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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

**Prelude:** "In Babilone" - Michael Burkhardt

Lois Theesfield, organ

## Welcome

**Call to Worship:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Sunday School Kids

**\*Gathering Hymn:** "Let Streams of Living Justice" ELW #710

## Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.





Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;  
a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

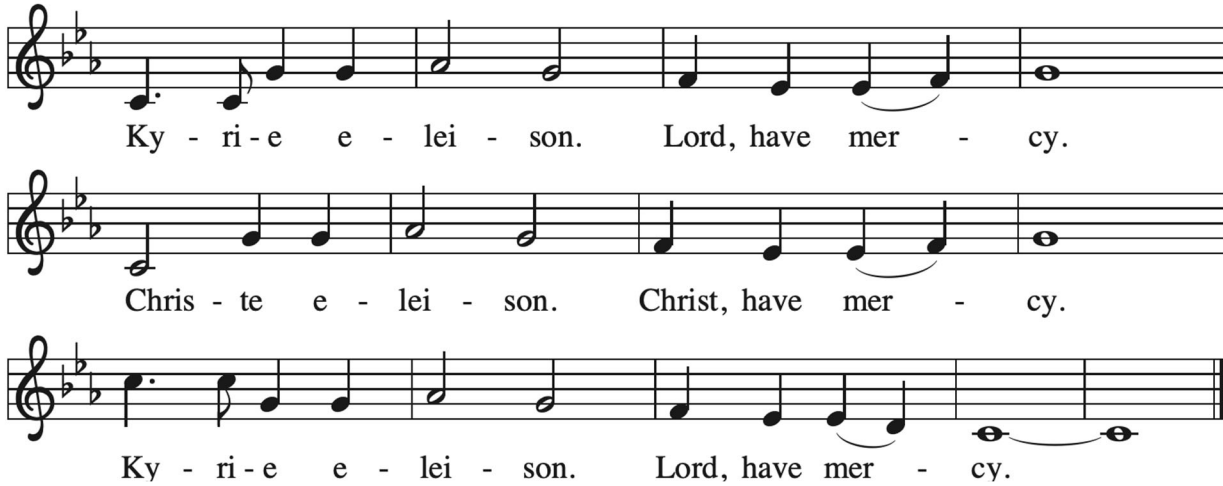
**God of mercy and forgiveness,  
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.  
We have harmed your good creation.  
We have failed to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and walk humbly with you.  
Turn us in a new direction.  
Show us the path that leads to life.  
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven □ and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**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*



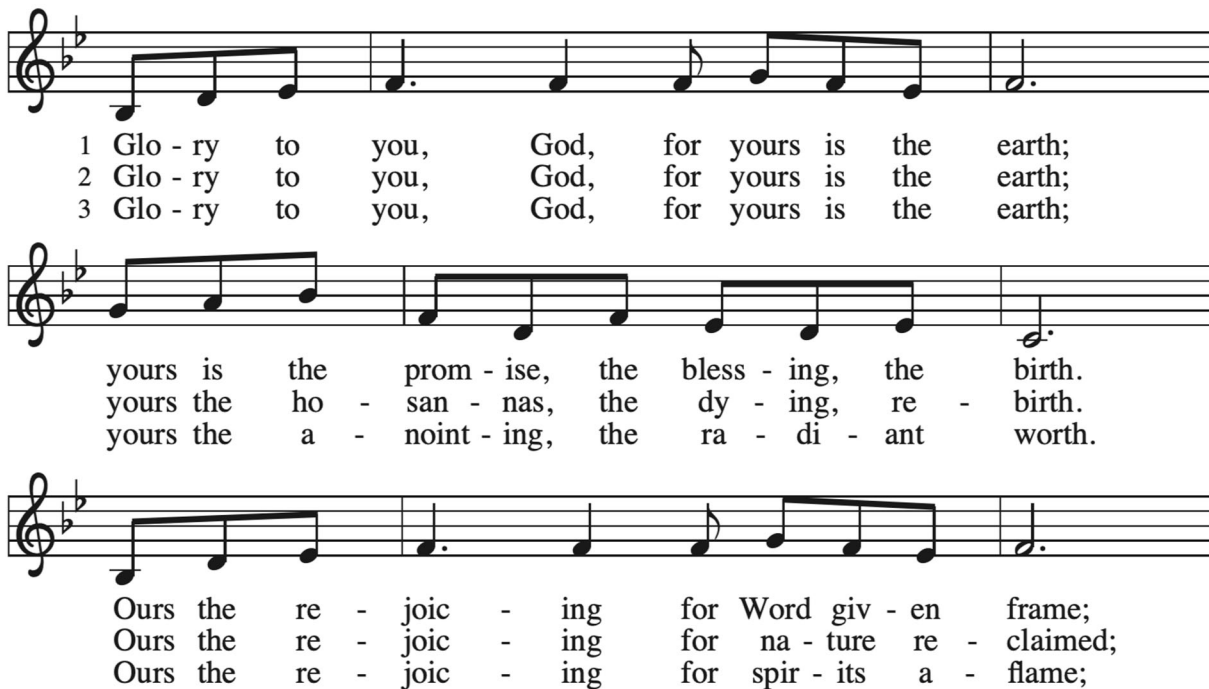
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Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

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

## Glory to You, God

*All sing together*

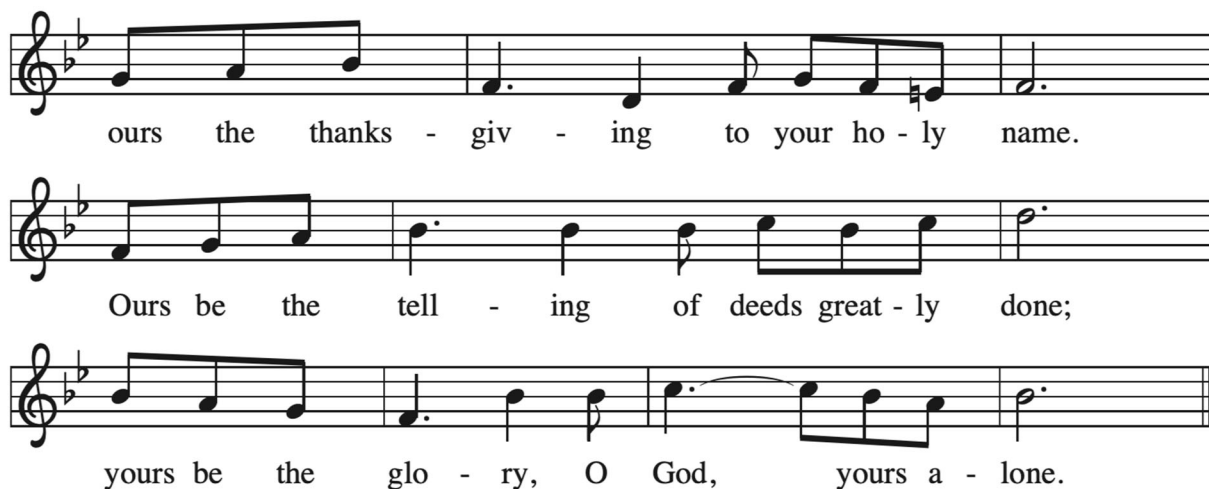


1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

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**

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Amos 8:4 - 7**

*Lector: Kathy Lynn Johnson*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***“Each Little Lamb”***

*Steve Lekwa, guitar & Sunday School Kids; Congregation joins with Steve’s leadership*

### **Each Little Lamb**

The musical score for 'Each Little Lamb' is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1 through 7, with lyrics 'He watch - es o - ver each lit - tle lamb and holds them in the'. The second staff contains measures 8 through 12, with lyrics 'palm of his hand. With love, the shep - herd cares for his'. The third staff contains measures 13 through 17, with lyrics 'sheep, by day or night, a - wake and a - sleep.' Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, F/E, F/D, Gm, C, Dm in the first staff; G, C, F, F/E, F/D in the second staff; and Gm, C, Dm, Gm, C in the third staff.

## **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1 - 7**

*Lector: Kathy Lynn Johnson*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1 - 13

The Gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

## Sermon

**\*Hymn of the Day: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" ELW #655**

**Son of God, Eternal Savior**



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710



## **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:** Reflection on "*Son of God, Eternal Savior*" - Michael Burkhardt  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

### **Offering Prayer**

Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
**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

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

**Communion Hymns:** *"Lamb of God"* ACS Setting 12  
*"Be Thou My Vision"* ELW #793  
*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* ELW #686

## 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.

# Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

### Prayer After Communion

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Announcements

#### Blessing

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, + one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: "Rise Up O Saints of God" ELW #669

### Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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## Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude: "Thaxted" - John Behnke

*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

*Prayers for Teresa Krebs and family and friends following the death of Teresa's husband, Kim Krebs*

*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  
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*  
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

# Announcements

## **TODAY: MLC Golf Outing**

There's still time to join us this afternoon for our first annual golf outing at Indian Creek Country Club! Simply show up between 2 and 3 PM and we'll set you up with a group (if you need one) and a tee time (the final tee time is 2:50 PM). The cost is \$28 per person to golf 9 holes with a cart. If you have questions, please see Chris Nady following worship or give him a call at 515-686-0220.

## **Registration Open for Nevada's CROP Hunger Walk**

In just a few short weeks, Memorial will gather with others in our community as we to walk to fight world hunger on October 2nd. Want to walk with us? Join our team: "Memorial Lutheran Church - Nevada, IA", register as an individual, or start your own team by visiting <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/nevadaia>



25% of all donations will go to three of Nevada's local food services: the Community Cupboard, Food at First, and Cubbie's Cupboard.

## **A Special "Thank You"**

*"Thank you to everyone who remembered my 80th birthday. I enjoyed getting all the cards and it made me feel special. God bless!"*

- Charlene Carsrud

## **Volunteer Opportunity: Food at First Meal Prep and Serving**

It's Memorial's turn to prep and serve food for Food at First on Thursday, Sept. 29th and we are looking for volunteers! We will do some meal prep on Wednesday evening at Memorial and then will start prepping the meal around 3:00pm to start packaging at 4:30pm for deliveries. Please contact Kim Stieler with any questions.

## **Volunteer Opportunity: Raising Readers in Story County**

Raising Readers in Story County would like to invite you to participate in their fall programming that promotes the literacy development of children. The Reading Buddies after-school tutoring program gives first through third grade students an extra boost in literacy by pairing them with a trained volunteer tutor.



Tutors and students meet two times per week for 45-minute sessions that begin the week of September 26th and end the week of November 14th. Tutoring will take place at Memorial Lutheran Church in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:15 (2 sessions back to back). For details and to register for the Reading Buddies program

**Do you get our newsletters and other email notices?**

Make sure you email [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto: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!**



<p>Save the Date</p> <p><b>MLC Golf Outing</b></p> <p><b>When: Today!</b> Sunday, September 18th Tee times: 2:00, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:40, 2:50</p> <p><b>Where:</b> Indian Creek Country Club</p> <p><b>Who:</b> All ages</p>
<p><b>Blessing of the Animals</b></p> <p>When: Saturday, October 1st</p> <p>Who: All ages</p>
<p><b>Nevada CROP Hunger Walk</b></p> <p>When: Sunday, October 2nd, 1:15 PM</p> <p>Who: All ages</p>
<p><b>MLC Trunk-or-Treat</b></p> <p>When: Saturday, October 29th, time TBD</p> <p>Who: All ages</p>





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