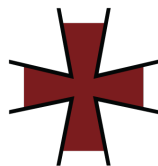


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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" arr. Paul Manz

Lois Theesfield, organist

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn:** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" ELW #707

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



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and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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

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**

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Lector: Judi Twedt

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: "Mercy, We Abide in You" ACS #1077
Memorial Choir sings verses; All sing refrains

Mercy, We Abide in You

Refrain — All *Fine*

Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

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|---|---|
| <p>1 In peace, may we assemble.
In peace, may we unite.
In peace, may we be whole.
Move within each heart. Refrain</p> | <p>2 For all who suffer in war,
for all who struggle for comfort,
for all who slumber in ease.
Move within each heart. Refrain</p> |
| <p>3 We are broken, longing for peace,
forgiveness, flow among us.
May we be reconciled.
Move within each heart. Refrain</p> | |

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Lector: Judi Twedt

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

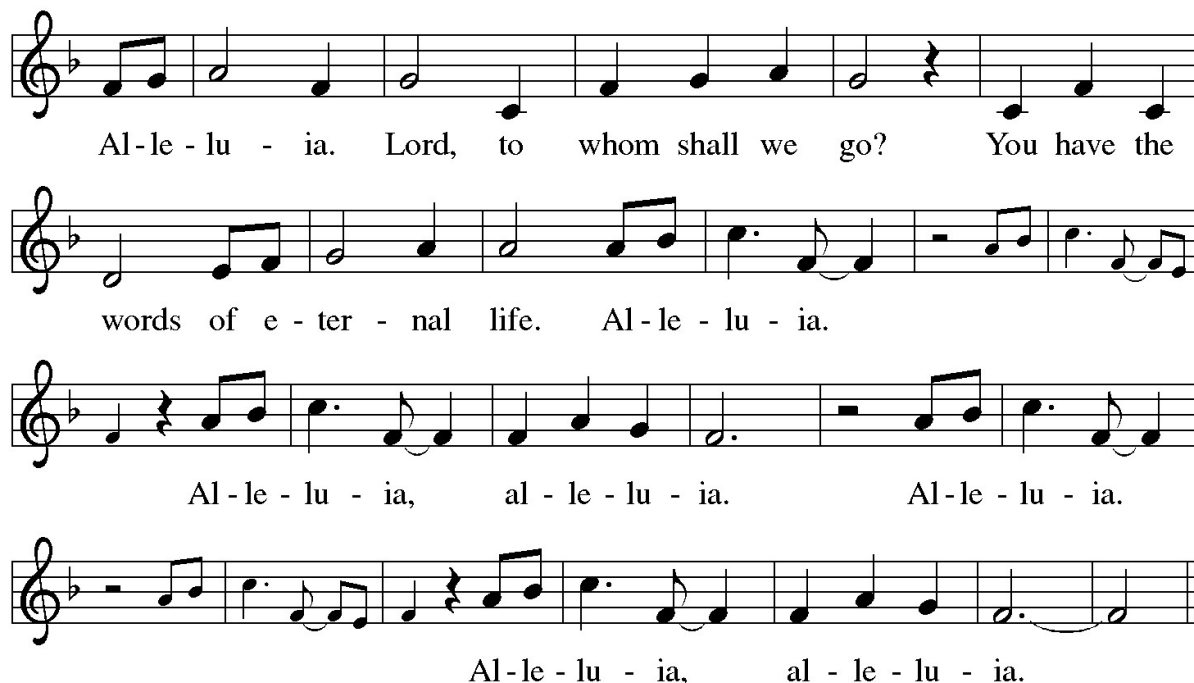
⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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 6:27-38

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Light Dawns on a Weary World" ELW #726

Light Dawns on a Weary World



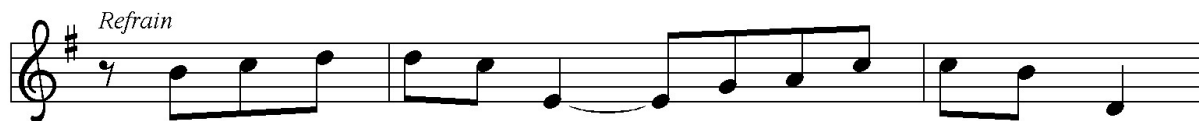
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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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: *"Be Not Afraid"* arr. Bob Dufford

Memorial Choir; Soloists: Mary Brinkman, Dave Lekwa

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: "Lord of All Nations, Grant me Grace" ELW #716

"O Day of Peace" ELW #711



Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought-less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true,
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new,
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Ten: Olive Wise Spenners, b. 1910, alt.
Music: Somersby/ Korteand, 1961
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O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de-vour the small;



guide us to jus-tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes.
as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-lease,
Then en-e-mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: JERUSALEM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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:** *"God, When Human Bonds are Broken"* ELW #603

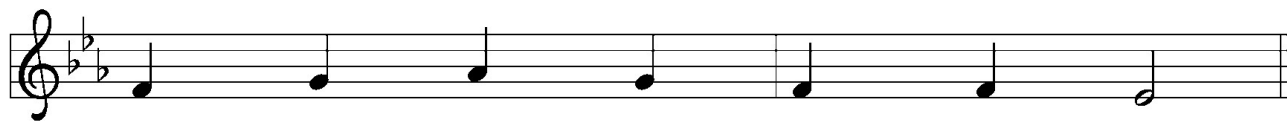
God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"* arr. Charles Ore

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 +Jane Heintz

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Lynn Harris

Julie Sutherland

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Jan Cook

John Snitko
*son-in-law of Bob and
Liz Meimann*

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

Announcements

TODAY: Memorial is Going Bowling!

Join us this afternoon at 2:00 PM at Sports Bowl in Nevada for bowling and fun together! The cost will be \$5 per person. If you haven't RSVP'd and would still like to go, please just let Emily Dalthorp know after worship today.

Lenten Book Study

We are going to be taking a look at The Hopeful Neighborhood Project during the season of Lent. We will offer an in-person option or an online option to participate in. Join us in-person to discuss what you read on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm at church beginning on March 8th, or join us online Thursday evenings at 8 pm beginning on March 3rd. Books will be provided. Sign up in the narthex or contact the church office.

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 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

Would you like to be part of the planning team for our April 29-May 1 Camping Trip? Please contact the church office so we can get our heads together and plan for a great weekend!

Lutheran Lakeside Camp

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

No Sunday School or Confirmation During Spring Break

Looking ahead: Sunday School and Confirmation classes 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 or 515-450-2650.

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