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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "Aria" arr. Paul Manz

Lois Theesfield, organist

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn:** "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW #808, verses 1-2

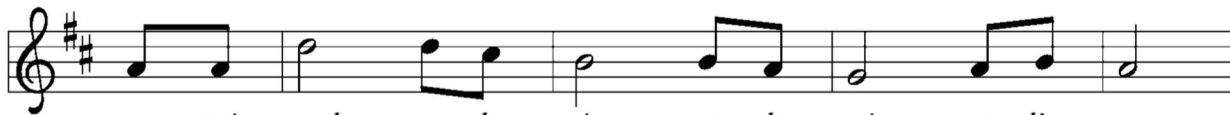
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.



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*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.

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.

Kyrie



*Prayer of the Day

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Memorial Kids' Anthem: "Jesus Loves Me"

*Gospel Acclamation



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8

Lector: Charlie Lloyd

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Reflection

Hymn of the Day: "When We Are Living" ELW #639

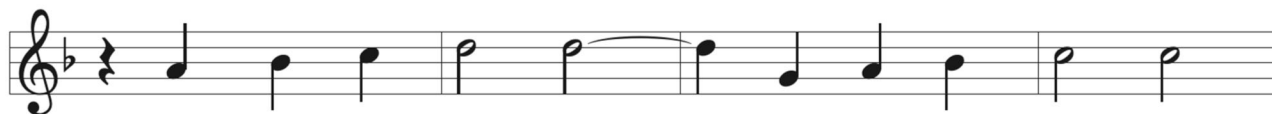
When We Are Living
Pues si vivimos



Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,
1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find



y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
and when we help them, or when we feed them,



so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942
st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional

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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Welcome & Call to Order

Jerome Rewerts, Council President

Approval of December 2021 minutes

Jerome Rewerts, Council President

Financial Report

Dan Stieler, Council Treasurer

Voting to consolidate Multipurpose funds

Dan Stieler, Council Treasurer

- Give remainder of the Haiti Restricted Fund to Many Hands for Haiti
- Move Parish Nurse Restricted Fund to new Mission and Ministry Fund
- Move Stephens Ministry Fund to new Mission and Ministry Fund

Approval of new Endowment Board members

Pastor Kathleen Lotz

Voting to ratify Constitution amendments

Larry Parker, Council Vice President

Property Team update

Larry Parker, Council Vice President

Sharing of Ministry Goals

Jerome Rewerts, Council President

Adjournment

Jerome Rewerts, Council President

***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: *"Jesus, the Very Thought of You" ELW #754*
"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW #335



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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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.

Announcements

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:** *"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"* ELW #808, verses 3-4

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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Dismissal

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

Postlude: "Prelude in D Minor" arr. J.S. Bach

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.

Alyssa Wierson and family following the death of her sister

Family and friends of +Karen Klopping

Dan Stieler	Michael Neal	Judy Coverdale
Cassie Harrell	Patricia Barrance	James Stephens
Sandy Peterson <i>friend of Kim Stieler</i>	<i>mother of Vanessa Borwick</i>	George Forsyth
Donna See	Family of John and Tanya Sorem	Janeen Driscoll
Kenny Amunson <i>uncle of Kim Stieler</i>	Jami Tharp	Lynn Harris
Janet Jacques	Fred Samuelson	Julie Sutherland
Chuck Ray	Larry Christian	Jan Cook
Katie Brockmeier <i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier</i>	Jaylee Bartleson	John Snitko <i>son-in-law of Bob and Liz Meimann</i>
Norma Dannan <i>friend of Betty Runge</i>	Norma Gandrup	
Teresa & Kim Krebs and family	Sheila Collingwood <i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>	

Announcements

Holy Week at Memorial*

April 10th—Palm Sunday/Passion Saturday | 9:00am

Intergenerational Stations of the Cross and Egg Hunt to follow

April 14th—Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm

Holy Communion Celebration

April 15th—Good Friday | 7:00pm

April 16th—Easter Vigil | 5:00pm

April 17th—Easter Dawn | 7:00am

Breakfast with free-will offering benefiting MLC youth | 7:45am

Easter—He is Risen! | 9:00am

**All services, with the exception of the 7:00am Easter Dawn service, will be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook*

Holy Communion Celebration & Workshop

We will be holding a Holy Communion Workshop from 9:30—11:30 AM Saturday, April 9th at Memorial. Participants will celebrate receiving Holy Communion together at the Maundy Thursday service on April 14th at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions, please email Pr. Kathleen at pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org.

Spring Intergenerational Sunday School Activities

Grab a donut and join us for Intergenerational Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall from 10:15—10:30 on Sunday mornings. Prior to and following this brief lesson for all ages (adults included!) all are encouraged to join in an informal time of catching up and spending time together. Sunday School for kids will continue until 11:15 in their classrooms. During this Lenten season our Sunday School lessons will focus on Jesus' last days on earth and, following Easter, on the promise of the Holy Spirit. On Palm Sunday there will be a special lesson on Stations of the Cross and an Easter egg hunt!

Upcoming 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!

Calling All Potential Acolytes!

Have you been an acolyte in the past? Have you never been an acolyte before but always thought it would be fun to try it out? We need you! Please contact Vanessa Borwick or the church office if you would like to be part of this important ministry.

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.



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