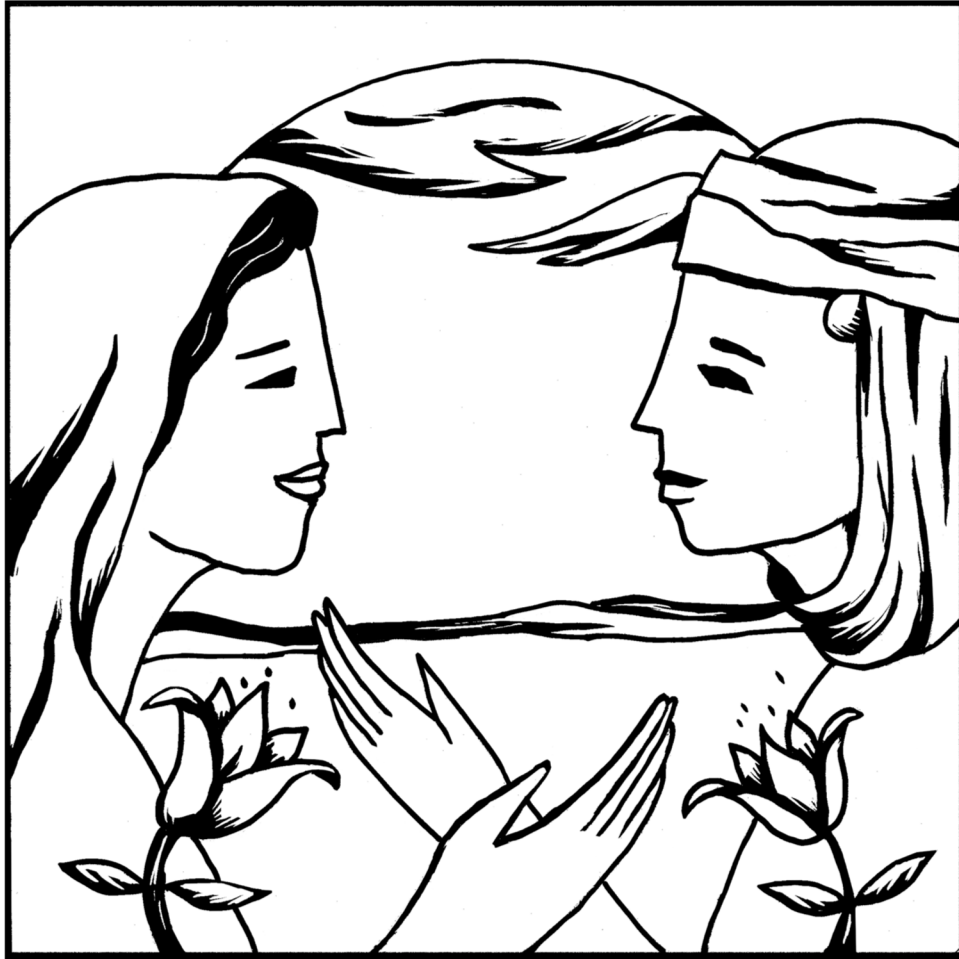


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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Marshall McDonald and Steven Sharp Nelson; adapted by Jon Schmidt

Fox Henson, cello; Emily Dalthorp, piano

Acolytes: Elsie Sorem and Greta Rodgers

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



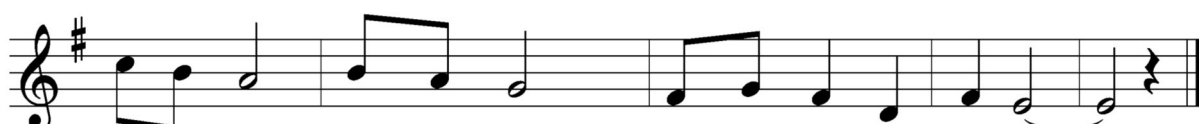
sol - i - tude, fill the si - lent, ic - y night;
death comes near, hold us, Spir - it, calm our fear,
love burns low, from the ash - es may there rise



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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lighting of Advent Candle

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



People, Look East

4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new'. The second staff continues: 'life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming'. The third staff continues: 'with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look'. The fourth staff concludes: 'east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.' The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Lector: Shellie Black

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Lector: Shellie Black

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

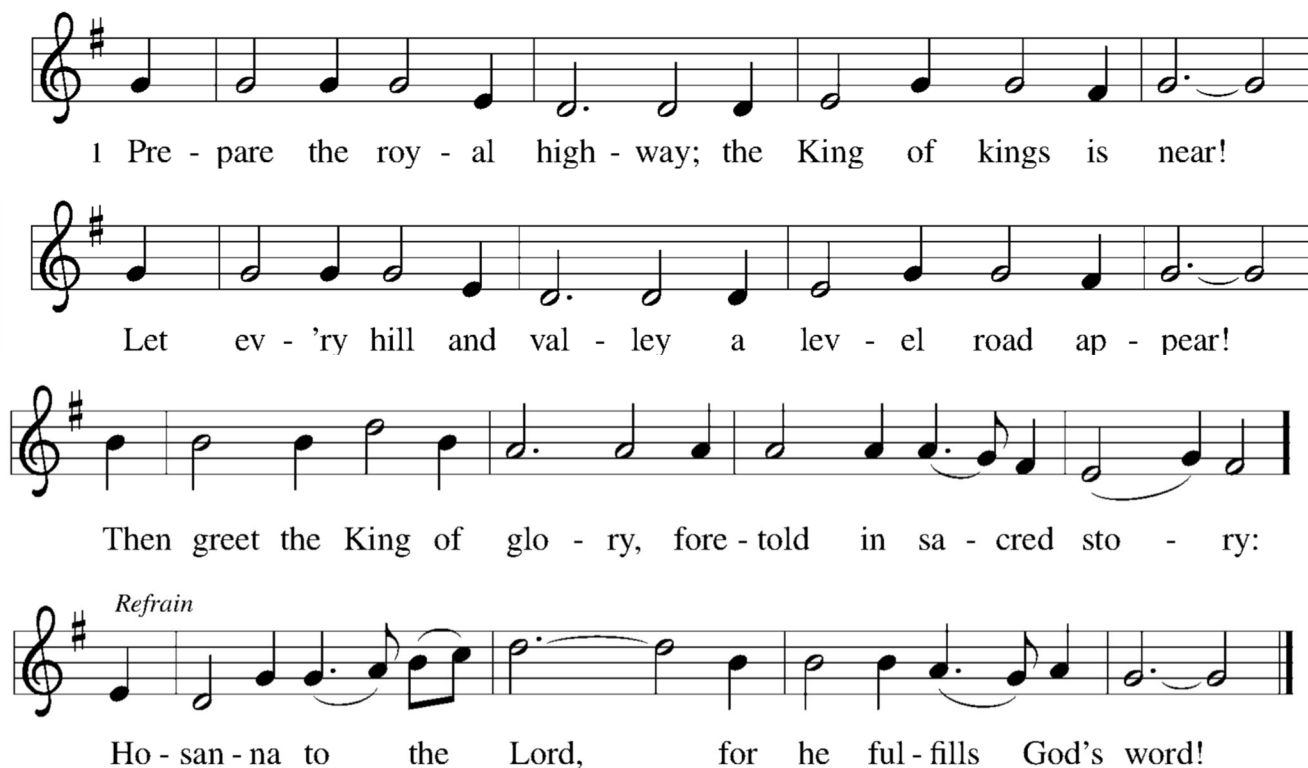
⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 1:39-55

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,
⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?
⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.
⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"* ELW #265

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924

Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

***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: *"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"* arr. Bankson
Memorial Choir; Christine Heintz, flute

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.

***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: *"All Earth is Hopeful"* ELW #266



All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra_al Sal - va - dor

1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y_el sur - co_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el

Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -

la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.

God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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:** *"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"* ELW #242, stanzas 1,2,4

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Fantasy on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* arr. Lovelace
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.

Katie Brockmeier
*granddaughter 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

Judy Coverdale

Patricia Barrance
*mother of Vanessa
Borwick*

John Snyder

Family of John and
Tanya Sorem

Jami Tharp

Fred Samuelson

Larry Christian

Jaylee Bartleson

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*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

Blue Christmas Service (in-person) Today 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 Today 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!

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)

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!

Join in a "Snowtastic Day" December 28th!

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.

2022 Offering Envelopes

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

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.



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