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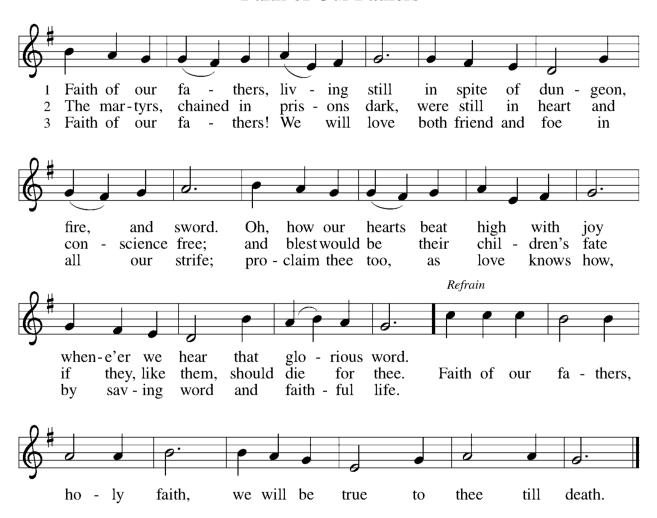
Prelude: "Gather Us In" - James Biery

Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

*Gathering Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers" ELW #812

Faith of Our Fathers



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain

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.

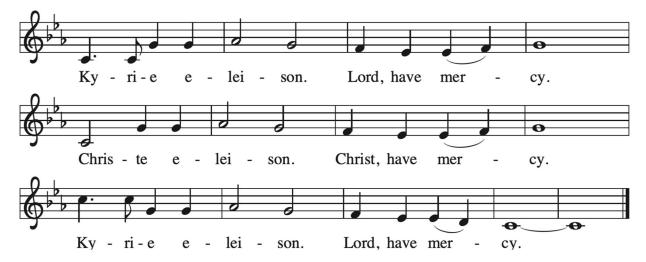
Amen.

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



Glory to You, God

All sing together



*Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Lector: Charlie Lloyd

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

Congregation reads responsively

- 1 God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan: defend the humble and needy;
- 4 rescue the weak and the poor: deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

Lector: Charlie Lloyd

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—33who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking

and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us,

be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

The Gospel according to Luke Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] 49"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

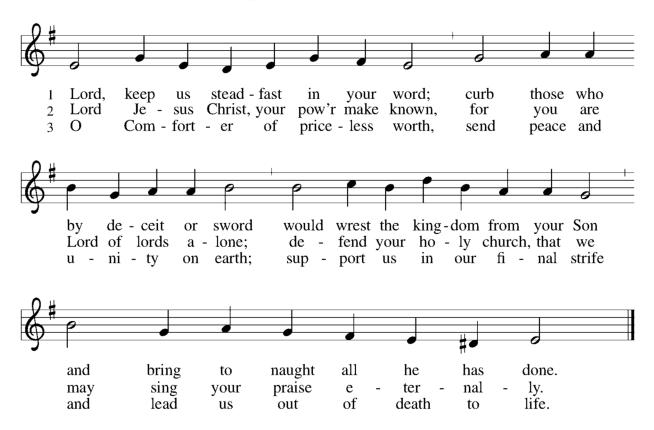
54He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" ELW #517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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: "Symphonia on Hyfrydol - arr. Kevin McChesney Emily Dalthorp, handbell solo

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:



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

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW #815 "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" ELW #464

Lamb of God



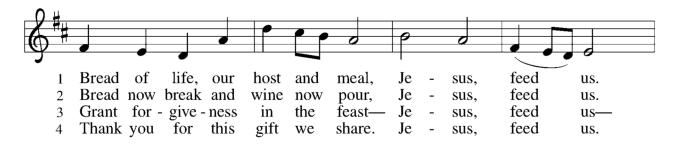
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

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Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal





Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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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: "Lead On, O King Eternal" ELW #805

Lead On, O King Eternal!

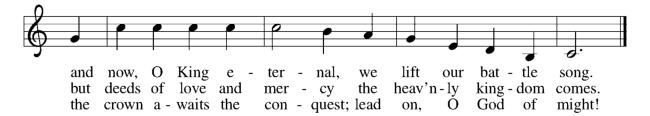




hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home. and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace; for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of grace has made us prep - a - ra tion your strong; not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums, Your lift - ed us; we cross is o'er jour - ney in its light;



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917 Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Trumpet Voluntary/Lead On, O King Eternal" - Stanley/Burkhardt Lois Theesfield, organ

Announcements

Blast Back to School

If you would like to help us donate to the Nevada School District, you can drop off school supplies to the church office by next Sunday's worship, August 21st. Supplies especially needed include:

- #2 Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Pencil-top Erasers
- Pens: Black, Blue, Red
- Highlighters
- Box of 10 Broad Line Markers
- 24 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 24 Pack of Crayola Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Bottles
- Glue Sticks

- Plastic Pocket Folders
- Plastic School Supply Boxes
- Wide-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- College-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- 3-ring Binders: 2-inch and 3-inch
- Package of 8 Divider Tabs for 3-ring Binders
- Backpacks
- Headphones
- Earbuds

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 21**st during the usual 9:00 AM worship service.

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 iheid1717@gmail.com

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!



Save the Date

Back to School Blessing & Congregation Meeting

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

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 Robey, daughter of Marlin and Shirley Klonglan, following the death of her husband Marty

Prayers for the family and friends of Sandra Olson following her death
Prayers for the family and friends of Addison Witte following the death of her father
Prayers for the family and friends of George Forsyth following the death of his sister

Janet Jacques

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jim Dalthorp

Mel Craven

Connie Krupp

Randy Matthews friend of Mike Coverdale

Max Carey friend of Mike Coverdale

Jack Aden brother-in-law of Judy Johnson

Connie Robinson sister of Shirley Klonglan

Cari Reid

Annalissa Brodersen daughter of Jack and Carol Vincent

Jackie Byers daughter of Shellie Black

Gloria (Jack) Aden sister of Judy Johnson

Julie Kowalczyck aunt of Tanya Sorem

Jerry Radke

Cassie Harrell

Donna See

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

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