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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "Joy to the World" arr. Michael Burkhardt

Lois Theesfield, organist

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn:** "The First Noel" ELW #300

The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

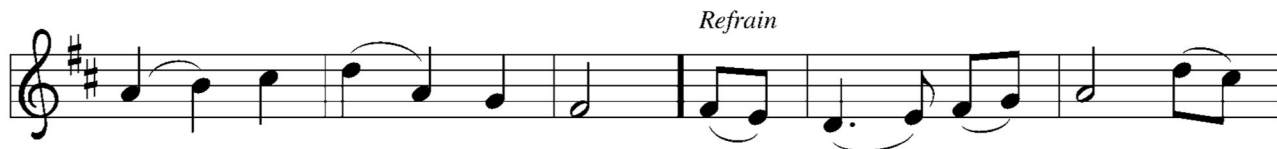


cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . up - on . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . great light, and . . so it con -
king was their . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . and stay right . . o - ver the
there in his . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and





night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father,
 and of the + Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
 we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
 Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
 We give you thanks, O God,
 for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
 and by your Word you created the world,
 calling forth life in which you took delight.
 Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
 Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
 At the river your Child was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
 By water and your Word you claim us as children,
 making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

In remembrance of our own baptisms, we are marked once again by the sign of the cross.
 Receive the + cross,
 that you may know that you are deeply and infinitely loved by the One who was in the
 beginning, is now, and will be forever full of grace and truth.

Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your
 grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Lector: Gloria Jacobson

⁷Thus 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.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "What Child is This" ELW #296

What Child Is This



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Lector: Gloria Jacobson

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a

plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:** "*Angels from the Realms of Glory*" ELW #275, verse 4

Angels, from the Realms of Glory



4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Gospel Reading: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to

all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,
¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory
as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This
was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before
me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was
given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen
God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Love Has Come" ELW #292

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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Apostle's 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

Peace

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

Offering

Music Voluntary: "*We Three Kings*" arr. Linda Lamb

Handbell Trio: Kim Stieler, Jeanie Ferneau, Eileen Miller

Offering Prayer

Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***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.

Announcements

Blessing

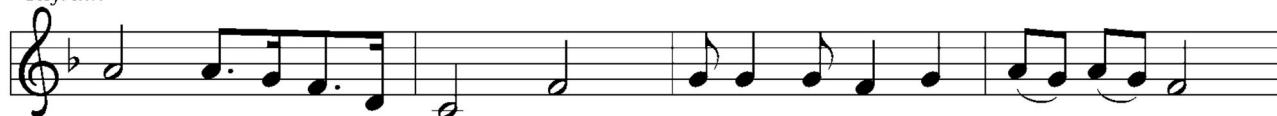
The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** *"Go Tell it on the Mountain"* ELW #290



Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: “Go Tell it on the Mountain” arr. John Behnke

Lois Theesfield, organist

Announcements

Sunday School Resumes January 9th

Memorial's Intergeneration Sunday School will resume next Sunday, January 9th. All ages are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall directly following worship for a brief time of learning together before dispersing to our classrooms.

7th / 8th Grade Confirmation Begins January 5th

7th and 8th grade Confirmation classes will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30—8:00 PM beginning January 5th.

Lutheran Disaster Response: Tornado Relief

On Dec. 10th and 11th, 30 tornadoes ripped through six states causing catastrophic damage and loss of life, most notably in Kentucky. By providing a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response, you can help the survivors rebuild their homes and lives. Gifts can be made using Memorial's Tithe.ly site (choose "Lutheran Disaster Response: Tornado Relief"), or by making an indication on your in-person offering. Thank you for your support!

Memorial Handbell Choir Looking for New Members

Memorial Handbells is in search of ringers for several positions, both temporary and permanent. Experience is helpful but not necessary (the best qualification is a happy heart!) Handbells meet Wednesdays from 6:00—7:15pm. Please contact Lois Theesfield, Director of Music Ministry (loistfield@gmail.com) for more information.

2022 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2022 are available for pickup in the Narthex. If you normally receive annual offering envelopes in the mail and have not received them yet, please contact Emily Dalthorp at 515-382-6509 or emily@mlcnevada.org.

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/> give or by scanning the QR code. Thank you!



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.

Kathy Larsen and family following the death of her father +Irven Boozell

Justin Brandner
*step-grandson of Wayne
and Helen Johnson*

Katie Brockmeier
*granddaughter-in-law of
Ruth Brockmeier*

Norma Dannan
friend of Betty Runge

Jane Heintz

Dick Couser

JD Parr
cousin of Kim Stieler

Teresa & Kim Krebs
and family

Michael Neal

Ethyleen Sampson

Gary Kluever

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*

Judy Coverdale

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



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