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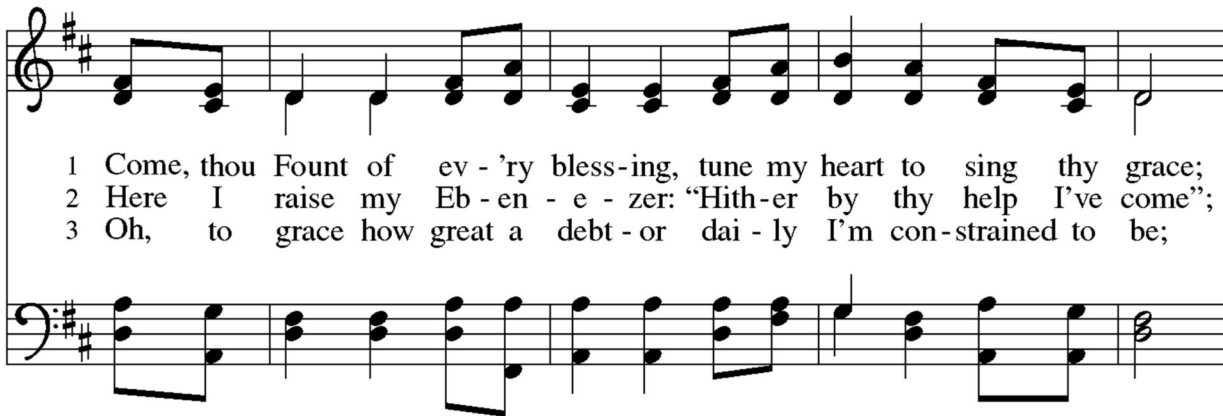
Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - arr. Diane Bish

Dave Blumer, organ

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW #807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

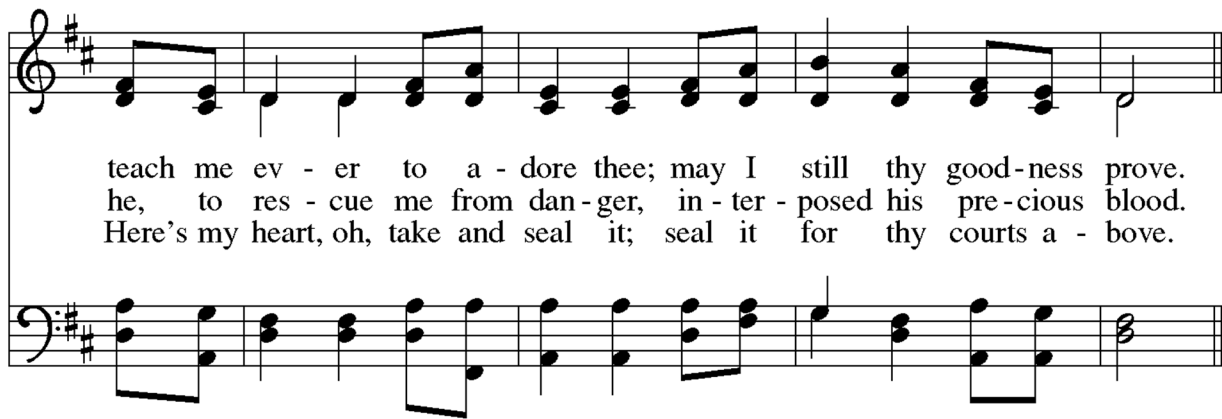


streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.





Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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

Dave Lekwa, Assisting Minister



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.





For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer 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.



Glory to God

Dave Lekwa, Assisting Minister

Assisting minister



Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Lector: Fred Alderson

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Music Voluntary: "Borning Cry"

Lois Theesfield, hammered dulcimer; Stacie Link, harp

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Lector: Fred Alderson

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Children at heart sermon

Gospel Acclamation

All sing Acclamation; Assisting Minister sings Proper Verse

Acclamation



Proper Verse

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;

Whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Repeat Acclamation**

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him."²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ "Come and see

a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* ELW #611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

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

Dave Blumer, organ

Offering Prayer

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.

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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Great Thanksgiving'. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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'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.

Detailed description: This block contains five staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

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

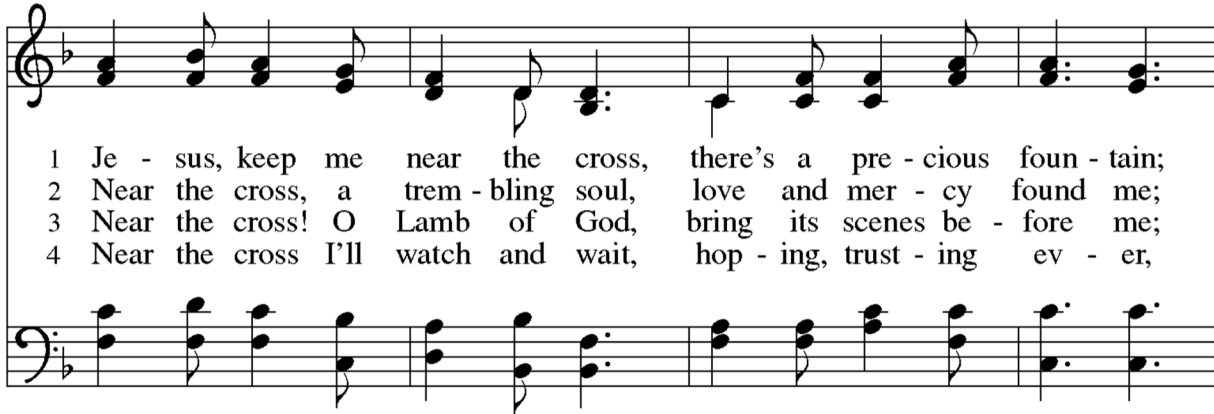
"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW #335

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ELW #623

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.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

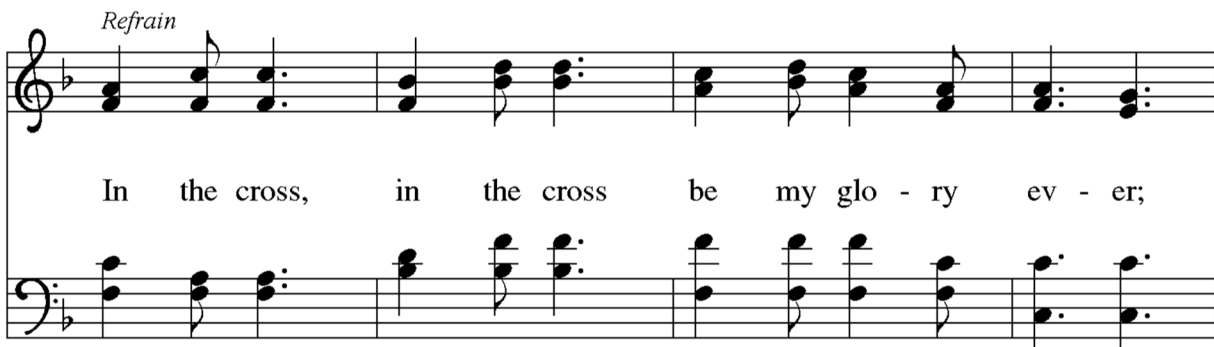


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

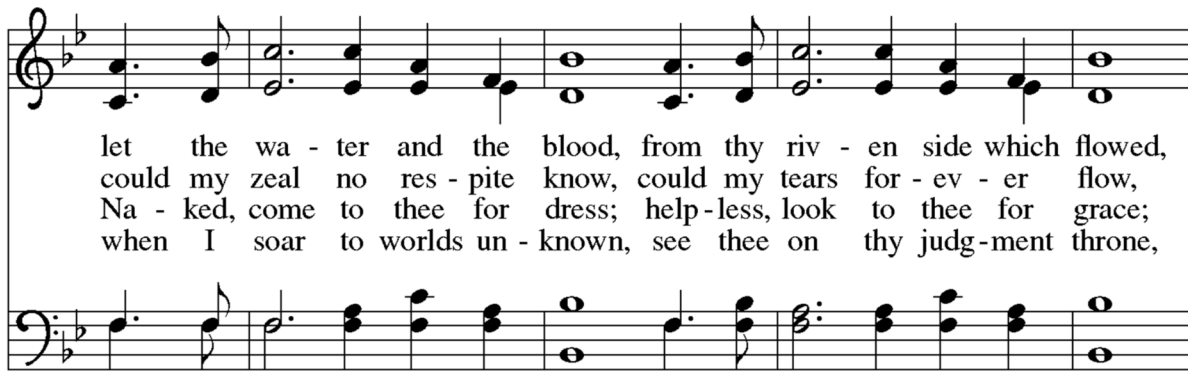


till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

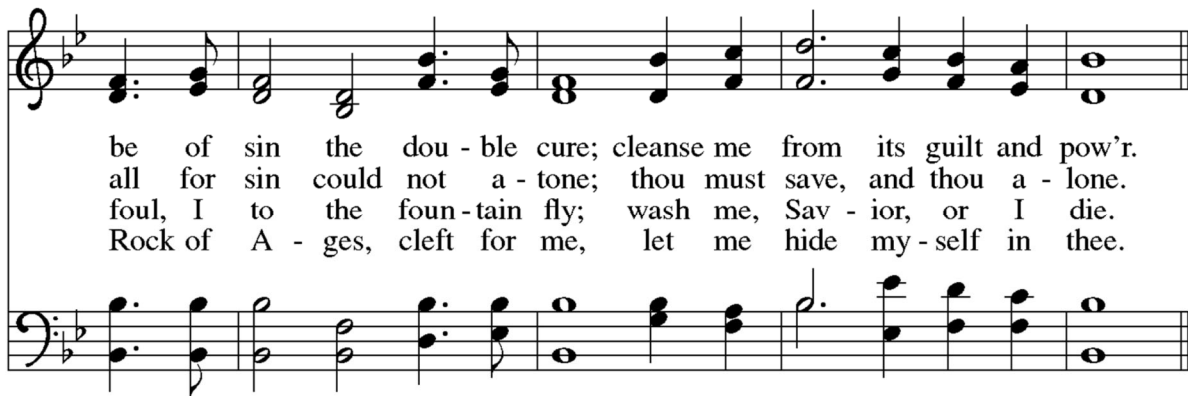
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

Prayer after Communion

God who welcomes us back,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.

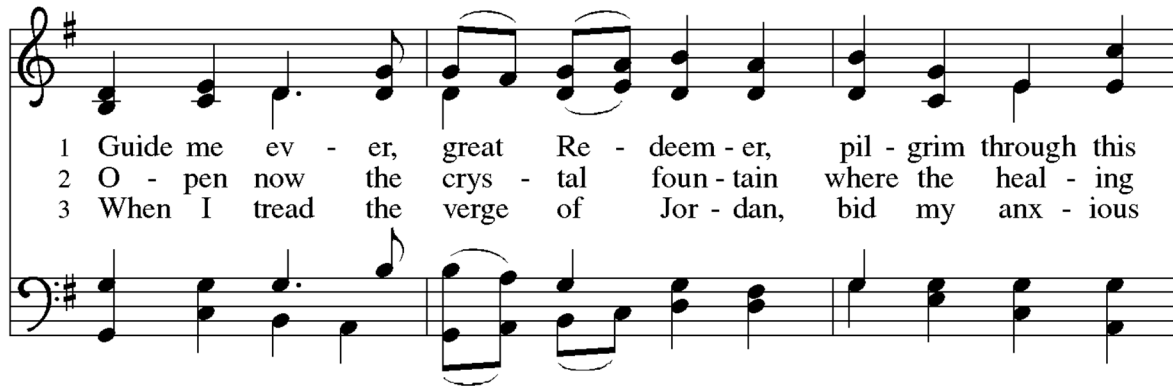
Amen.

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.

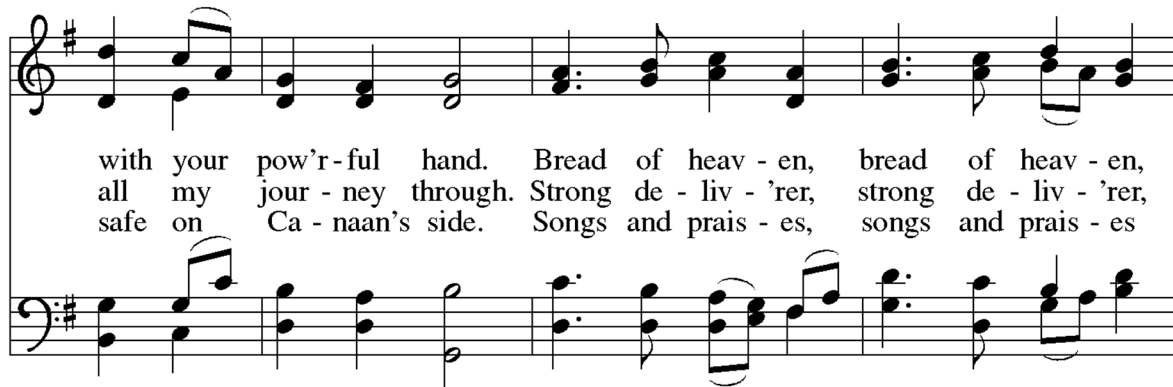
Sending Hymn: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW #618



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Rondo for Organ"* - arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Dave Blumer, 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 Donna See and family following the death of her husband, Bill See.

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*

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

Announcements

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/3lrvvOF>

Lawn Care Proposals Due Friday, March 17th at noon

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. ***Please note: proposals are due Friday, March 17th at noon***

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!

Bowling with Memorial

Have some time to spare? Come bowling with us next Sunday, March 19th at 2:00pm at Sports Bowl in Nevada. We have a limited number of lanes available, so please RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/3l5kHy3> or by using the QR code. Cost is \$5 / person for two games. Please visit tithe.ly/give and select "2023 March Bowling" to submit your payment, or visit the church office. See you on the lanes!



Greeter and Usher Training - March 26th after worship

Are you interested in serving as a greeter and/or usher? As you may realize, these roles play an important part in us living out our shared congregational value of being a "welcome place in Christ." We want to gather anyone who currently serves from time to time as an usher or greeter along with anyone who may be curious about what serving in this ministry entails. We will refresh ourselves on the expectations of serving in this ministry and hopefully answer any questions you may have! Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or email pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org if you will be joining us on the 26th!

Holy Communion Workshop—Saturday, April 1st, 9-11am

Are you curious to learn more about the special meal Jesus shares with us? If you are looking forward to receiving Holy Communion for the first time, or have already been receiving and want to learn just a little bit more about this meal and why it's so important to us as Christians, please email pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org to sign up. We will also have a time of special recognition for participants receiving Holy Communion for the first time at the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 6 at 7 PM.



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

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

Bowling with Memorial

Come bowl with us! RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/3l5kHy3> or by using the QR code

When: Sunday, March 19th, 2:00 - 4:00

Where: Sports Bowl (Nevada)



Greeter and Usher Training

When: Sunday, March 26th, following worship

Camping Committee Meeting

Help us plan activities and logistics for our upcoming camping outing

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

Holy Communion Workshop

When: Saturday, April 1st, 9-11am

Welcome Celebration for Ewan Peter Lotz

When: Sunday, April 2nd, 2:00-4:00pm

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