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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude

Dave Blumer, organ

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
**you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.**
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
**Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.**
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.
**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.**
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
**Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.**
**We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
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


Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Lector: Jerry Eilers

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Music Voluntary: "Jesus Loves Me"

Memorial Kids Bells & Singers

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

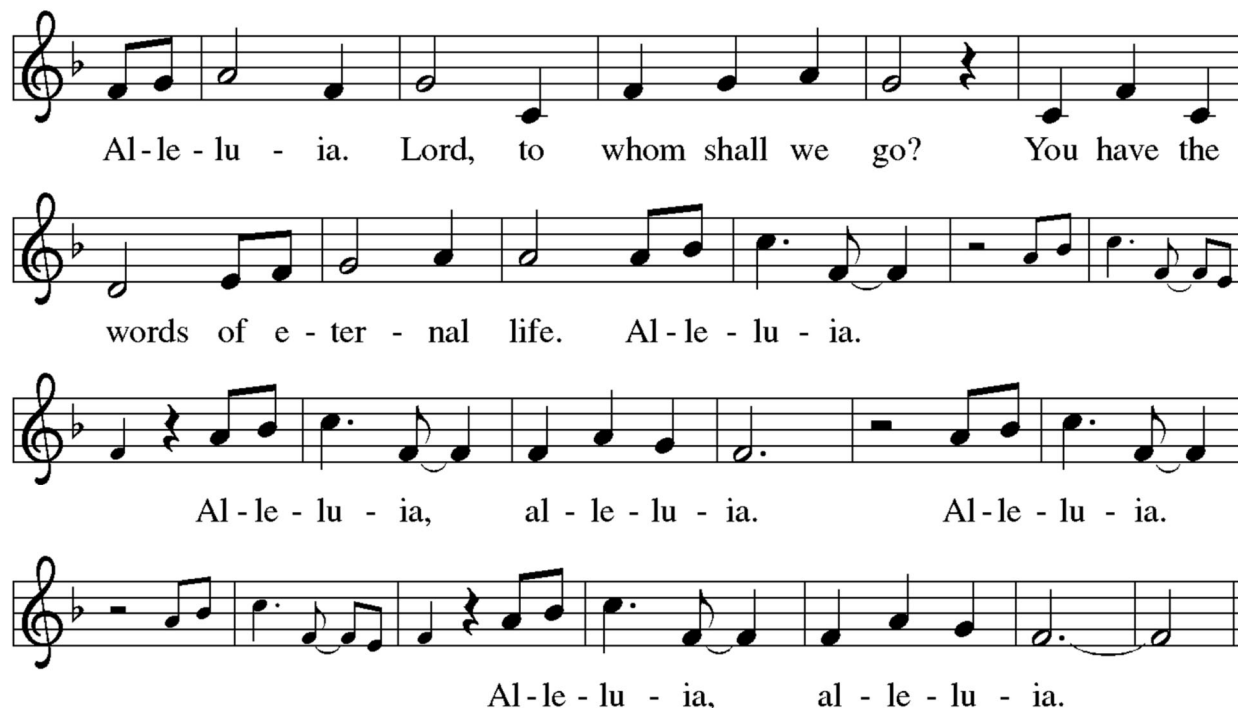
Lector: Jerry Eilers

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Children at heart sermon

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

The Gospel according to John
Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

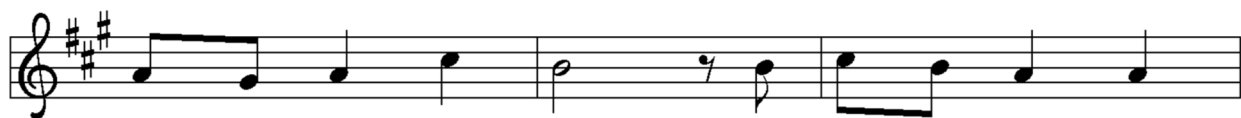
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "We Walk By Faith " ELW #635



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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

Dave Blumer, organ

Offering Prayer

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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 know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

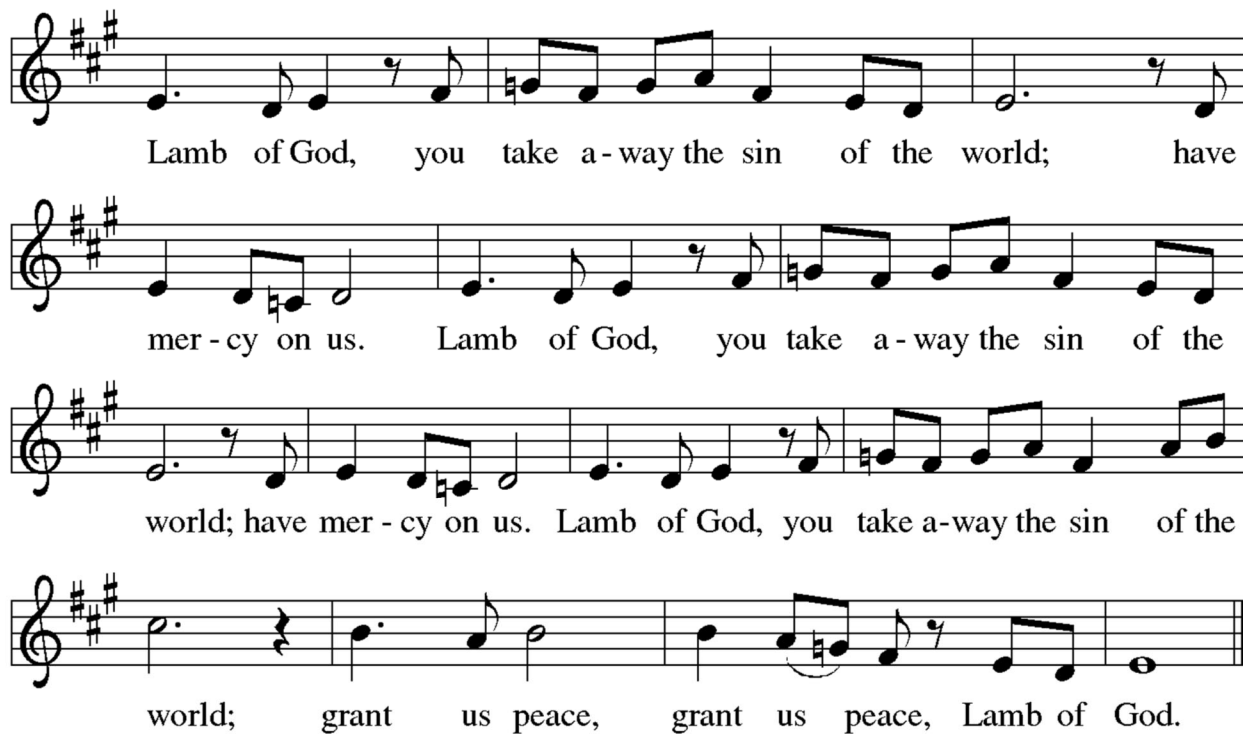
Hymns during Communion

"Lamb of God" ELW Setting 8

"The Peace of the Lord" ELW #646

"Be Not Afraid" ELW #388 (sung three times)

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, Lamb of God.

The Peace of the Lord

La paz del Señor



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
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ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla;
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla.*

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla;
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla.*

Text: Anders Ruuth; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: LA PAZ DEL SEÑOR, Anders Ruuth

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Be Not Afraid

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!'. The piano accompaniment is written in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of all,
who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "The Risen Christ" ELW #390



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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 Sandy Golden and Bev Sorem and their families
following the death of their mother, Evelyn Winterboer*

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

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

Announcements

Attention! Memorial Members Wanted for Synod Assembly!

Our Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly is coming up May 15-16. This year's business proceedings will be conducted entirely virtually on a Monday and Tuesday evening from 5:30 -8:30 PM. Memorial needs two lay members to attend virtually on our behalf. Please e-mail Pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org or call the office to ask any questions or to let us know if you are interested in serving as a voting member. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in some unique work of the church and it's made a bit more accessible by nature of being online this year.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, April 30th during 9:00am Worship

Mark your calendar and plan to be in worship to hear an update of the mission and ministry at Memorial and to hear the goals that our Council has set for the upcoming year. After the service we will be taking a group photo before celebrating God's mission together with treats in Fellowship Hall.

Presenting Bibles to 4th - 6th Graders

Sunday, May 14th during 9:00am Worship

If you or a student you know is in 4th-6th grade make sure that you join us in worship on May 14th when we will be presenting Bibles to these students. Please email our Sunday School Superintendent Kim Stieler at amunsonk@gmail.com with any questions!

Memorial Musicians Spring Concert

After three years of silence (Covid-related), the musician's spring concert IS BACK!! Our music ministry team is rich in talent and variety and is excited to present a program of highlights from this past year plus a few newbies. Memorial Handbells and Memorial Choir will be joined by guest musicians bringing their best to the afternoon program.. Please SAVE THIS DATE and come to support all the dedicated Musicians of Memorial.

When: Sunday, May 7, 4:00 pm

What: Concert presented by Memorial Choir and Memorial Handbells with guest musicians Amy Christiansen, (English Horn), Gretchen Theesfield (Violin), (And maybe a few other SURPRISES!). Free-will offerings will benefit the music fund, and hor 'd'oeuvres will be served following the program in the Fellowship Hall.

Card Table Needed for Handbell Choir

Our Memorial Handbell Choir is in need of a square card table to be used for the placement of extra bells. If you have one that you could part with - even if it is worn with age, as it will be covered - please consider donating it to your Memorial Handbell Choir. It would really be useful, especially for concerts.

You're Invited: Thursday Morning Bible Study in Chapel

Beginning this Thursday, April 20th from 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel, you're invited to join Pr. Kathleen in reading the upcoming weekend texts together. All are invited to stop in!

Camping with Memorial September 23rd - 24th

Planning for our annual camping outing at Hickory Grove is in the works! It's not too early to reserve your spot for the weekend of September 23/24: **please note that if you intend to stay the night, you must secure your own campsite by contacting the campground.** Stay tuned for more details for this fun weekend!

Unused Tennis Balls Needed

Do you have unused tennis balls that need a home? Please bring a few to the church office—our custodian, Mike Coverdale, will use them as a cleaning tool. Thank you!

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.



See *"Save the Dates"* on the next page



Save the Date

Thursday Morning Bible Study

When: Thursday, April 20th, 8:30—9:30am

Where: MLC Chapel

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

When: Sunday, April 30th during 9:00am worship service

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, May 4th, 6:30pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

Spring Musicians Concert

When: Sunday, May 7th, 4:00pm

Presentation of Bibles to 4th—6th Graders

When: Sunday, May 14th during 9:00am worship service

SEIA Synod Assembly (online)

When: Evenings of May 15th and 16th

SEIA Synod Revival

All ages are welcome to join our fellow SEIA Synod congregations in worship, music, speakers, learning about ministry opportunities, and more!

When: Saturday, May 20th, 10:00am—3:00pm

Where: Grand View University

Camping Committee Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 31st, 5:30pm


Camping with Memorial

Please note that if you intend to spend the night, you must reserve your own campsite by contacting the campground.

When: September 23rd - 24th

Where: Hickory Grove

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