

# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

## Prelude

Dave Blumer, organist

## Welcome

**\*Gathering Hymn:** "Praise the Almighty" ELW #877

### Praise the Almighty!



1 Praise the Al - mighty - y! Lord, I a - dore you!  
2 Trust not in ru - lers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Lord, you give jus - tice in all op - pres - sion,  
4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly,



Yes, I will laud you un - til death;  
earth - born they are and soon de - cay.  
main - tain the right, set pris - 'ners free.  
the Lord who does such won - drous things!

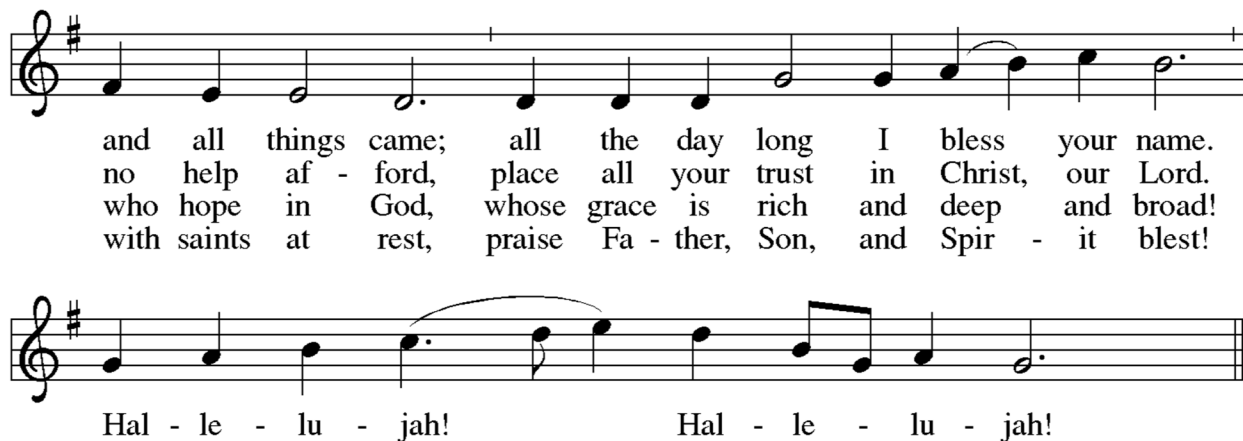


with songs and an - thems I come be - fore you  
Vain are their coun - sels at life's last por - tal,  
You feed the hun - gry in your com - pas - sion;  
All that has be - ing, to praise God sole - ly,



as long as you al - low me breath. From you my life  
when the cold grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can  
heal - ing and life flow from your tree. Hap - py are all  
with hap - py heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God,





Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723; tr. hymnal version

Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE, *Neuvermehrtes Christlich Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665

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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.

### 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.

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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

*Lector: Jim Stage*

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Music Voluntary: “Jesus in the Morning”**

*Sunday School Children*

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

*Lector: Jim Stage*

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified

of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

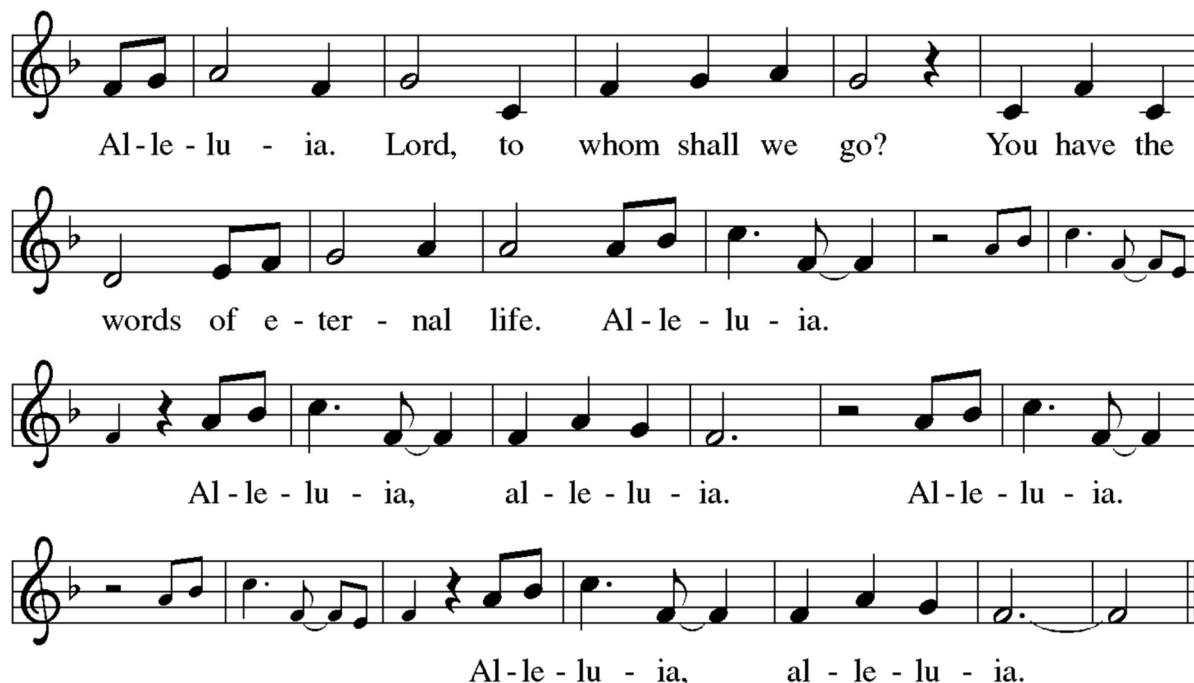
<sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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 6:17-26**

The Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely

your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** *“Let Streams of Living Justice”* ELW #710



# Let Streams of Living Justice



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;



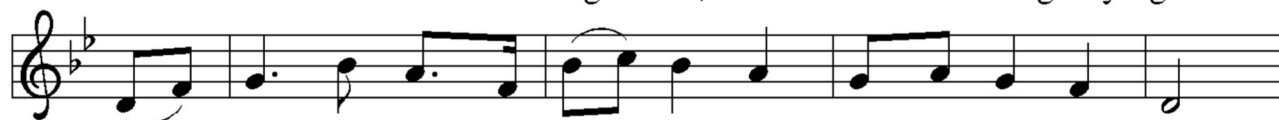
give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



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.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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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**

#### **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:** "We Come to the Hungry Feast" ELW #479  
"Jesus, the Very Thought of You" ELW #754



## We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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## Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;  
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call  
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet - er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
 a sweet - er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## 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:** *"Canticle of the Turning"* ELW #723

### Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.





You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

*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.

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Carsrud family following  
death of De's brother,  
Dave Olinger

# Announcements

## Memorial is Going Bowling!

Join us next Sunday, Feb. 20th, at 2:00 PM at Sports Bowl in Nevada for an afternoon of bowling and fun together! The cost will be \$5 per person, and we ask that you please RSVP through either the sign-up sheets in the Narthex, or by calling the church office (this helps us determine how many lanes we need to reserve).

## Food at First Volunteers Needed

Calling on Memorial Lutheran Church to help with Food at First! Kim Stieler is looking for individuals that would be willing to be on the Memorial Lutheran Church Food at First meal prep and packaging teams! We have been asked if we can lead Food at First on the 5th Thursdays of 2022. Some food prep can be flexible depending on schedules and could occur on Wednesdays. Cooking the meals and packaging would take place at First United Methodist in Nevada. The Food at First committee is also looking for drivers to deliver meals in the area on the 2nd and 4th Mondays generally starting at 4:45 PM. Please contact Kim Stieler at [amunsonk@gmail.com](mailto:amunsonk@gmail.com) or 515-450-2650 if you are interested or would like more information about this important ministry in our community. **Volunteers from Memorial are needed March 31, June 30 and Sept 29.**

## 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.

## No Sunday School During Spring Break

Looking ahead: Sunday School will **not be held March 13th or 20th** during Spring Break.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, April 3rd

Save the date: Memorial Lutheran's Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held during worship on Sunday, April 3rd.

## 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.

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