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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: *"Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major"* - J. S. Bach

Dave Blumer, organist

Welcome

Call to Worship

Kids Bells with Sarah and Lilian Miller

***Gathering Hymn:** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* ELW #631

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**

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 16:9-15

Lector: Judi Twedt

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Kids lead refrains; All speak verses

Refrain: "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy."

**May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Refrain: "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy."

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

Refrain: "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy."

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.
May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

Refrain: "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy."

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10 — 22:5

Lector: Judi Twedt

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.
²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.
²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 14:23-29

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"When Peace Like a River"* ELW #785

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: *“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”* - David Cherwien
Dave Blumer, organist

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
“The Peace of the Lord” ELW #646
“Shall We Gather at the River” ELW #423

“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: *“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”* ELW #763

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”* - Michael Burkhardt
Dave Blumer, 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

Jack Aden
*brother-in-law of
Judy Johnson*

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

Gloria (Jack) Aden
sister of Judy Johnson

Julie Kowalczyk
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 Danna
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

Senior Recognition Sunday—May 29, 9:00am

Join us in recognizing our graduating seniors during worship next 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.

“Thank You” from Chuck Ray

“I want to thank my church family and friends for all the wonderful cards of encouragement and wellness that I have received during and after my hospitalizations. I'm blessed to have been in your thoughts and prayers.”

Treasured—Vacation Bible School 2022

You are priceless to God! Join us to sing, dance, play, create, and learn about how God treasures you. This is a collaboration of St. Patrick's Catholic, Central Presbyterian, Living Water, and Memorial Lutheran Churches.

Who: Pre-K through 5th grade

When: Sunday, July 17—Wednesday, July 20 from 6 - 8 PM

Where: St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Cost: \$10 / family

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 meets Tuesdays from 7:45 - 8:15am in the Lounge. Please feel free to stop in when you can (and bring a friend!) **Please note: we will not meet June 14 through September 6.**

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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