dec. 19th at 2:00 PM

This time of year can be hard for those who are grieving loved ones, and sometimes the hustle and bustle of Christmas can be overwhelming. Our Blue Christmas service will be a quiet, reflective, and healing service for those who are grieving. Please share this service with friends and family as all are welcome.

Christmas Vespers Premieres Online Dec. 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!

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 or 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.



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