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

Prelude: "Sounds of Christmas" - arr. John Leavitt

Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn:** "All Earth is Hopeful" ELW #266

All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra_al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y_el sur - co_a-bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar-nos li-ber-tad.
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour-age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate-way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.

Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we are not perfect.
We have said and done things we regret.
We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.
We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.
Forgive us, loving God.
Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again. Amen.

Dear people of God, hear the good news:
Christ the Savior came to be with us!
You are loved and forgiven
in the name of + Jesus, who has come among us.
You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,
because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.
Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.
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

All sing together



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Glory to You, God

All sing together



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always with us and are always more ready to hear than we are to pray. Immanuel, you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Help us to live as signs of your Son's loving presence in this world. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

Lector: Kathy Johnson

⁶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,
⁷and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

⁸The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;
⁹but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

¹¹The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
"See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."

¹²They shall be called, "The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord";
and you shall be called, "Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Lector: Kathy Johnson

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for

an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Meditation: *"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"* - arr. Barbara Brocker
Bell tree duet: Pr. Kathleen Lotz and Emily Dalthorp

Hymn of the Day: *"Love Has Come"* ELW #292

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950
Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de Noël's composés en langue provençale*, 1856
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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: *Dance Prelude on "Bring a Torch"* - arr. Christopher Uehlein
Lois Theesfield, organ

Offering Prayer

Generous God,
you have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth
that become the meal of your grace.
Move in our hearts,
that we might use your gifts
to bring hope and blessing wherever we go,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

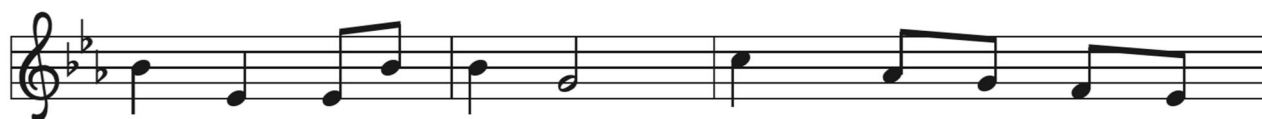
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

Preface & Holy Holy Holy

It is indeed right... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Communion

Love has come: God's love for all people.
Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

Communion Hymns: *"Lamb of God" ACS Setting 12*
"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW #752
"What a Friend we Have in Jesus" ELW #742

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Prayer After Communion

Emmanuel, God with us,
you grace us with life and breath
and give us bread for the journey.
Send us out in service to this world that you love,
telling the amazing news of your coming
to be Savior and Lord of all.

Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Grace from God's own heart,
peace from the + Son who was in a manger,
and strength from the Spirit of life
Go with you and be blessings for you today and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Joy to the World" ELW #267

During the singing of the hymn, all are invited to come place their offering for Lutheran Services in Iowa's Angel Tree in the basket beside the Christmas tree

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| 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing. | 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found. |
| 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy. | 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love. |

Dismissal

Go in peace. Tell of God's love on the mountains, the valleys, and everywhere.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"* - arr. John Ferguson
Lois Theesfield, organ

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas cookies!

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 Addison Witte following the death of her father

Family and friends of George Forsyth following the death of his sister

Family and friends of +Lenore Rix following her death

Family and friends of +Pamela Myers following her death

Janet Jacques	Jackie Byers	Patricia Barrance
Easton Farrington	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	<i>mother of Vanessa Borwick</i>
Janice Hartz	Gloria (Jack) Aden	Jami Tharp
Jim Dalthorp	<i>sister of Judy Johnson</i>	Fred Samuelson
Mel Craven	Julie Kowalczyck	Larry Christian
Connie Krupp	<i>aunt of Tanya Sorem</i>	Jaylee Bartleson
Randy Matthews	Jerry Radke	Norma Gandrup
<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	Cassie Harrell	Sheila Collingwood
Max Carey	Sandy Peterson	<i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>
<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	<i>friend of Kim Stieler</i>	Judy Coverdale
Sierra Parr	Donna See	James Stephens
<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	Kenny Amunson	George Forsyth
Jack Aden	<i>uncle of Kim Stieler</i>	Janeen Driscoll
<i>brother-in-law of Judy Johnson</i>	Katie Brockmeier	Lynn Harris
Connie Robinson	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier</i>	Julie Sutherland
<i>sister of Shirley Klonglan</i>	Norma Dannan	Jan Cook
Cari Reid	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>	
Annalissa Brodersen	Teresa & Kim Krebs	
<i>daughter of Jack and Carol Vincent</i>	and family	
	Michael Neal	

Announcements

Faith Formation Meeting July 26th, 7:30pm—We're Looking for New Team Members!

All members of the congregation are invited to join the Faith Formation Team as we meet to discuss the intergenerational Faith Formation activities and schedule for 2022—2023. We would love to hear your ideas to make this program welcoming, fun, and accessible for all ages.

Nevada Food at First Seeking "Produce Handlers"

The Food at First crew is looking for an on-call group of volunteers willing to help wash and prep freshly-picked fruits and vegetables from the community garden. These "Produce Handlers" would receive a day/time notification when new produce is ready to be prepped and would then be able to simply check their schedule and reply if they are available. All ages are welcome! Please email or call Barb Mittman at bk_mittman@yahoo.com or 515-203-9946.

Volunteers Needed for *Raising Readers of Story County*

Reading is essential for developing critical thinking and a future with options. Raising Readers of Story County (RRSC) is recruiting volunteer reading mentors with designated children participating in the Boys & Girls Club operating at Memorial Lutheran Church (MLC). The program runs through the first week in August on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in our Fellowship Hall with two time slots: 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Reading youth range from 7-11 years old. Several of our MLC youth are participating. MLC members volunteering include Gloria Lewis, Judy and Mike Coverdale. You, too, can help raise readers by contacting Jerri Heid at jheid1717@gmail.com

Deadline Approaching for Endowment Grant Applications

Do you have an idea for a ministry or project? Apply for a grant from Memorial's Ministry Endowment Fund here: <https://bit.ly/3miOiRv> or on mlcnevada.org (printed applications are also available in the Narthex). Questions regarding grants and applications can be directed to Kim Stieler at 515-450-2650 or amunsonk@gmail.com. **The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 5, 2022 at 12:00 noon (CDT).**

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.

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. **You can now begin giving to MLC's "A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place" project!**



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