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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa \*An asterisk denotes that the congregation is invited to stand

Prelude: "Here is Love" - arr. Sharon Wilson Gretchen Theesfield, violin; Fox Henson, cello

# Welcome

\*Gathering Hymn: "Founded on Faith" ACS #1048

#### Found - ed graceon faith. the churchlive 1 a by Your cross, Christ, news life each day. 2 0 re our -E - quipped by 3 prayer, we live the Spir it's call. Grow - ing God's -4 in grace for cre - at ed earth, Found - ed 5 on faith, called forth, em-pow'red to serve, pro - claims gos - pel ev - 'ry place. the here and Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray. Em - pow'red to serve with gifts, both great and small, we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth; share God's end - less love with - out we re - serve. Θ The word of God sounds through time and space: re Fed hearts. say: by your love. with thank ful we ing all. the liv hope of God we bring to faith a world re - stored: a ful, car - ing church. Then let us shout a loud the liv - ing Word! 0 Al le lu ia!

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# Founded on Faith

# **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.** 

# \*Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous therefore judgment comes forth perverted. <sup>2:1</sup> I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 37:1-9

All sing refrain; verses spoken by Phyllis Fevold

#### Refrain



<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
<sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
<sup>4</sup>Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire. *Refrain*<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.
<sup>6</sup>The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light

and the justice of your case like the noonday sun. <sup>7</sup>Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,

the one who succeeds in evil schemes. Refrain

<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land. Refrain

# Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us

with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## **Children's Message**

# \*Gospel Acclamation



# Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

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

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

#### Sermon

#### \*Hymn of the Day: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ELW #759



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

# **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:** *"God is Love" -* ACS Hymnal Supplement *Memorial Choir with Gretchen Theesfield, violin* 

# **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:



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 Music Voluntary: *"Sarabande & Courante from Suite #2" -* J S Bach *- Fox Henson, Cellist*



Lamb of God

# **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: "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" ELW #545



Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

**Dismissal** Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.** 

**Postlude:** *"Fanfare"* - Otterstad *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 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

Ernie Ruhde

Sierra Parr cousin of Kim Stieler

Catherine Barrance-Fritsehe sister of Vanessa Borwick

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

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

Michael Neal

Patricia Barrance mother of Vanessa Borwick Jami Tharp Fred Samuelson Larry Christian Jaylee Bartleson Sheila Collingwood *mother of Lyndsey De Vos* Judy Coverdale Family and friends of +James Stephens George Forsyth Janeen Driscoll Lynn Harris Julie Sutherland Jan Cook

# Announcements

# TODAY: Nevada's CROP Hunger Walk

Join Memorial Lutheran and others in our community as we to walk to fight world hunger.

When: Sunday, October 2nd

12 - 1pm Walking tacos available

1:15pm Walk begins following invocation and group photo

Where: The Pavilion at SCORE Park

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

# Thursday: Beer & Theology

Join us for Beer & Theology at Dublin Bay on Thursday, October 6th from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Free childcare will be available from 6:00 - 8:30pm at Memorial—**must RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, October 4th** if you would like to use this service.

# 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 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!



# Update: "A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place" Heating/Cooling Project

Thank you to the nearly 50 households who have pledged and/or given to our "A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place" heating/cooling project! So far, \$57,893 has been given out of a total pledge amount of \$127,388. This pledge amount equals 60% of our \$210,000 goal. *Thank you* for your continued generosity!

Save the Date Nevada CROP Hunger Walk When: Sunday, October 2nd, 1:15pm Who: All ages **Beer & Theology** Childcare available via mandatory RSVP - contact the church office for details When: Thursday, October 6th Where: Dublin Bay (Ames) Faith Time: Outdoor Fall Movie "Coco" with Pizza & S'mores Make sure to bring your own chairs and/or blankets! When: Wednesday, October 12th, 5:45pm Who: All ages **MLC Trunk-or-Treat** When: Saturday, October 29th, 5:00pm Who: All ages

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