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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"The Head That Once Was Crowned"* - arr. Robert Hobby
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

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

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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: Acts 1:6-14

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68 - setting by Hal H. Hopson
Memorial Choir sings verses; All sing refrain

Michael Morgan, *alt.*

Hal H. Hopson



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- 1) Arise, Lord, and hasten, All woe, swiftly chasten,
As smoke in the whirlwind So drive it away!
While malice shall perish, Your goodness we cherish,
With joy shall the righteous All sadness betray!
Sing praise to God only, You poor folk and lonely,
For out of compassion God cares for us all. **Refrain**
- 2) The heav'ns, in their glory, Resound with their story
Of God's matchless power All ages to be.
Ascribe to God wonder, Whose voice, like the thunder,
Can shatter the stillness And call us to praise;
Whose spirit life gave us, Whose mercy can save us,
The Source of our being, The Joy of our days! **Refrain**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Lector: Kathy Jo Johnson

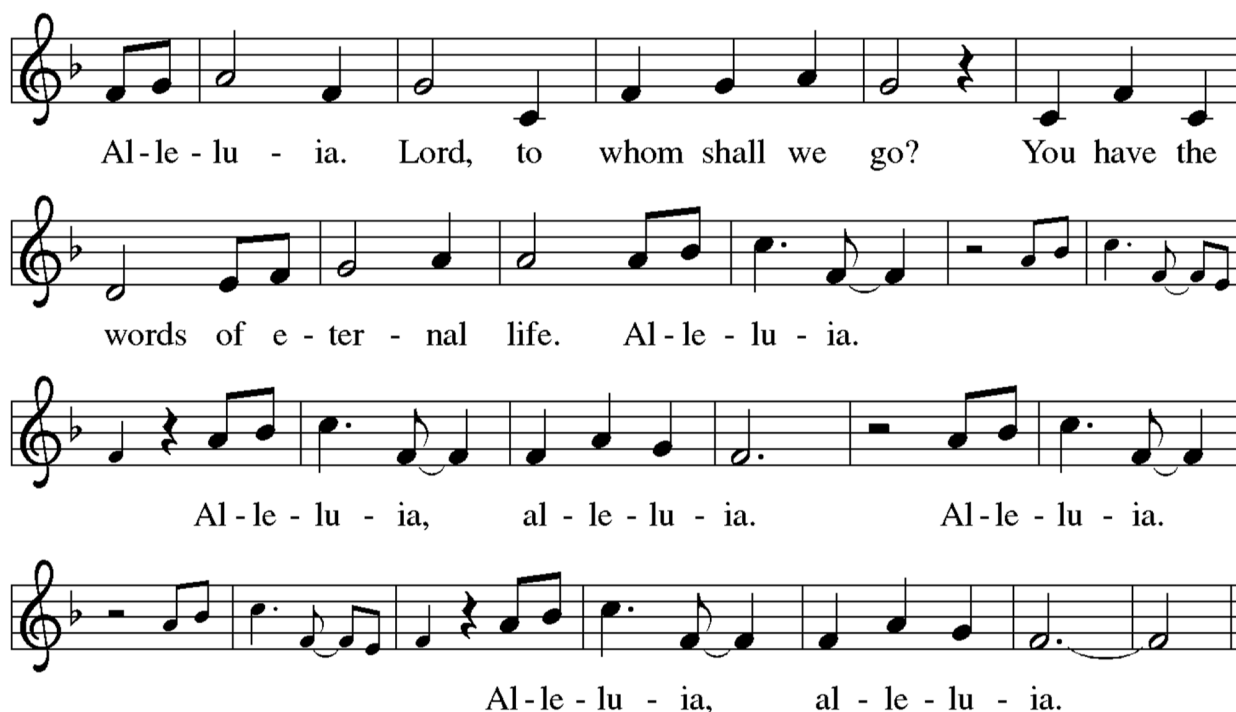
¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 17:1-11

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ELW #579, verses 1,3,5



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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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: *"It Is No Secret"* - Stuart Hamblen
Memorial Choir, assisted by Wayne Johnson

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.

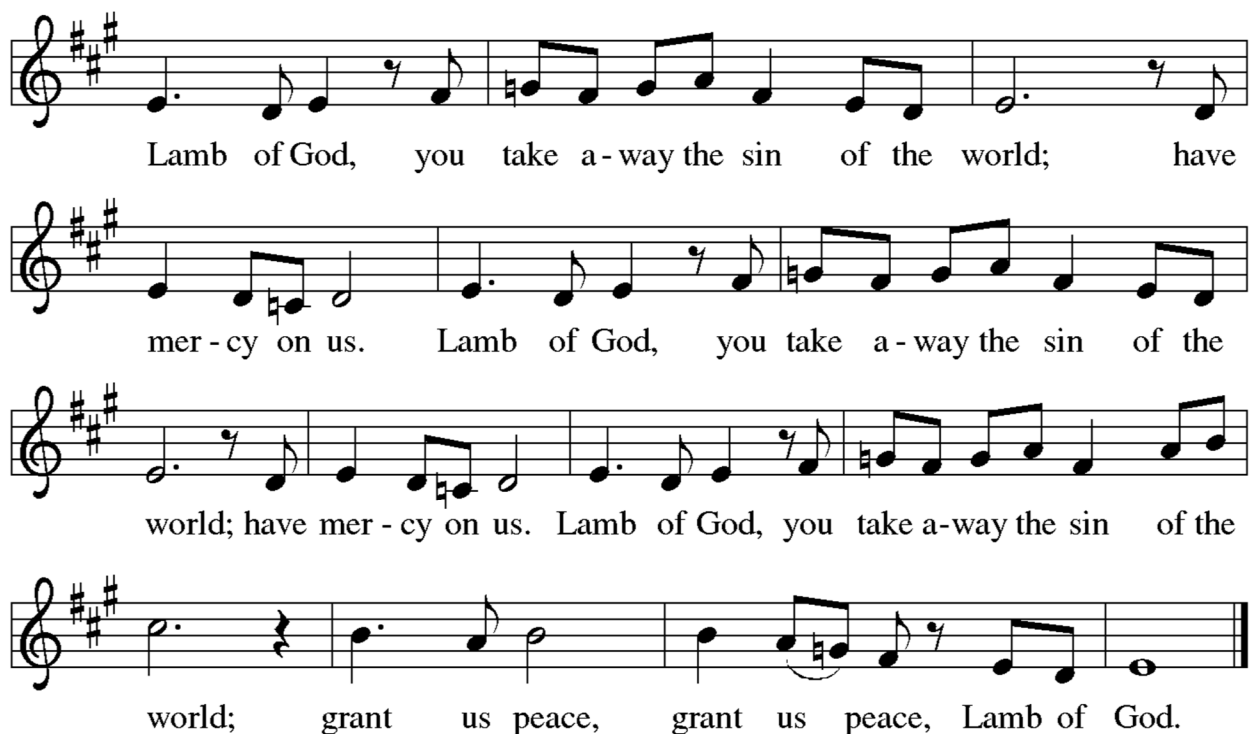
Hymns during Communion

"Lamb of God" ELW Setting 8

"I Come with Joy" ELW #482

"The Head That Once Was Crowned" ELW #432

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.

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

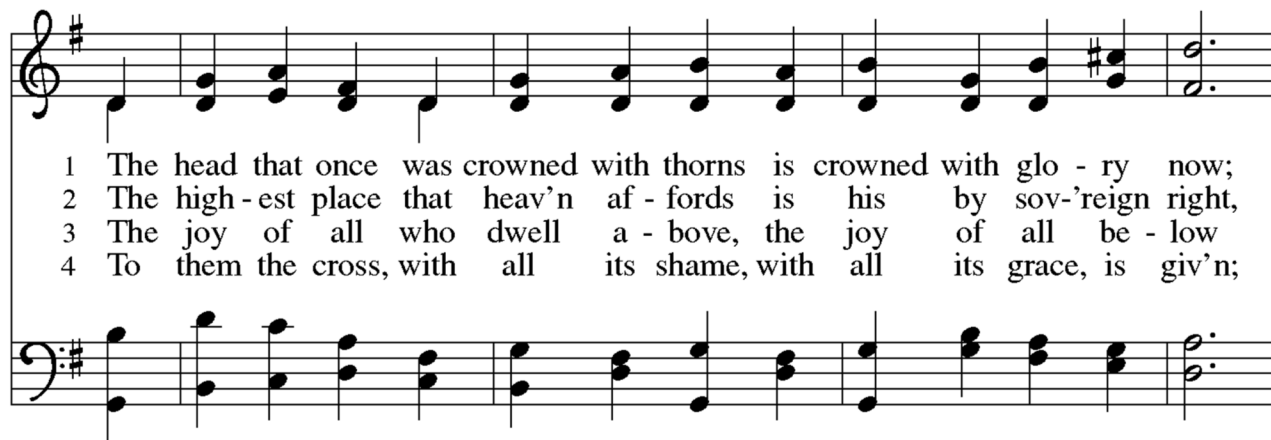
Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

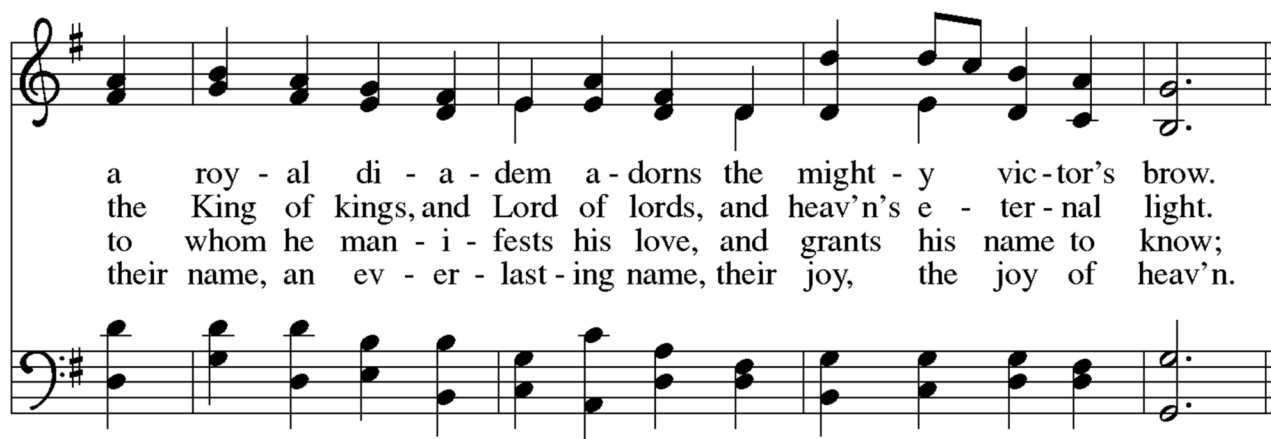
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The Head That Once Was Crowned



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,
 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
 to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
 they reign with him above;
 their profit and their joy to know
 the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
 though shame and death to him;
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,
 their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855
 Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

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!

Refrain



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

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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

Announcements

Food at First Volunteers Needed

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? We're in need of help preparing and serving Food at First meals. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. Thank you for your help!

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly News

Our 2023 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly gathered via Zoom on Monday, May 15, and Tuesday, May 16. A summary, video highlights, and reports will be available on the assembly webpage soon. Right now, you can find the Bishop's written report, recordings of the sessions, and assembly materials at seiasynod.org/assembly

“Monumental: Celebrating God’s Greatness” Vacation Bible School

Kids ages 5 through 5th grade, get ready for a monumental adventure at vacation Bible school this summer at St. Patrick’s! We’ll have creative games, super-fun snacks, incredible music, amazing experiments, and of course, surprising adventures! Registration forms will be available in Memorial’s Narthex, or you may call our church office.

This is also a great volunteer opportunity for older kids and adults! Please let the office know if you would like to help out.

What: “Monumental: Celebrating God’s Greatness”

Vacation Bible School

Who: Ages 5 - 5th grade

When: July 9th - 12th, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Where: St. Patrick’s Catholic Church



Nevada Patriotic Council Seeking Flag Volunteers

The Nevada Patriotic Council is asking your help in putting up the Ave of Flags at both cemeteries on Memorial Day weekend. Volunteers should meet at the co-op gas station next to the City Cemetery, 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 27. After the flags are completed, breakfast will be served to the workers at the American Legion Post located at 1331 - 6th Street. Flags will be taken down on Monday, May 29, at 4:00 p.m., weather permitting. Volunteers are again requested.

The Nevada Patriotic Council could also use your help in handing out programs at the City Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023. Please call or text Linda at (515) 201-7734 for more information.

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

Thursday Morning Bible Study

When: Thursday, May 25th, 8:30—9:30am

Where: MLC Chapel

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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When: July 9th - 12th, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Where: St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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Where: Hickory Grove

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