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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

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

Prelude: "Glorious Celebration" - Cynthia Dobrinski

Memorial Handbells

Welcome

***Gathering Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress" ELW #504**

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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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.

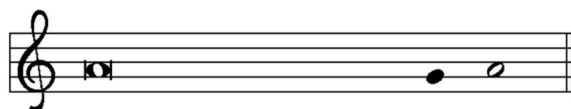
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

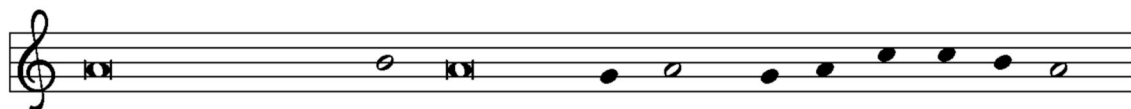
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



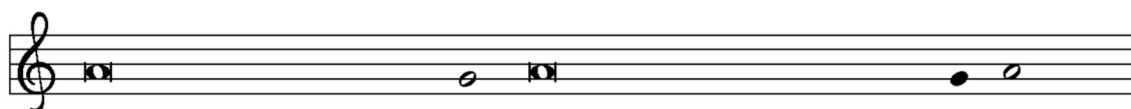
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

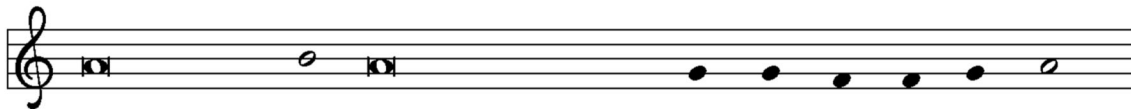


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

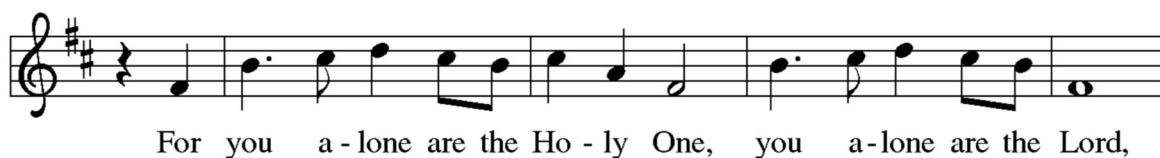


Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;





***Prayer of the Day**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

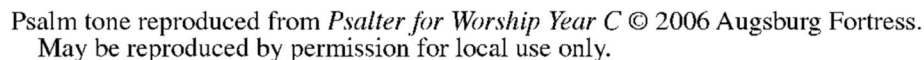
Lector: Kenzie Alderson

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All chant together



**11The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

Second Reading: Romans 3:19 - 28

Lector: Kenzie Alderson

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Confirmands’ Faith Statements

Jack Seyller
Cash Handsaker
DJ Dunham
Rachel Borwick
Jadyn Melohn
Carson Wilkins
Emilia Stage
Collin Skaggs

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

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, send peace and
by de-ceit or sword would wrest the king-dom from your Son
Lord of lords a-lone; de-fend your ho-ly church, that we
u-ni-ty on earth; sup-port us in our fi-nal strife
and bring to naught all he has done.
and sing your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

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

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation of Confirmands

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Affirmation

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers as they affirm their baptism and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THE MEAL

Offering

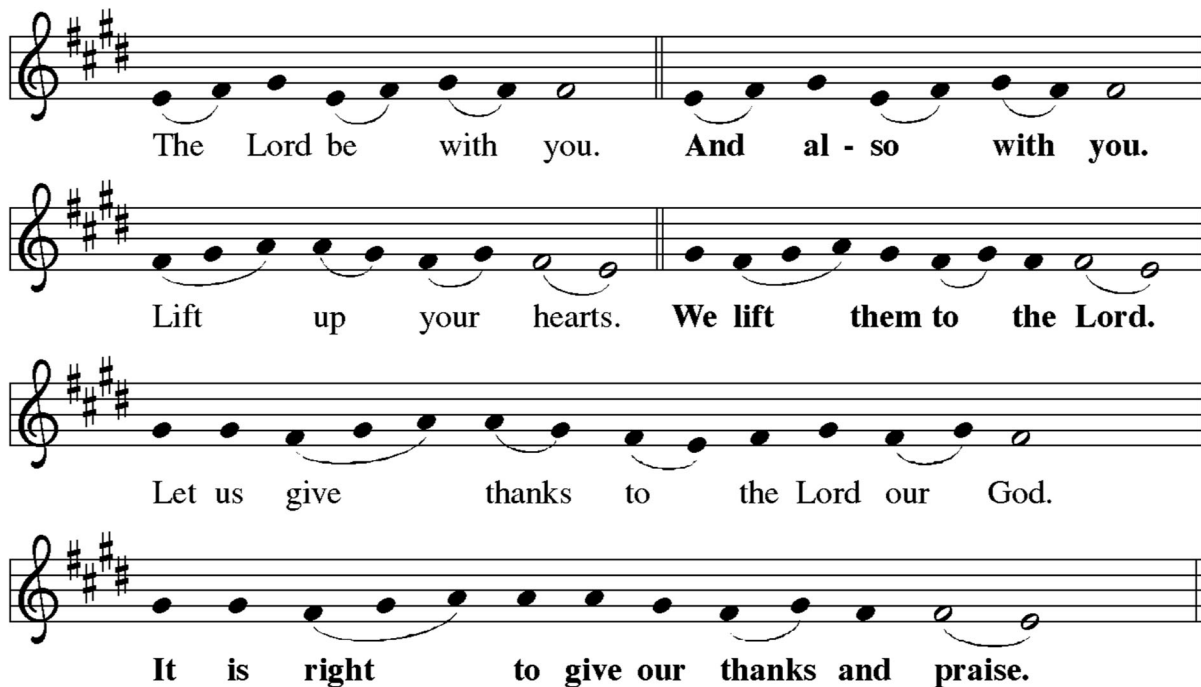
Music Voluntary: "Gladness & Grace" - Michael Mazzatenta

Memorial Handbells; Emily Dalthorp, bell tree

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



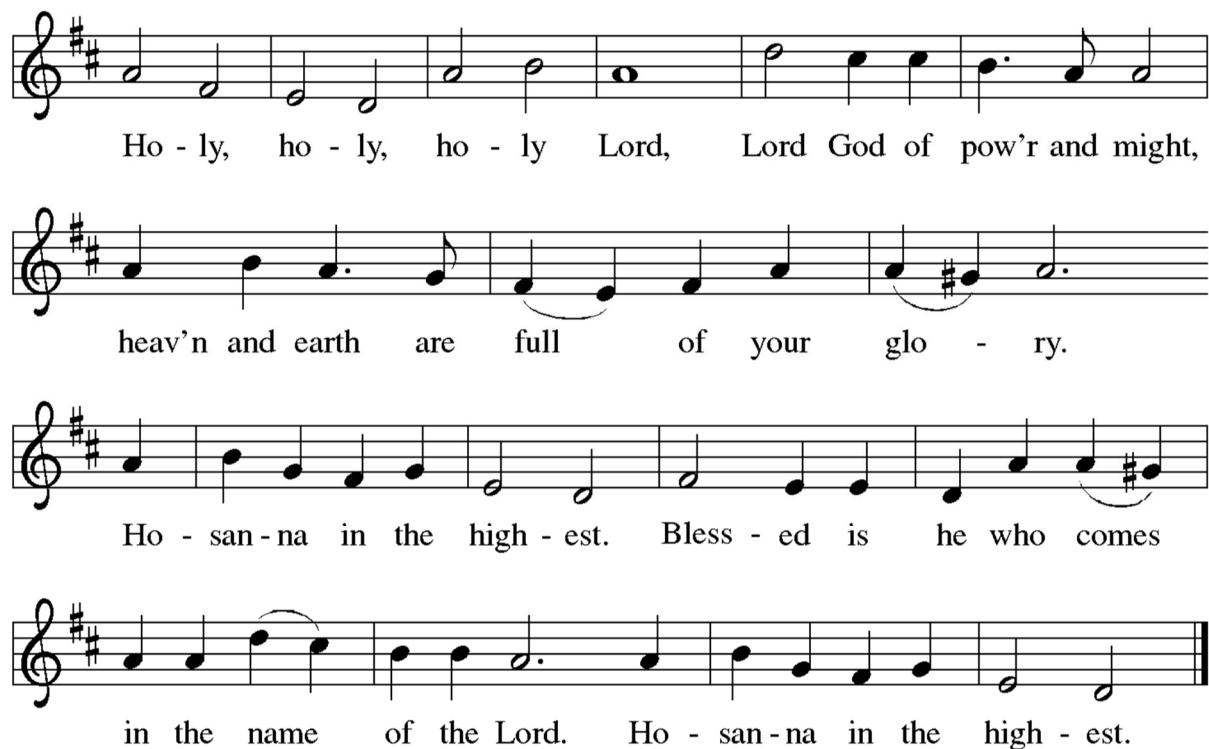
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. 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"* ELW Setting 4
"That Priceless Grace" ELW #591
"This Little Light of Mine" ELW #677

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.

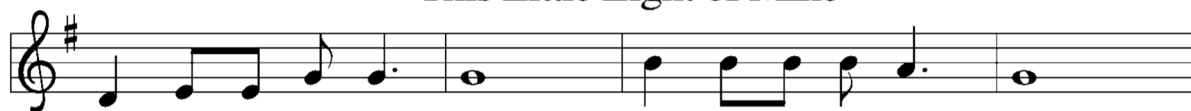
That Priceless Grace

1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less
3 That pain - ful death, that pain - ful death, that pain - ful
4 That pre - cious word, that pre - cious word, that pre - cious
grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.
death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.
That price - less grace is life for me.

Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949
Music: THAT PRICELESS GRACE, Ghanaian traditional
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This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

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

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 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 give 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, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" - John Leavitt

Lois Theesfield, organ

*Please join us for cake in the Fellowship Hall
in celebration of our Confirmands!*

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 of healing and recovery for Stuart Bremer as he is currently hospitalized
and battling illness. Prayers for his family at this time as well.*

*Prayers for Betty Davis, Dan Bappe, and Shari Dobson
following the death of their brother Larry Bappe*

Prayers for the family of Rev. Don Rothweiler following his death

Ernie Ruhde	Judy Johnson	Jami Tharp
Sierra Parr	Connie Robinson	Fred Samuelson
<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	<i>sister of Shirley Klonglan</i>	Larry Christian
Catherine Barrance-Fritsehe	Jackie Byers	Jaylee Bartleson
<i>sister of Vanessa Borwick</i>	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Sheila Collingwood
Janet Jacques	Jerry Radke	<i>mother of Lyndsey</i>
Easton Farrington	Cassie Harrell	<i>De Vos</i>
Janice Hartz	Donna See	Judy Coverdale
Jim Dalthorp	Katie Brockmeier	Family and friends of
Connie Krupp	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth</i>	<i>+James Stephens</i>
Randy Matthews	<i>Brockmeier</i>	George Forsyth
<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	Norma Dannan	Janeen Driscoll
Family and friends of	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>	Lynn Harris
<i>+Max Carey</i>	Michael Neal	Julie Sutherland
<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	Patricia Barrance	Jan Cook
Jack Aden	<i>mother of Vanessa Borwick</i>	
<i>brother-in-law of</i>		

Announcements

Nevada CROP Hunger Walk Update

Our local CROP Walk took place on Sunday, October 2. For the first walk in quite a few years we had a very successful event! So, here are some of the numbers! Drumroll, please...

Total number of walkers: 85

Money raised by MLC: \$935.00

Total money raised: \$2650.00

Thank you to all of you who helped to fight hunger through the Nevada CROP Hunger Walk! We'll see you next year!

All Saints Sunday November 6th

We have records of the names of Memorial members who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year. Their names will be read during a special time of prayer on All Saints Sunday. We are mindful that many of you may have lost others who are dear to you in this past year. If you would like for their name to be read, please email the church office at emily@mlcnevada.org.

Finance Forums - Sunday, November 6th and 20th

As the Finance Team finalizes Memorial's General Fund budget for 2023, we will be holding two finance forums on Nov. 6th and 20th at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to hear more about the upcoming budget and to ask any questions you may have.

Ministry Endowment Reception - Thursday, November 10th

Come out and learn more about some of the ministries and projects that will be benefitting from Memorial's 2022 Endowment Grant awards! Beverages and treats will be provided.

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 ends 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).

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!**



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