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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "Two Fugues in C Major" - G.F. Handel

Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn:** "Gather Us In" ELW #532

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.





Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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.

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

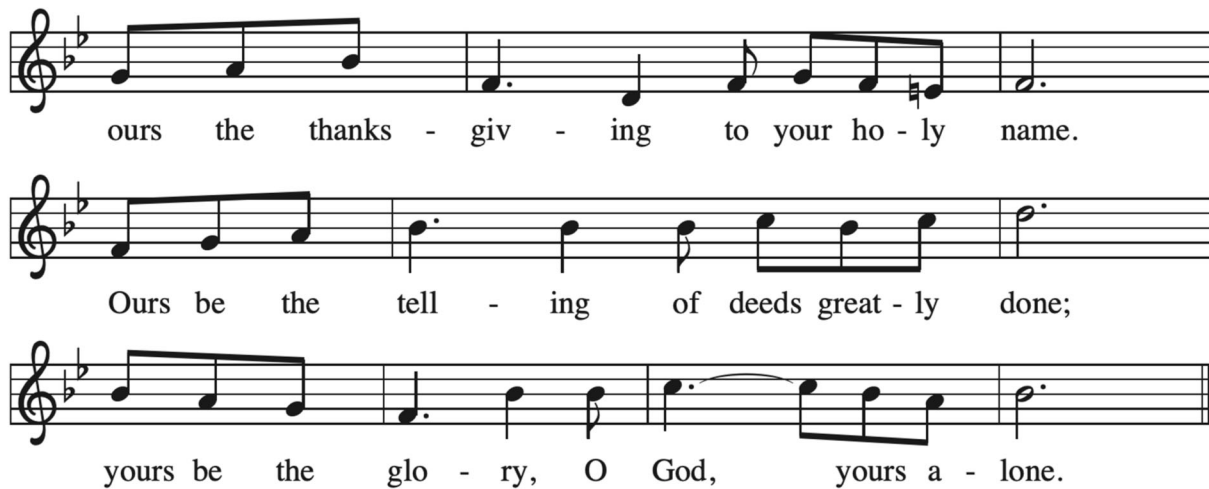
All sing together

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;





***Prayer of the Day**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6 - 7

Lector: Jeff Seyller

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

All chant together



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- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord
and have great delight in | God's commandments!**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.**
- 6 For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.**
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1 - 8, 15 - 16

Lector: Jeff Seyller

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7 - 14

The Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "All Are Welcome" ELW #641

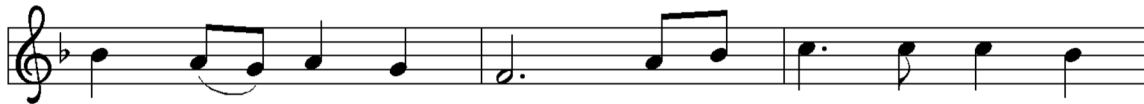
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 power of 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: "*Allegretto*" - William Boyce
Lois Theesfield, organ

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

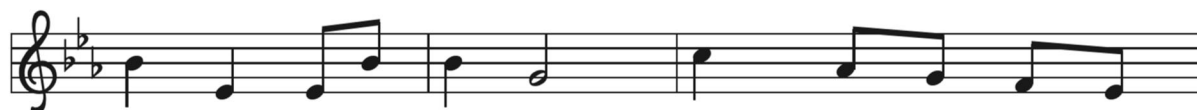
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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:



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

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

Communion Hymns: *"Lamb of God" ACS Setting 12*
"I Come With Joy" ELW #482
"In This Feast of Love" ACS #962

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.

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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In This Feast of Love



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the



it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio

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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: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW #547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Trumpet Tune Duet" - Jeremiah Clarke

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 Dustin, Jackson, and Vanessa Reid following the death of Dustin's wife, Cari Bauman

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

Richard Moats
friend of Diane Eilers

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

Annalissa Brodersen
*daughter of Jack and
Carol Vincent*

Jackie Byers
daughter of Shellie Black

Julie Kowalczyk
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

Lynn Harris

Julie Sutherland

Jan Cook

Save the Date

Memorial Handbells and Choir Rehearsals Resume

When: Wednesday, August 31st
Handbells: 6:00—7:15 PM
Choir: 7:30—8:45 PM

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

Wednesday Faith Time Begins

Join us for yard games and pizza!

When: Wednesday, September 14th, 5:45—8:00 PM
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 CROP Hunger Walk

When: Sunday, October 2nd, 1:15 PM
Who: All ages

MLC Trunk-or-Treat

When: Saturday, October 29th, time TBD
Who: All ages

Announcements

Memorial Handbells and Choir Rehearsals Resume August 31st

Memorial's bell choir and vocal choir rehearsals are set to resume this Wednesday, August 31st. Bells meet from 6:00—7:15 PM, followed by choir from 7:30—8:45 PM. New members from all vocal sections are welcome to come sing with the choir! One ringer is also needed for a temporary vacant position in bells—this would be a great opportunity to give handbells a try! For more information, please contact Lois Theesfield, Minister of Music at loistfield@gmail.com.

Adopt a Plant

We are searching for loving homes for Memorial's potted plant population in the hallway south of the Sanctuary. See a plant you like? Please feel free to take it home!

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.

Do you get our newsletters and other email notices?

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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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