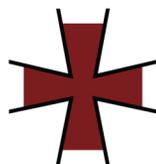


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**An asterisk denotes that the congregation is invited to stand*

Prelude: Festive Alleluia based on “Now All the Vault of Heavens Resounds” -
arr. Mark Miller
Lois Theesfield, organist

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn:** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW #367

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Leader: We thank you, God, for your river of life,

**All: flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.**

Leader: You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites

**All: Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

**All: You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.**

Leader: Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.

**All: Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.**

Leader: To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

All: 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 & Hymn of Praise

Please see page 3 of the "Now the Feast and Celebration" booklet

***Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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.**

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Lector: Judi Twedt

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Memorial Choir sings verses; All sing refrain

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -
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lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.
- ²Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- ³Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away. **Refrain**
- ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- ⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;
- ¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹²young men and maidens,
old and young together. **Refrain**
- ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Lector: Judi Twedt

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Please see page 8 of the “Now the Feast and Celebration” booklet

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *“I Come with Joy”* ELW #482

Apostles 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

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THE MEAL

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"Shelter Me"* - Michael Joncas
Memorial Choir

Offering Prayer

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving & Holy Holy

Please see page 11 of the "Now the Feast and Celebration" booklet

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.**

Communion Hymns: *"Lamb of God"* - please see page 14 of the *"Now the Feast and Celebration"* booklet
Anthem by Memorial Choir: *"We Are Not Alone"* - Pepper Choplin
"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" ELW #708

"Thanks Be To You"

Please see page 15 of the "Now the Feast and Celebration" booklet

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"* ELW #389

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"This Joyful Eastertide"* - setting by John Behnke

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 +Darren Kluever following his death

Family and friends of +Ken Johnson following his death

Alyssa Wierson and family following the death of her sister

Liz and Bob Meimann and family following the death of their son-in-law +John Snitko

Connie Robinson
sister of Shirley Klonglan
- Prayers as she begins
treatment for breast cancer

Cari Reid

Annalissa Brodersen
daughter of Jack and
Carol Vincent

Jackie Byers
daughter of Shellie Black

Arlen Anderson
brother of Judy Johnson

Gloria (Jack) Aden
sister of Judy Johnson

Julie Kowalczyck
aunt of Tanya Sorem

Jerry Radke

Dan Stieler

Cassie Harrell

Sandy Peterson
friend of Kim Stieler

Donna See

Kenny Amunson
uncle of Kim Stieler

Janet Jacques

Chuck Ray

Katie Brockmeier
granddaughter-in-law of
Ruth Brockmeier

Norma Dannan
friend of Betty Runge

Teresa & Kim Krebs
and family

Michael Neal

Patricia Barrance
mother of Vanessa
Borwick

Jami Tharp

Fred Samuelson

Larry Christian

Jaylee Bartleson

Norma Gandrup

Sheila Collingwood
mother of Lyndsey
De Vos

Judy Coverdale

James Stephens

George Forsyth

Janeen Driscoll

Lynn Harris

Julie Sutherland

Jan Cook

Announcements

WORSHIP NOTICE FOR SATURDAY, MAY 21

Mark your Calendar! There will be no 5:00 PM worship service on Saturday, May 21. Pastor Kathleen and Emily Dalthorp will be traveling back from our Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly in Coralville, Iowa. Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 22nd. Thank you for your understanding and please pray for all attending the Assembly as they gather around the theme of "Go Tell the World".

Celebrate Sandy Christian's 80th birthday!

Please join Sandy Christian in celebration of her 80th birthday on Saturday, May 21 at the Regency Retirement Community Room in Nevada from 10am-2pm. Cards and well wishes are kindly requested.

Senior Recognition Sunday—May 29, 9:00am

Join us in recognizing our graduating seniors during worship on Sunday, May 29. Seniors, if you haven't sent in your photo and answers to the questions emailed to you, please send those by Tuesday, May 24 to emily@mlcnevada.org.

Do you get our newsletters and other email notices?

Make sure you email emily@mlcnevada.org to sign up to receive communications online. If you believe you are already on our list and are not receiving emails, please check your spam or "promotions" inboxes.

Ladies' Morning Devotion & Support Group

Women of Memorial, you're invited to join an informal morning devotion and support group that will meet Tuesdays from 7:45 - 8:15am in the Lounge. Please feel free to stop in when you can (and bring a friend!)

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. **Please note: the last day of Sunday School will be May 22.**

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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