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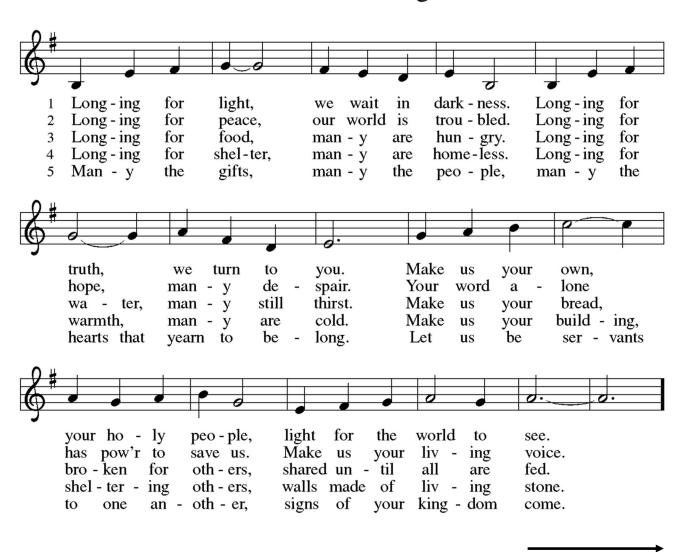
Prelude: "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" arr. John Leavitt

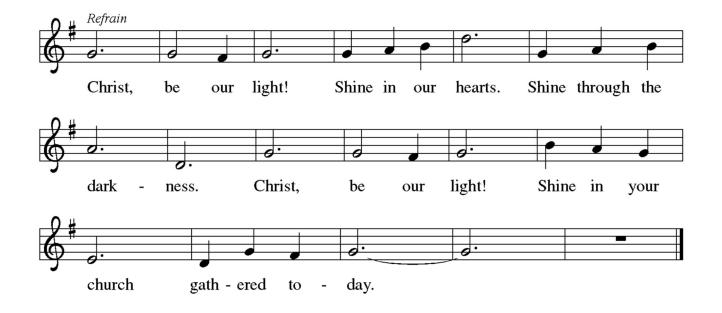
Lois Theesfield, organist Acolytes: Wilkins Family

### Welcome

\*Gathering Hymn: "Christ be our Light" ELW #715

# Christ, Be Our Light





Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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.

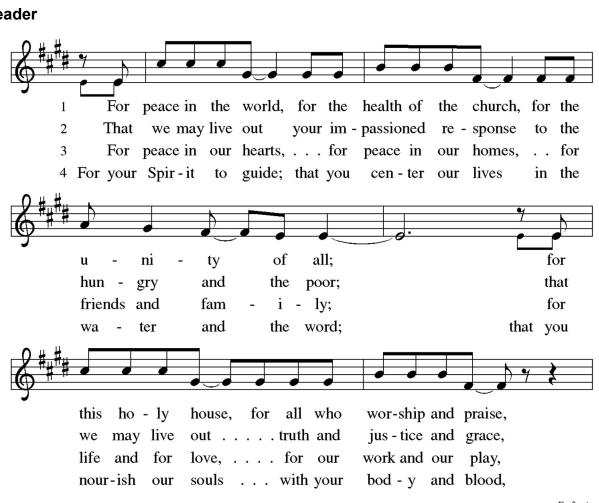
### And also with you.

### **Kyrie**

### Congregation



#### Leader





# \*Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Lector: Kenzie Alderson

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 71:1-6

Congregation sings all verses together



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<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I | taken refuge;

let me never be | put to shame.

<sup>2</sup>In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;

incline your ear to | me and save me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;

you are my crag | and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup>Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,

from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, | O Lord God, my confidence since | I was young.

<sup>6</sup>I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have | been my strength;

my praise shall be al- | ways of you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Lector: Kenzie Alderson

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sub>3</sub>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

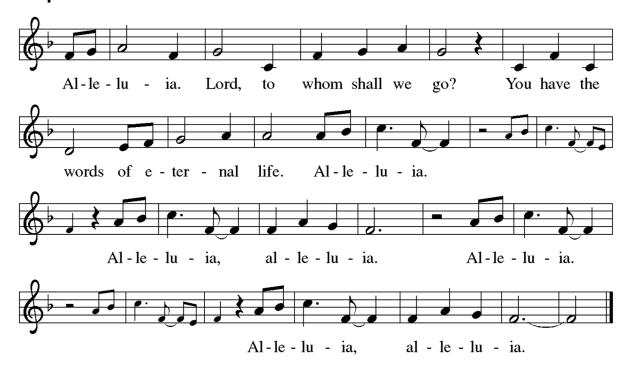
<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sub>6</sub>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

The Gospel according to Luke Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>21</sup>Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: "Where Charity and Love Prevail" ELW #359

# Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char i ty and love pre vail, there God is ev er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho ly fear, God's char i ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re-call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a mong us be un known; let all con ten tions cease.
- 5 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con-fess,



brought here to - geth-er by Christ's love, by love we thus are soul now love God in let with heart and mind and us re - turn. mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one. as seek; be Be his our on - ly God's the glo - ry that we that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt. Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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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 Gift of Love" arr. Hal Hopson

Memorial Handbells

Christine Heintz, flute; Pr. Kathleen Lotz, cello

### **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:** "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue" ELW #644 "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" ELW #464

# Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

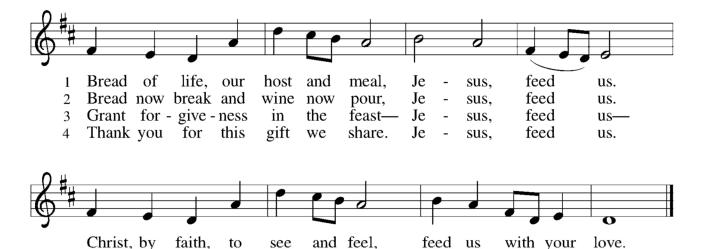


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# Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



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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: "O Word of God Incarnate" ELW #514

### O Word of God Incarnate



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

### **Dismissal**

Go with Christ into a weary world and share the good news. **Thanks be to God.** 

**Postlude:** "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" arr. Robert Hobby 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.

# Family and friends of +Ethyleen Sampson Family and friends of +Gary Kluever

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Chuck Ray

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Katie Brockmeier granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier

Norma Dannan friend of Betty Runge

Jane Heintz

**Dick Couser** 

Teresa & Kim Krebs and family

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Patricia Barrance mother of Vanessa Borwick

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Jami Tharp

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Larry Christian

Jaylee Bartleson

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Norma Gandrup

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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**

### 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 or 515-450-2650.

### **Memorial is Going Bowling!**

Join us Sunday, Feb. 20th, at 2:00 PM at Sports Bowl in Nevada for an afternoon of bowling and fellowship.

### **Church Camping Trip to Hickory Grove Park**

Mark your calendars: all are invited to spend a weekend camping at Hickory Grove Park April 29th - May 1st. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

### **Lutheran Lakeside Camp**

Confirmation students, join us for your best week ever up at Lutheran Lakeside Camp at Lake Okoboji! We will leave Sunday, June 12th and return Friday, June 17th. Early bird registration ends February 28th and families are asked to cover the first \$100 of camp fees as they are able.

### **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.

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