

# Ash Wednesday

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

*Please see the included insert to read more about the history and purpose of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. While this is a more somber service, we hope that if you have a young person with you asking questions that you will feel welcome to answer them as they come up. Also, we understand that sometimes kids can feel a little uncertain about getting a cross of ash marked on their foreheads! If your child wants to receive the ashes - great! If your child would feel more comfortable watching you and others - that is great too! Thank you and we're glad you are joining us tonight.*

**Prelude:** "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" arr. Robert Hobby

Lois Theesfield, organist

## Welcome

**\*Gathering Hymn:** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" ELW #326

Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth-er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**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**

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

*Lector: Josh Lotz*

<sup>1</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
    for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—  
<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom,  
    a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
    a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
    nor will be again after them  
    in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the Lord,  
    return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
    <sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the Lord, your God,  
    for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
    and relents from punishing.  
<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
    and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
    for the Lord, your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
    <sup>16</sup>gather the people.  
Sanctify the congregation;  
    assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
    even infants at the breast.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
    and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
    let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord,  
    and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
    a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples,  
    'Where is their God?'"

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 51:10-12** *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*Memorial Choir*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

## **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10**

*Lector: Josh Lotz*

<sup>20b</sup>We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>6:1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

<sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Gospel Acclamation**



## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

The Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" ELW #325

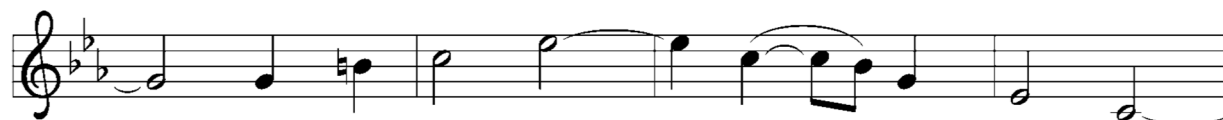
### I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.  
Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence,  
so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift  
are we given everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Imposition of Ashes

### Meditation: "Remember That You Are Dust"

Memorial Choir

**Hymn:** *"Just As I Am, without One Plea"* ELW #592

**Just As I Am, without One Plea**



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

**Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* ELW #332

*Memorial Choir*

**Offering Prayer**

Extravagant God,  
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.  
Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

**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**

*Here is food and drink for the journey.  
Take and be filled.*

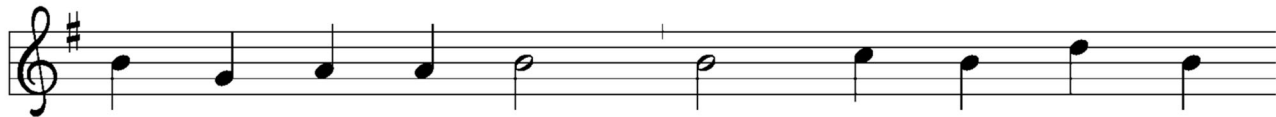
**Communion Hymns:** *"The Glory of These Forty Days"* ELW #320  
                          *"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"* ELW #811



## The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength-en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

## On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou-bles nor its plea-sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, all my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

## **Prayer After Communion**

Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
+ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:** *"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"* ELW #802



# Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"* arr. Jan Bender  
*Lois Theesfield, organist*

*Please take your time departing.  
You are encouraged to remain quiet until you exit the building.*



## 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,  
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# 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. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

## 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

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](mailto:amunsonk@gmail.com) or 515-450-2650.

## **Online Giving with Tithe.ly**

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