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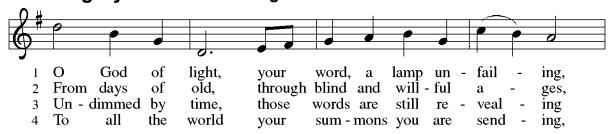
Today we welcome back Pastor Rachel Thorson Mithelman as our presiding minister. Pastor Rachel will also be with us next Sunday, February 12th.

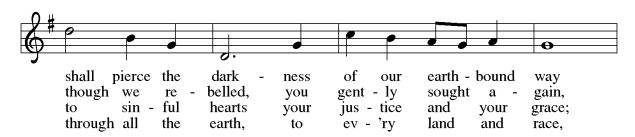
Lutheran Lakeside Executive Director Brittney Swanson will be with us February 19th. Pastor Marcia Kisner is providing visitation and pastoral care during this time.

**Prelude:** "O God of Light" - settings by Hildebrand & Kosche Lois Theesfield, organ

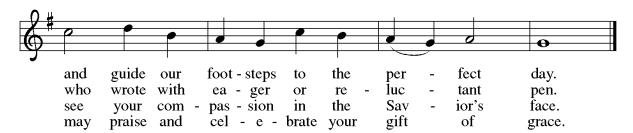
### Welcome

### Gathering Hymn: "O God of Light" ELW #507









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### **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.

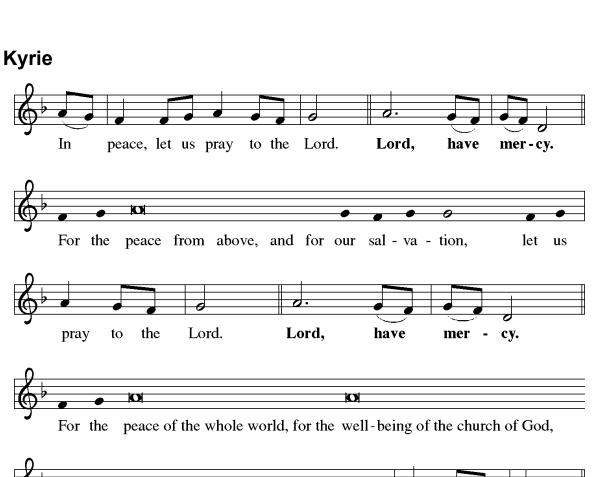
Our hearts have turned away from you.

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.





pray





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





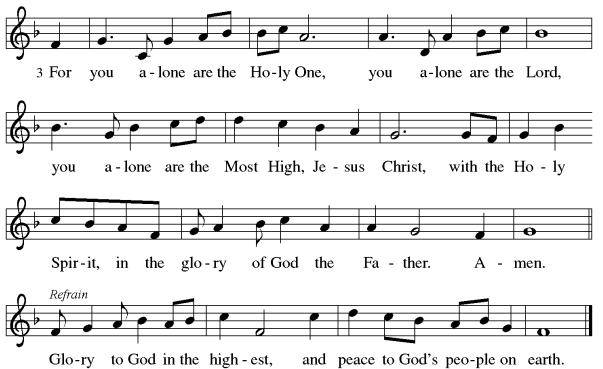
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend gra - cious Lord. us,



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### **Glory to God**





### Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,
 to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
 when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
 your vindicator shall go before you,
 the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
9a Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil. <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted. then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in

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

### Music Voluntary: "Jesus the Light of the World" ACS #914

Memorial Choir sings verses; all join on refrain

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; "Glory to the newborn king," Jesus, the Light of the world. Refrain
- 2 Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of the world; join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*
- Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world; 3 Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world; Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; addl. text "J.V.C."; adapt. George Elderkin Music: JESUS. THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. traditional: arr. George Elderkin

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived.

what God has prepared for those who love him"—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything,

even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [13 And we speak of these things in words

not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

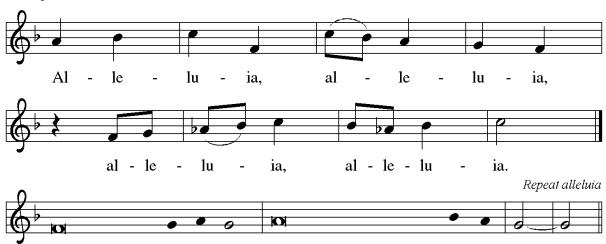
<sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.]

The Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**



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

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20**

The Gospel according to Matthew Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>1</sup>/"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

#### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: "Christ Be Our Light" ELW #715



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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

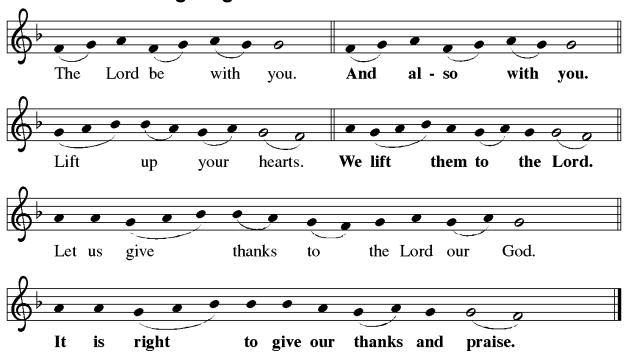
### Offering

**Music Voluntary:** "Welcome Table" - African American Spiritual Memorial Choir

### Offering Prayer

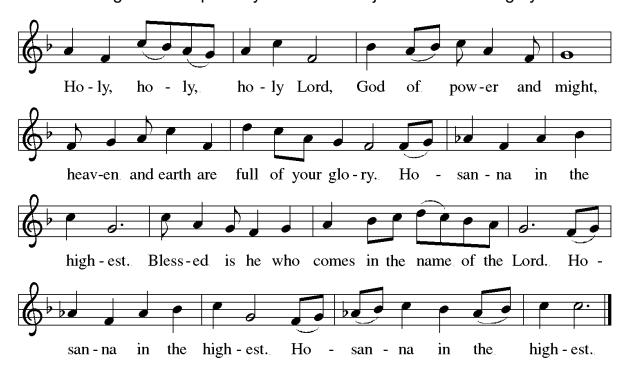
Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving



### 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.

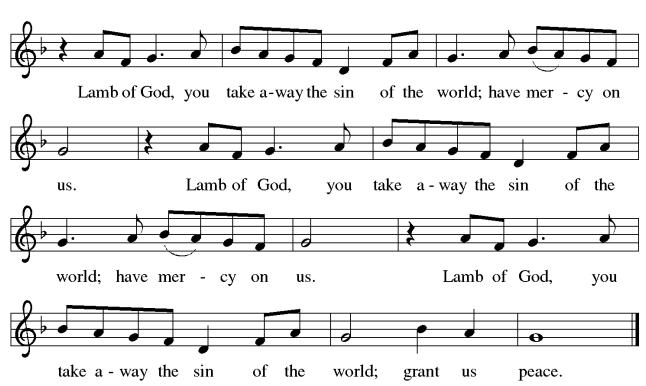
#### **Invitation to Communion**

Come and taste the joy of God!

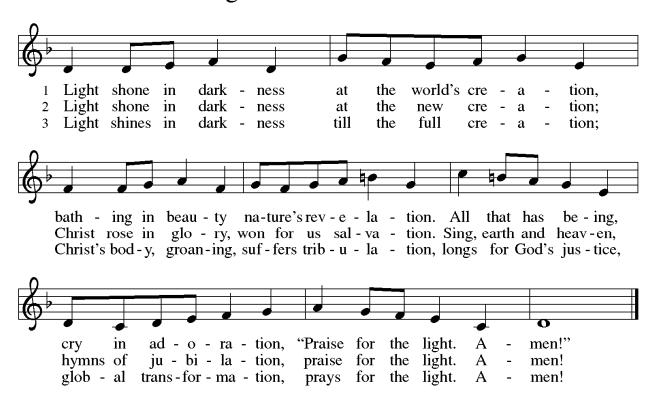
Communion Hymns: "Lamb of God" ELW Setting 2

"Light Shone in Darkness" ELW #307
"This Little Light of Mine" ELW #677

### Lamb of God



## Light Shone in Darkness



Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
Music: LUX IN TENEBRIS, Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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### This Little Light of Mine



Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

### **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: "God, Whose Almighty Word" ELW #673



Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "God Whose Almighty Word" - Albert Travis

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 Betty Runge and family following the death of her husband, Leo Runge

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

John Bass son-in-law of Ron & Gloria Jacobson

Denise Rehor

Carol Vincent

Cassie Harrell

Jean Smith

Ken Borwick

Maddie Dunham

**Judy Johnson** 

**Annette Dalthorp** 

Ellie Lynch

Ernie Ruhde

Sierra Parr cousin of Kim Stieler

Janet Jacques

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jim Dalthorp

Connie Krupp

Randy Matthews friend of Mike Coverdale

Jackie Byers daughter of Shellie Black

Donna See

Katie Brockmeier granddaughter-in-law of Ruth

Brockmeier

Norma Dannan friend of Betty Runge

Michael Neal

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**

### Faith Time Valentine's Day Party

Celebrate Valentine's Day with us during Faith Time on Wednesday, February 8th. We'll have pizza, hot cocoa, games, and other fun activities!

What: Faith Time Valentine's Day Party: pizza, cocoa, and fun!

When: Wednesday, February 8th; Pizza available at 6:00 PM, followed by activities

### **Kids Present the Psalm During February 12th Worship**

Parents mark your calendars: our Psalm will be presented by Memorial's kids next Sunday, February 12th. We'll speak the Psalm and also incorporate kids bells. If you can help your kids learn the words "Happy are they who follow the teaching of the Lord" leading up to the 12th, that would be very helpful. We have one more rehearsal this morning, so please join us!

### Memorial is Going Snow Tubing!

Join us for a fun night of snow tubing at Seven Oaks Recreation in Boone on Friday, February 24th! Please sign up no later than Thursday, February 9th in order to take advantage of our group rate. Sign up via SignUpGenius using the QR code or by calling the church office.



**What:** Snow tubing and fellowship at Seven Oaks Recreation in Boone. Snacks, drinks and tables games will be available in the lodge.

When: Friday, February 24th; Reservation deadline is Thursday, February 9th. Reservations available in 2-hour time slots between 5:00 and 9:00 PM.

**Who:** Family and friends of Memorial. Must be 4 years or older to snow tube. Any age may spectate; reservations needed for snow tubers only.

**Cost:** \$5 per person for those who are snow tubing. Please pay the church office or use Tithe.ly/give and select "2023 Snow Tubing".

### **MLC Camping Committee Looking for Members**

Memorial campers / planners: we need you! As we gear up for Memorial's 2nd annual camping outing this Spring, we are forming a "Camping Committee" to plan activities and logistics. Our first meeting will be Monday, February 13th at 7:00 PM in the Lounge.

### Now Accepting Lawn Care Proposals

It's hard to imagine, but Spring will be here before we know it and Memorial is now accepting lawn care proposals from companies and individuals. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the church office.

### 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.



### Save the Date

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### **Camping Committee Meeting**

Help us plan activities and logistics for our camping outing this Spring

When: Monday, February 13th, 7:00pm

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

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### **Church Potluck**

Gather in the Fellowship Hall for a mid-morning potluck—bring your favorite dish to share! Donations will benefit ELCA World Hunger.

When: Sunday, February 26th following worship

### **Bowling with Memorial**

Have time to spare? Come bowling with us!

When: Sunday, March 5th, time TBD

### **Celebration for Ewan Peter Lotz**

We will be celebrating the arrival of Ewan Peter Lotz (born January 5th) in the near future. Please stay tuned as we finalize details!



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