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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" - Beck/Leavitt

Lois Theesfield, organ

## Welcome

**Gathering Hymn:** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" ELW #308, stanzas 1-4



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

Thus says our God:  
"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."  
God's mercy makes us new.  
We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## Glory to God



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



1 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.



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



2 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; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



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



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



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

## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

*Lector: Larry Parker*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

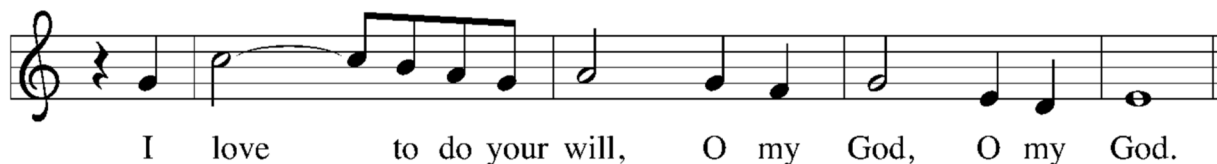
<sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

## Psalm 40:1-11

Memorial Choir presents verses; All sing refrain

### REFRAIN



Psalm 40:8

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<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the Lord,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

<sup>3</sup>The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

### REFRAIN

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be  
compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

### REFRAIN

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup>"I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'"

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and  
your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

<sup>11</sup>You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

### REFRAIN

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Lector: Larry Parker

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

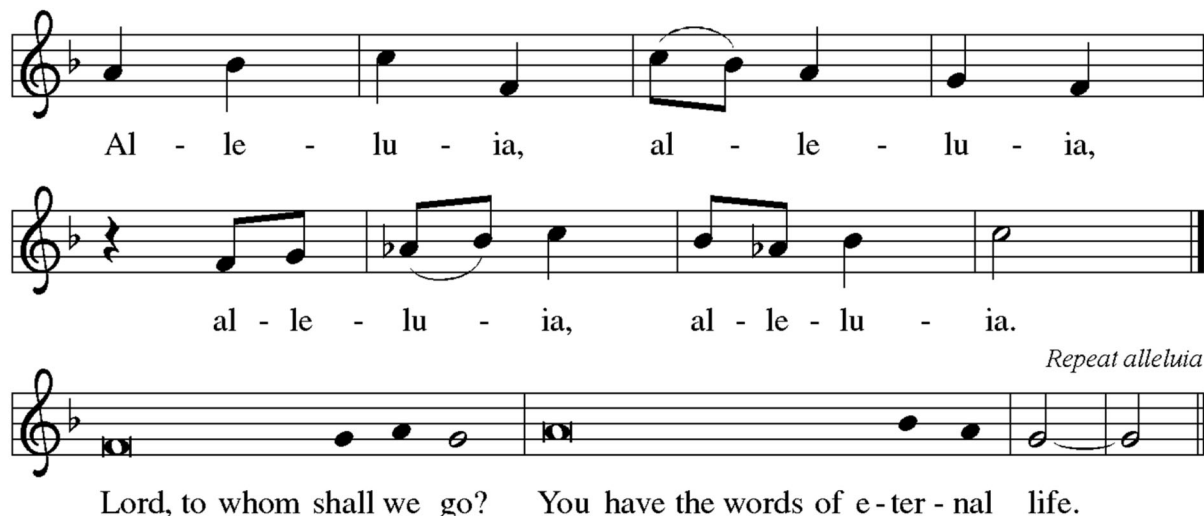
<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## Children's Message

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, 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: John 1:29-42

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

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched

Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, O Christ

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: "Lord Jesus You Shall By My Song" ELW #808



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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## 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

*Response:*

*P: "Merciful God,*

*C: receive our prayer"*

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE MEAL**

### **Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** *"I'm Going on a Journey"*  
*Memorial Choir; Mary Brinkman, soloist*

### **Offering Prayer**

Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**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.**

## **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-er and might,  
 heav-en 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. 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

Come and taste the joy of God!

### Communion Hymns: "Lamb of God" ELW Setting 2

"Here I Am Lord" ELW #574

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!" ELW #314

# 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.

# Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

# Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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

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## Prayer After Communion

Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

### Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" ELW #308, stanzas 5-6**

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| <p>5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!<br/>Our joy be all with music crowned,<br/>our voices gaily blending!<br/>For Christ goes with us all the way—<br/>today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!<br/>His love is never ending!<br/>Sing out! Ring out!<br/>Jubilation!<br/>Exultation!<br/>Tell the story!<br/>Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!</p> | <p>6 What joy to know, when life is past,<br/>the Lord we love is first and last,<br/>the end and the beginning!<br/>He will one day, oh, glorious grace,<br/>transport us to that happy place<br/>beyond all tears and sinning!<br/>Amen! Amen!<br/>Come, Lord Jesus!<br/>Crown of gladness!<br/>We are yearning<br/>for the day of your returning.</p> |
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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" - Michael Burkhardt

*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 Judy and Kip Farthing following the death of their son, Wade Farthing.*

*Prayers for Susan Radke and family following the death of her husband, Jerry Radke*

*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*

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

Carol Vincent	Connie Krupp	Larry Christian
Cassie Harrell	Randy Matthews	Jaylee Bartleson
Jean Smith	<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	Sheila Collingwood
Ken Borwick	Family and friends of	<i>mother of Lyndsey</i>
Maddie Dunham	+Max Carey	<i>De Vos</i>
Judy Johnson	<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	Judy Coverdale
Annette Dalthorp	Jackie Byers	Family and friends of
Ellie Lynch	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	+James Stephens
Ernie Ruhde	Donna See	George Forsyth
Sierra Parr	Katie Brockmeier	Janeen Driscoll
<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth</i>	Lynn Harris
Janet Jacques	<i>Brockmeier</i>	Julie Sutherland
Easton Farrington	Norma Dannan	Jan Cook
Janice Hartz	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>	
Jim Dalthorp	Michael Neal	
	Jami Tharp	
	Fred Samuelson	



## Announcements

### Meals for the Lotz Family

A sign-up is now available to provide a meal for the Lotzs during Pr. Kathleen's maternity leave. Sign up online here: <https://bit.ly/3vWeGWi> or call the church office. Meals may be brought to the Lotz's at 728 9th St., Nevada between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM on the day of your sign-up. Thank you so much!

### Offering Envelopes Coming Soon!

For everyone who has received offering envelopes in the past, they will be arriving on your doorstep very soon! We are working with a new company and very much appreciate your patience. In the meantime, generic offering envelopes are available for pickup in the Narthex.

This year, envelopes will be in a weekly format and will be mailed out quarterly for the upcoming quarter. We also now have the ability to make quick changes to addresses or to add people to the list, so please let us know if you have an address change or would like to start receiving envelopes.

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