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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: “Antiphonal Celebration” arr. Kevin McChesney

Memorial Handbells

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn:** “How Good Lord to be Here” ELW #315

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:
In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

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.

***Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Lector: Jim Stage

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

Congregation chants together



- ¹The Lord is king; let the | people tremble.
The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.
- ²The Lord, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.
- ³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.
- ⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.
- ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.
- ⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your |
name, O Lord,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,
- ⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.
- ⁸O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.
- ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Lector: Jim Stage

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

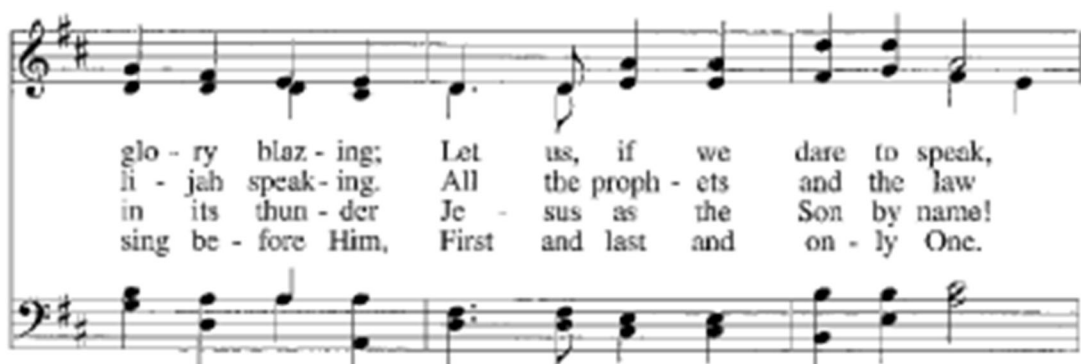
Hymn of the Day: "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

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Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak Stands a - lone in
2 Trem-bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro-claim-ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph-ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak-ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore Him, First and last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing.
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!

This transfiguration text by contemporary English poet Brian Wren is here united with a new tune written especially for this supplement by Theodore Beck, long-time professor at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska.

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1956
Music: Theodore A. Beck, b. 1929

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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: *"Great is the Lord"* arr. Douglas Wagner
Memorial Handbells

*"Great is the Lord, He is holy and just By His power we trust in His love,
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true By His mercy he proves He is love
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord, Great is the Lord!"*

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 Are Marching in the Light" ELW #866
"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" ELW #313



We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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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

Burying of the Alleluia

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:** *"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"* ELW #318

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Grand Choeur"* arr. Gordon Young

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.

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Lynn Harris

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

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

Announcements

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.

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 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 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 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. We'll be holding the second vote necessary to ratify the amendments to our Constitution (voted on December 12, 2021). We will also vote on the Finance Team's proposed consolidation of Multipurpose funds.

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.

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/give> or by scanning the QR code. Thank you!



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