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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** *"Christ is Arisen, Alleluia"* - Cathy Moglebust  
*Memorial Handbells*

## 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



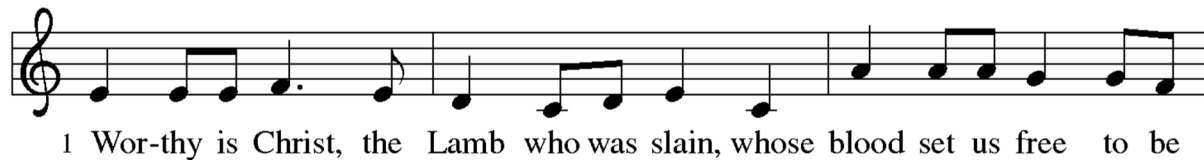
this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



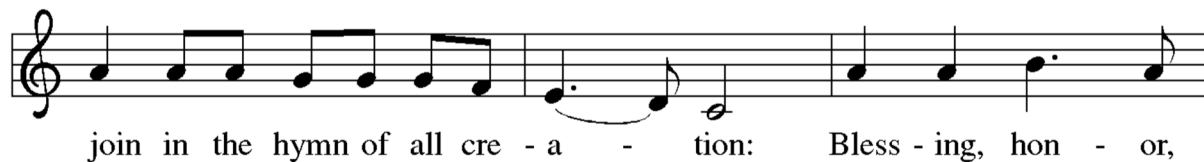
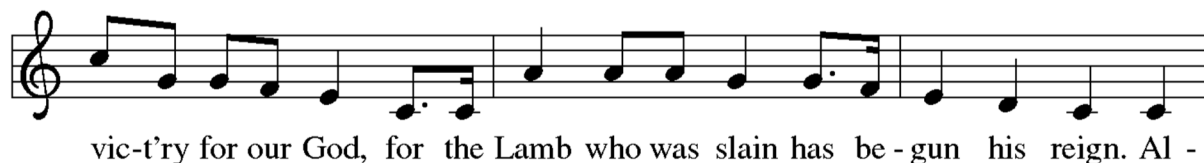
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## This is the Feast

*Refrain*



*Refrain*





## Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Lector: Jeff Seyller*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

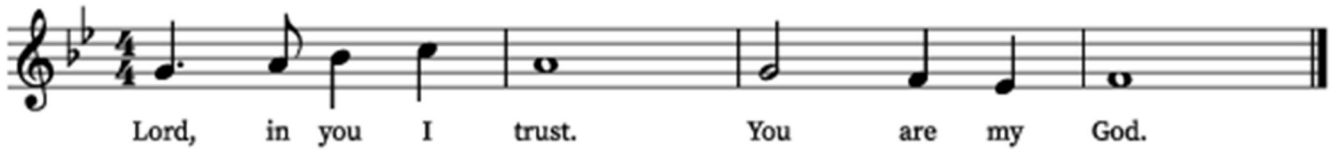
<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

## Psalm 116

*All sing refrain; Dave Lekwa sings verses*

### REFRAIN



1. My very soul returns in peace to your untroubled rest,  
For you the bounty of the Lord abundantly have blest.
2. God did indeed redeem my soul that else in death had slept;  
God has my eyes from tears set free, my feet from stumbling kept.

**REFRAIN: Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.**

3. What shall I render to the Lord, what shall my offering be,  
For all the gracious benefits God has bestowed on me?
4. Salvation's cup my soul shall take while to my Lord I pray,  
And with God's people I will meet, my thankful vows to pay.

**REFRAIN: Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.**

5. Not lightly do you, Lord, permit your chosen saints to die;  
From death you have delivered me; your servant, Lord, am I.
6. Within God's house, the house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord,  
And praises to God's holy name let all the saints accord.

**REFRAIN: Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.**

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

*Lector: Jeff Seyller*

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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: Luke 24:13-35

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were

opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: "We Who Once Were Dead" ELW #495, verses 1-4



1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus  
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.  
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

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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:** *"Because He Lives"* - arr. Cynthia Dobrinski  
*Memorial Handbells*

### **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.

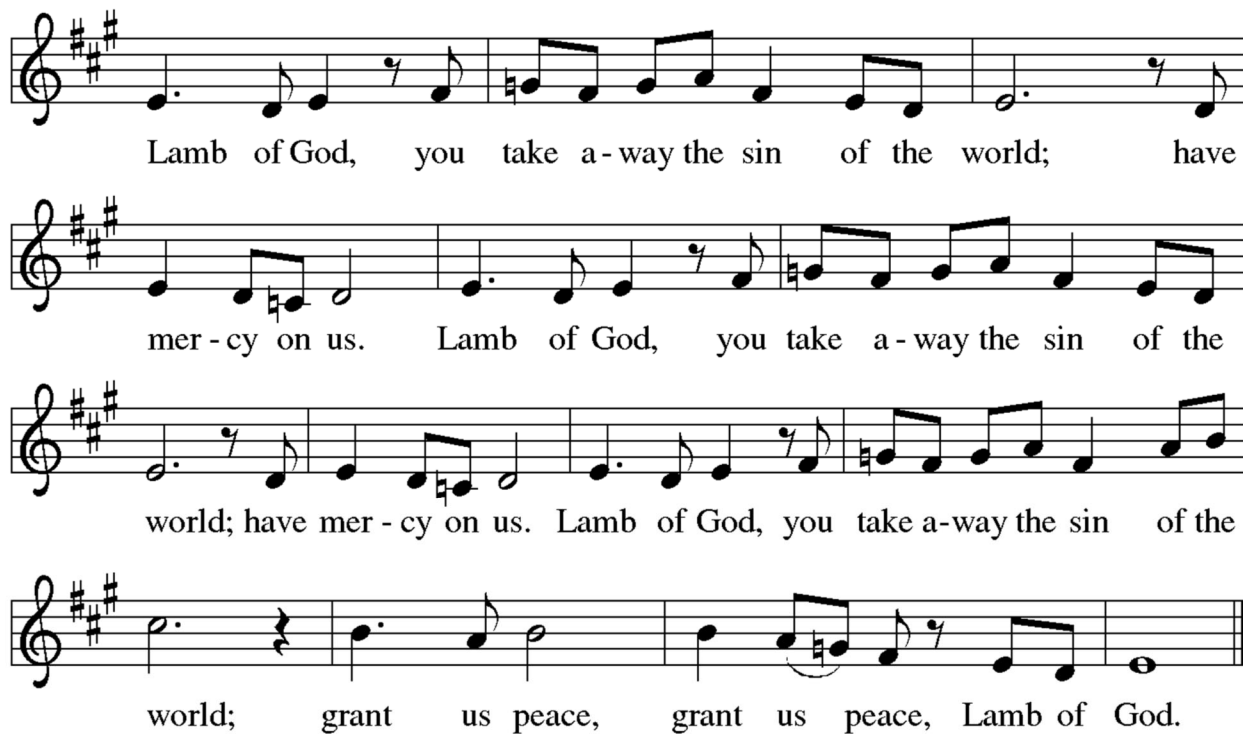
## Hymns during Communion

*"Lamb of God" ELW Setting 8*

*"Come Let Us Eat" ELW #491*

*"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal" ELW #464*

### 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.

# Come, Let Us Eat



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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## Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
- 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
- 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
- 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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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: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTED, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude: "At the Lamb's High Feast" - Charles Ore

*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 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*

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## **Announcements**

### **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](mailto:amunsonk@gmail.com) with any questions!

### **“Hallelujah! I’m So Glad!” - 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.

### **You’re Invited: Thursday Morning Bible Study in Chapel**

You’re invited to join Pr. Kathleen in reading the upcoming weekend texts together every Thursday morning from 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel. All are welcome 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!



## 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 27th, 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)

### **“Hallelujah! I’m So Glad!” - Memorial Musicians’ Spring 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**


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When: September 23rd - 24th

Where: Hickory Grove



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