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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

**Prelude:** "Savior Of The Nations Come" arr. Ore, Zachau, Burhardt

Dave Blumer, organist

Acolytes: Seyller Family

## Welcome

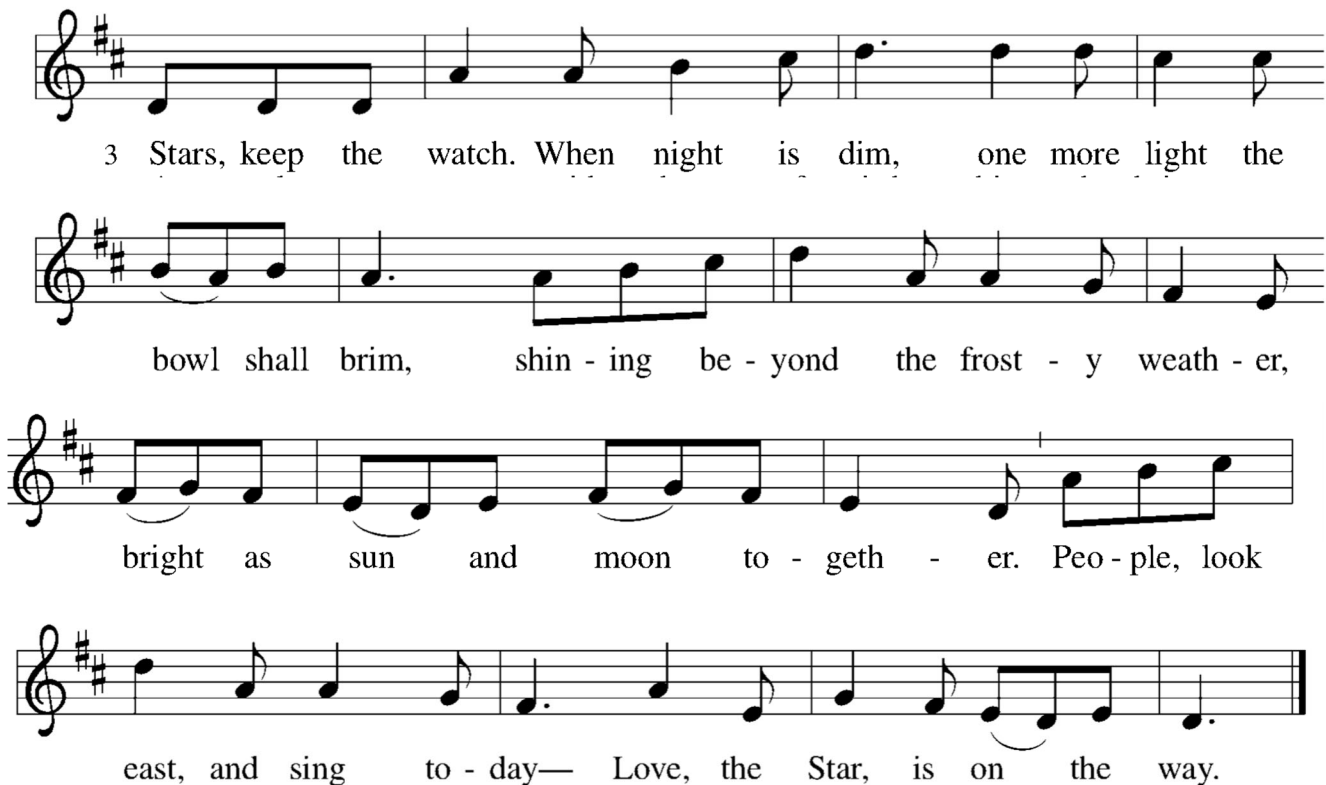
## \*Prayer of the Day

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 third verse of "People Look East" ELW #248

### People, Look East



3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.

## **Christmas Presentation "The Birth of Jesus"**

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

#### **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

#### **Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head;  
the stars in the sky look down where He lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes,  
the little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
and take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

### **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

#### **Joy to the World**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

### **We Three Kings**

#### **Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. How I wonder what you are.  
Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star. How I wonder what you are

*Thank you to our young people for sharing the story of Christmas with us!  
Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to organize the presentation and made it  
possible for us to share in the Christmas story in such a special way!*

# Annual Meeting

## Call to Order

Larry Parker, Council President

## Celebrating Our Life Together This Past Year

### Faith Formation

Kim Stieler, Sunday School Superintendent

Pastor Kathleen

### Worship

Pastor Kathleen

### Giving and Generosity

Dan Stieler, Council Treasurer

### Property

Jerome Rewerts, Property Team Member

### Vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Larry Parker, Council President

## Adjournment of Meeting

### \*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: "He Came Down" ELW #253

## He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

## Dismissal

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

**Postlude:** *“Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”* arr. Wilbur Held  
*Dave Blumer, 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.

Katie Brockmeier <i>granddaughter of Ruth Brockmeier</i>	Judy Coverdale	James Stephens
Norma Dannan <i>friend of Betty Runge</i>	Patricia Barrance <i>mother of Vanessa Borwick</i>	George Forsyth
Jane Heintz	John Snyder	Janeen Driscoll
Dick Couser	Family of John and Tanya Sorem	Lynn Harris
JD Parr <i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	Jami Tharp	Julie Sutherland
Teresa & Kim Krebs and family	Fred Samuelson	Cassie Harrell
Michael Neal	Larry Christian	Jan Cook
Ethyleen Sampson	Jaylee Bartleson	John Snitko <i>son-in-law of Bob and Liz Meimann</i>
Gary Kluever	Jeff Sebring <i>son-in-law of Ernie and Marlene Ruhde</i>	Carsrud family following death of De's brother, Dave Olinger
Sheila Collingwood <i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>	Norma Gandrup	

# Announcements

## Poinsettia Orders Due Dec. 16th

Red Christmas poinsettias may be ordered in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you would like to order a poinsettia, please contact the church office by Thursday, December 16th and include \$10 for each poinsettia.

## 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! This special presentation of music will remain available on our YouTube channel following its premiere. Make sure to invite your friends to tune in online!

## Christmas Eve Services

We will be offering two Christmas Eve services at Memorial:

5:00 PM (in-person and streamed on our YouTube channel)

11:00 PM (in-person only)

## 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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