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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** "Sonata No. 1, II mvt." - Charles Ore

*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Welcome

**Gathering Hymn:** "O Lord, throughout these Forty Days" ELW #319

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

+ forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**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 - va - tion, 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,

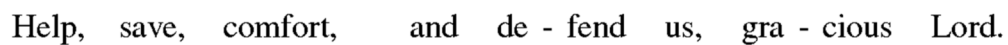
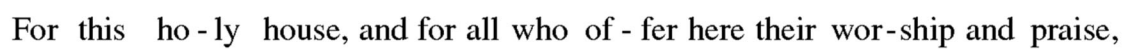


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.





# Glory to God

Assisting minister



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

All



Lord God, heav'n-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, O 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. 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.

## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

*Lector: Sandy Christian*

<sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

## Psalm 32

*All sing refrain; Memorial Choir sings verses*

### Refrain



Blest is the one whose sin is forgiv'n, And whose wrongs are put far away.  
Happy is the one free of guilt, Whose spirit is pure, whose words are the truth. **REFRAIN**

When I refused to confess all my sin, My body wasted away.  
Day and night my sins were before me; My strength dried up like the summer's heat. **REFRAIN**

Then I declared my sin to the Lord, And my heavy guilt I confessed;  
God forgave all my transgressions; My sin and guilt were taken away. **REFRAIN**

When the faithful have floods rushing down, Those same floods are beyond their reach.  
The Lord will be their hiding place, Salvation's joy shall be their song. **REFRAIN**

## Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

*Lector: Sandy Christian*

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

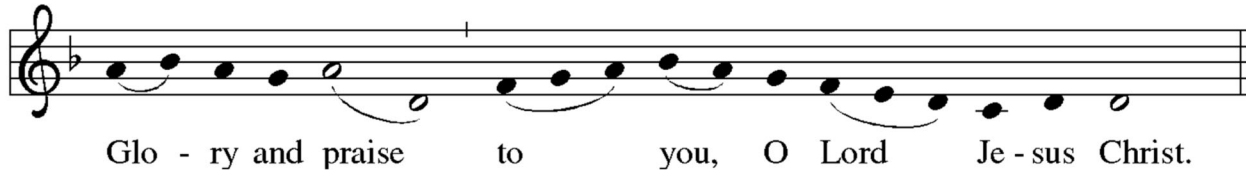
<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

**Children at heart sermon**



## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel according to Matthew

### Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord

### Praise to you, O Christ

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day: "When We Are Tested" ACS #922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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

## Sharing of the Peace

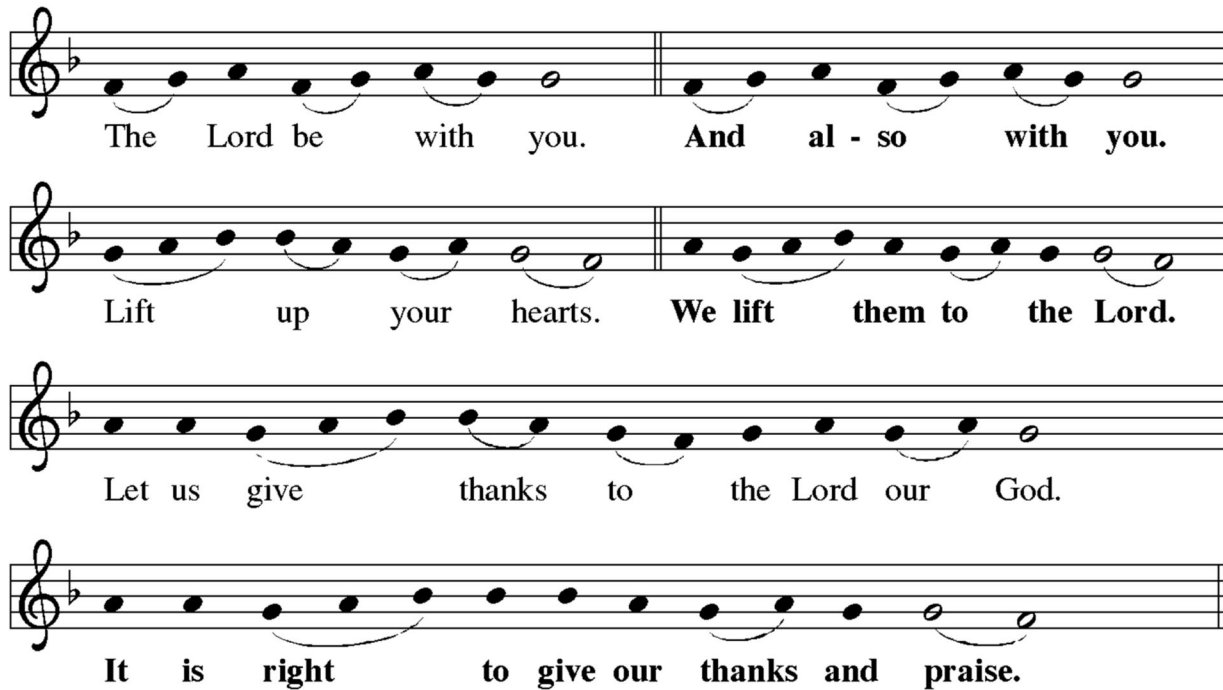
The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

## Offering

**Music Voluntary:** *"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"* - Robert W. Lehman  
Memorial Choir, assisted by bell ringers Stacie & Carl Link

## Great Thanksgiving

It is indeed right,... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line. The third and fourth staves end with a final double bar line. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

## 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 receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.*

## Hymns during Communion

*"Lamb of God" ELW Setting 5*

*"Come to the Table" ELW #481—sing through twice*

*"Just As I Am" ELW #592*

### 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. A - men.

# Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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# Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## Announcements

### Blessing

God, the giver of love,  
+ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

### Sending Hymn: "Lord Keep Us 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.  
may 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

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" - Hans Micheelsen  
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 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*

Jeanie & Jerry Gibson	Annette Dalthorp	Norma Dannan
Marsha Kane	Ellie Lynch	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Pr. Marcia Kisner	Ernie Ruhde	Michael Neal
Marlene Waddell	Sierra Parr	Jami Tharp
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	Fred Samuelson
Sandy Muesburger	Janet Jacques	Larry Christian
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	Easton Farrington	Jaylee Bartleson
John Bass	Janice Hartz	Sheila Collingwood
<i>son-in-law of Ron &amp; Gloria Jacobson</i>	Jim Dalthorp	<i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>
Denise Rehor	Connie Krupp	Judy Coverdale
Carol Vincent	Randy Matthews	Family and friends of +James Stephens
Cassie Harrell	<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	George Forsyth
Jean Smith	Jackie Byers	Janeen Driscoll
Ken Borwick	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Lynn Harris
Maddie Dunham	Donna See	Julie Sutherland
Judy Johnson	Katie Brockmeier	Jan Cook
	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier</i>	

## **Announcements**

### **Church Potluck Following Worship**

Please join us for a potluck in the Fellowship Hall following worship this morning. Donations will benefit ELCA World Hunger.

### **40-40-40 Lent Challenge**

Did you know? The Grand Canyon Synod and the Southeastern Iowa Synod are partner synods and in 2023, the two synods are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger for Lent. Participate in the challenge by pledging to take part in some spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent while raising money for ELCA World Hunger. The synod with the most people to participate wins! To learn more and to sign up, visit the challenge website here: <https://bit.ly/3IrvvOF>

### **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 next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28th at 5:30 PM in the Lounge.

### **Join us for National Quilting Day on March 18th**

Quilters (or aspiring quilters!): you're invited to a day of assembling quilts to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Not comfortable with a sewing machine? No problem! We need help with all steps of quilt making: counting blocks, layering quilts, and tying quilts. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 - 2:00 on Saturday, March 18th. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Bring a friend!

### **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.



### **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.

## *Save the Date*

### **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

### **Beer & Theology**

**When:** Thursday, March 2nd, 6:30pm

**Where:** Old Chicago (Ames)

### **LWR Quilt Workshop (National Quilting Day)**

*All are invited to help assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief on National Quilting Day!*

**When:** Saturday, March 18th, 9:00 - 2:00

### **Camping Committee Meeting**

*Help us plan activities and logistics for our upcoming camping outing*

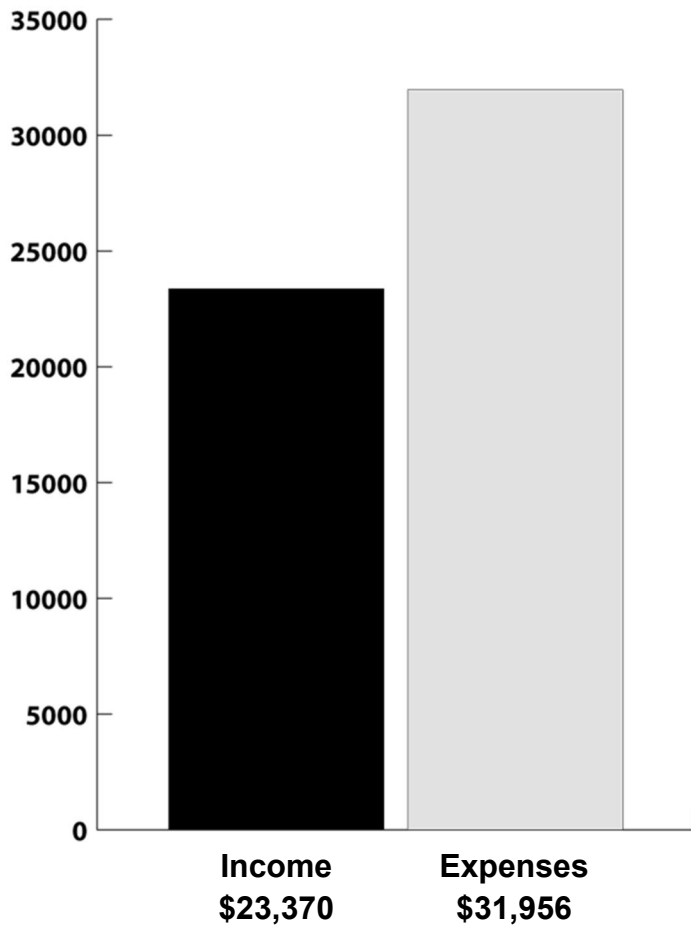
**When:** Tuesday, March 28th, 5:30pm

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

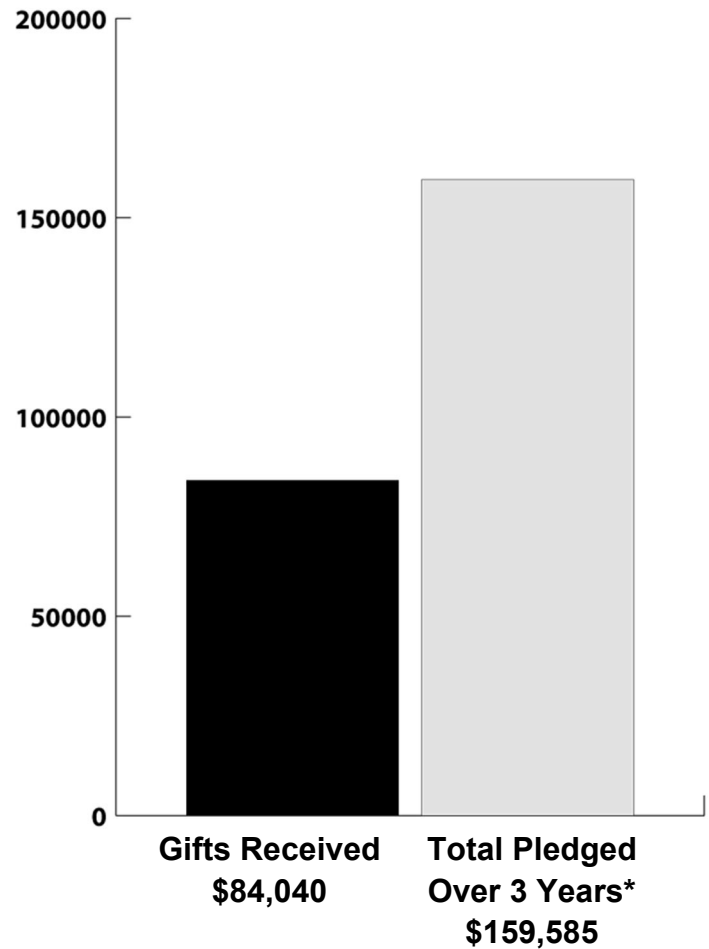
We will be celebrating the arrival of Ewan Peter Lotz (born January 5th) in the near future. Please stay tuned as we finalize details!



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