

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

**Prelude:** *Variations on “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues”* arr. Robert Hobby

*Lois Theesfield, organist*

## Welcome

**\*Gathering Hymn:** *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* ELW #886

### Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,<br>O fallen human race!<br>Look and be saved through faith alone,<br>be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love<br>be now and ever giv'n<br>by saints below and saints above,<br>the church in earth and heav'n. |
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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## Confession and Forgiveness

The coming of Christ was not, and is not, always widely welcomed.  
Wherever there is epiphany there will also be darkness:  
Let us make our confession together,

**Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other,  
that we are creatures who either through foolishness or wilfulness  
often choose darkness instead of light.**

**Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions,  
our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom,  
our deep seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal.**

**Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others,  
and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls.  
Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us."  
Through Christ Jesus our Saviour.  
Amen!**

My friends, Epiphany is good news!  
The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us.  
Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners.  
In the name of Jesus Christ I declare to you: Your sins are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

Take up your forgiveness with thanksgiving,  
and live without shame or anxiety.  
**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ enables us. Amen!**

*-Adapted from Bruce Prewer's Confession and Forgiveness: Epiphany*

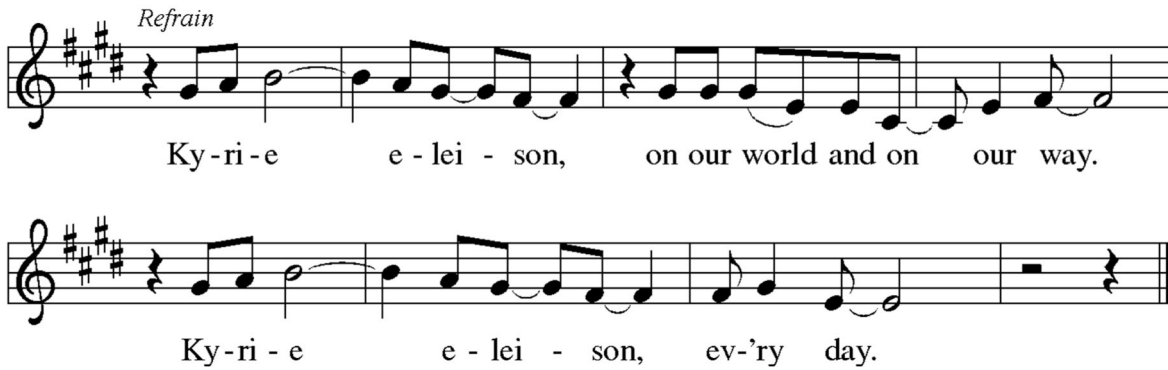
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Kyrie**



## Congregation

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

The musical notation for the Congregation Refrain is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.' The second staff contains the melody for 'Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.' The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes.

## Leader



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

The musical notation for the Leader is written on three staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first four lines of the verse. The second staff contains the melody for the first four lines of the verse, with the lyrics 'u - ni - ty of all; for', 'hun - gry and the poor; that', 'friends and fam - i - ly; for', and 'wa - ter and the word; that you' written below it. The third staff contains the melody for the first four lines of the verse, with the lyrics 'this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,', 'we may live out . . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,', 'life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,', and 'nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,' written below it. The fourth staff contains the melody for the refrain, with the lyrics 'let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.' written below it. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes.

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson*

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

*Memorial Choir sings refrain; All chant verses*



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### Refrain

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.  
<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,  
<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the  
world,  
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

### Refrain

- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.  
<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.  
<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

### Refrain

- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.  
<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion |  
over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.  
<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your  
sight,  
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.

### Refrain

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21**

The Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** *“We All Are One in Mission”* ELW #576





## We All Are One in Mission



- 1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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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:** *"The Meditations of My Heart"* arr. Elaine Hagenberg

### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God,  
Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings  
and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table,  
nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love  
to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.  
**Amen.**

### **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 Commune

*Come to God's table.*


*There is a place for you and enough for all.*

## Communion Hymns: "Here is Bread" ELW #483

*"By Your Hand You Feed Your People" ELW #469*



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,




he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,  
he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,  
he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes




Christ is with us here.  
feast on Je - sus here.  
Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

*Refrain*



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here.

## By Your Hand You Feed Your People



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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### Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### Announcements

#### Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
+ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn: "Let Streams of Living Justice" ELW #710**

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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## Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world and share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues" arr. Robert Hobby**

*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.

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

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

# **Announcements**

## **Be a Part of Faith Formation**

The Faith Formation team is looking for members that would love to be a part of developing programs in our church community to teach all generations of Memorial members about God's love for us. If you'd like to learn more or contribute to several programs in the church including Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation, Bible Study, Wednesday Faith Nights, etc. please contact Kim Stieler at [amunsonk@gmail.com](mailto:amunsonk@gmail.com) or 515-450-2650.

## **Wednesday-night Intergenerational Faith Time Resumes January 26th**

Our evening intergenerational Faith Time will be back in action Wednesday, January 26th. All are welcome to join us in this time of fun and fellowship.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org).



## **Online Giving with Tithe.ly**

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