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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" - setting by John Behnke

Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn:** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" ELW #771

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

Baptism

Presentation

- P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.
- P As you bring Addison Kaye to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
- to live with her among God's faithful people,
 - bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
 - teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed,
 - and the Ten Commandments,
 - place in her hands the holy scriptures,
 - and nurture her in faith and prayer,
 - so that Addison Kaye may learn to trust God,
 - proclaim Christ through word and deed,
 - care for others and the world God made
 - and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help Addison Kaye grow in Christian faith and life? Then answer "I do"
R I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Addison Kaye and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the assembly.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the

river your son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

C Amen.

Baptism

P Addison Kaye, you are baptized
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through the water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Addison Kaye with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Addison Kaye, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to the baptized

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

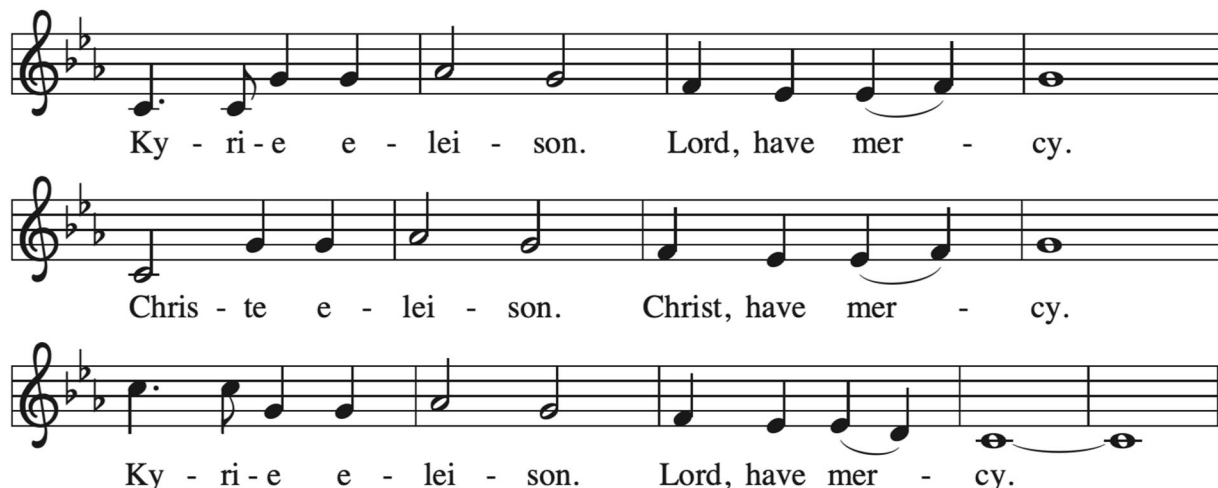
**C We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.**

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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Lector: Larry Parker

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Lector: Larry Parker

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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



Repeat alleluia

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

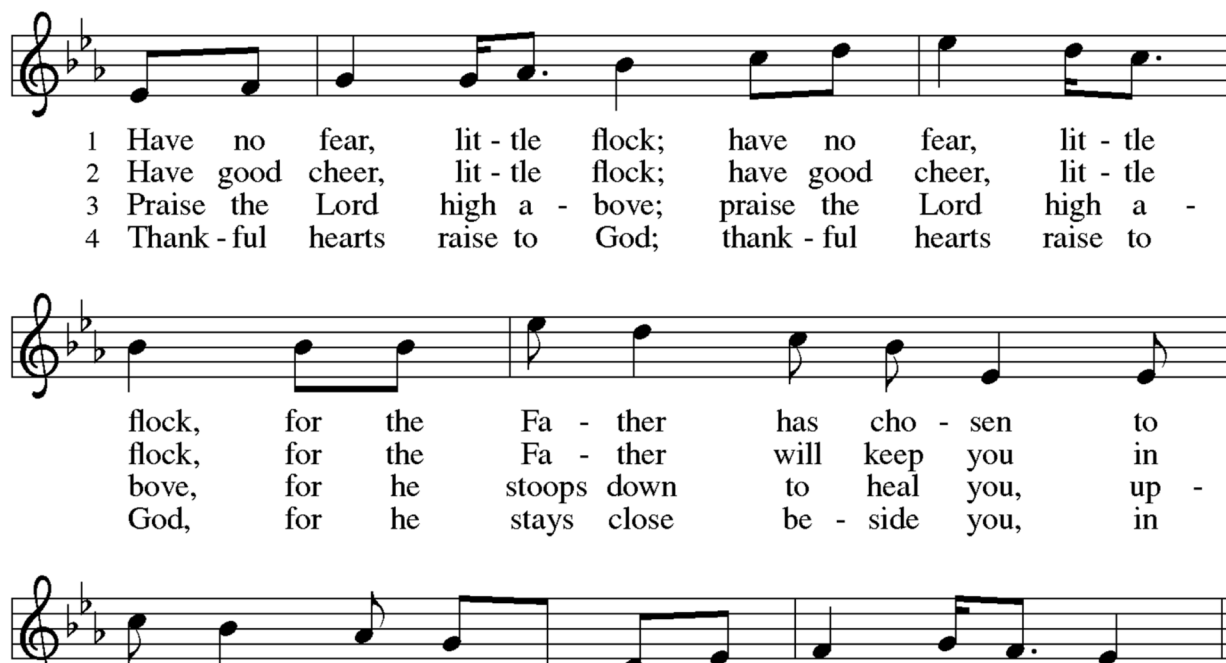
³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Have no Fear Little Flock" ELW #764

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

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

THE MEAL

Offering

Music Voluntary: "Balm in Gilead" - arr. Sandra Eithun

Handbell Ensemble: Annette Dalthorp, Nathalie Cruden, Cathy Carsrud, Marsha Kane,
Emily Dalthorp

Offering Prayer

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
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:

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 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.

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

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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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

Communion Hymns: *"Lamb of God" ACS Setting 12*
"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" ELW #767
"Blessed Assurance" ELW #638

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, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860
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Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of peace,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Lord of All Hopefulness" ELW #765

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” - setting by John Behnke

Lois Theesfield, organ

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.

Prayers for Jenni and Marty Robey, daughter and son-in-law of Marlin and Shirley Klonglan, following Marty's recent diagnosis of extensive cancer throughout his body.

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

Announcements

Summer Pizza & Pool Party at Chris Nady's House

Join us for pizza and fun in the pool this Wednesday!

When: Wednesday, August 10th, 5:30—8:30 PM

Where: 1207 H Ave., Nevada, IA 50201

Who: All ages

Congregation Meeting August 21st

The Council is calling a special Congregation Meeting to officially authorize our congregation to take out the \$210,000 loan that has been approved by the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund (MIF) for the purpose of our heating & cooling project. MIF requires a two-thirds vote affirming the decision, so please mark your calendars for this meeting to be held **Sunday, August 21st** during the usual 9:00 AM worship service.

Save the Date

Faith Formation Team Meeting

We need new team members to help us plan fun church activities!

When: Tuesday, August 9th, 7:30—8:30 PM

Where: Lounge

Who: Anyone interested in planning Faith Formation activities including Sunday School, Bible studies, Wednesday events, and more.

Back to School Blessing

When: Sunday, August 21st, 9:00 AM

Who: All students and their families (including their Memorial family!)

Confirmation Students & Parents Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 31st. 6:30—7:30 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: All 7th, 8th, and 9th graders and their parents

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

When: Sunday, September 4th

Who: All ages

Sunday School Begins

When: Sunday, September 11th

Who: All ages

MLC Golf Outing

Call the church office for more details and to sign up for a tee time

When: Sunday, September 18th

Tee times: 2:00, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:40, 2:50

Where: Indian Creek Country Club

Who: 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

Do you get our newsletters and other email notices?

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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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