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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"This Joyful Eastertide"* - Paul Bouman
Lois Theesfield, 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,



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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Lector: Mike Coverdale

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Lector: Mike Coverdale

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"
⁸and
"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

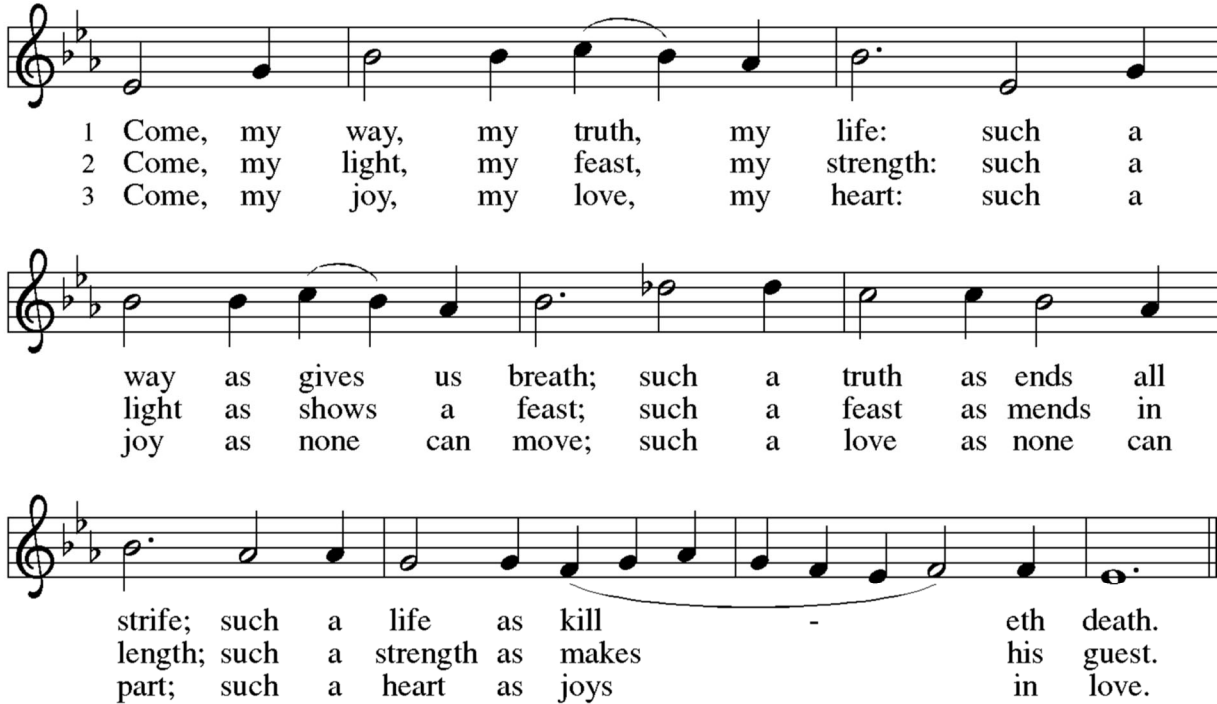
⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” ELW #816



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632

Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Prayers of Intercession

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**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Music Voluntary: *"This Joyful Eastertide"* - John Leavitt
Lois Theesfield, 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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, 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.

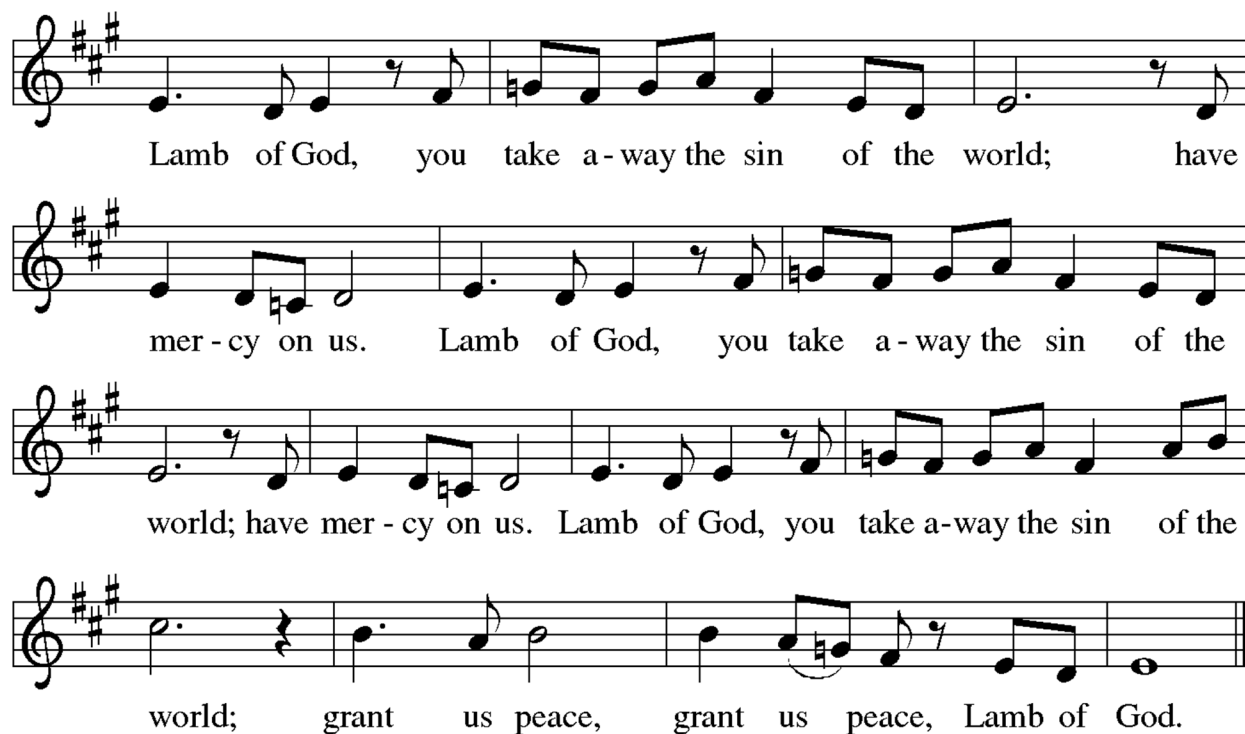
Hymns during Communion

"Lamb of God" ELW Setting 8

"Making Their Way" ACS #979

"You Are The Way" ELW #758

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.

Making Their Way



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks
learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626

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You Are the Way



- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
- 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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: "On Our Way Rejoicing" ELW #537



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "This Joyful Eastertide" - John Behnke

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 the family and friends of +David Blumer following his death

*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

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

Announcements

TODAY: “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 this afternoon’s program.. Please 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 hors 'd'oeuvres will be served following the program in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday: Help Assemble Quilt Kits for Lutheran World Relief - No Sewing Experience Needed!

Join us this Wednesday, May 10th at 1:00pm in Memorial’s Mission Room to help assemble quilt kits to be made into Lutheran World Relief quilts. No sewing experience? No problem! If you can cut and/or count quilt squares and choose fun fabric patterns to bundle into a kit, we need you!

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!

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



Save the Date

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Thursday Morning Bible Study

When: Thursday, May 11th, 8:30—9:30am

Where: MLC Chapel

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

Beer & Theology (first Thursday of every month)

When: Thursday, June 1st, 6:30pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

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Where: Hickory Grove

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