

# First Sunday After Pentecost

June 4th, 2023



MEMORIAL  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH



# First Sunday After Pentecost

June 4th, 2023

Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** Three settings of “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” - Bender/Earnest/Cherwien  
*Lois Theesfield, organ*

## Welcome

**Gathering Song:** “*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty*” ELW #413, verses 1,4

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



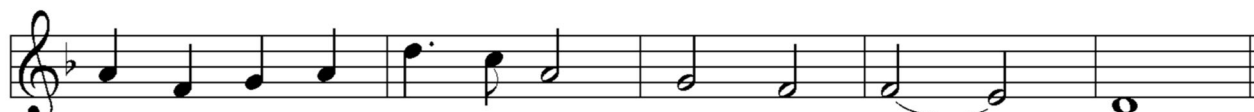
Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Ⓒ Christ, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.

# Hymn of Praise

*Congregation sings all*



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



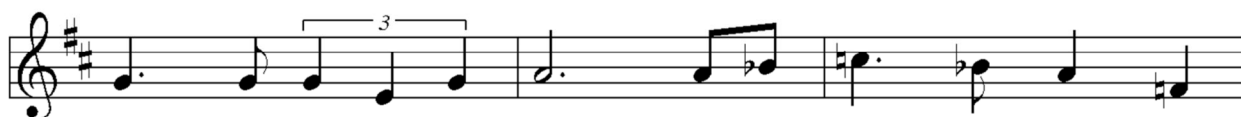
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
 I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 II you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir- it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.  
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

*Lector: Gloria Lewis*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and

to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Lector: Gloria Lewis*

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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?**

**Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.**

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

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20**

The Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: "Come Join the Dance of Trinity" ELW #412**

### **Affirmation of Faith: God's Beloved**

In a time before all knowing, God is,  
and God's breathe fills the emptiness, creating:  
a universe, a world, an ecology, a biology and us, humankind.  
All humankind, no exceptions, no imperfections;  
and all of us beloved just as we are.

In a time before all knowing,  
Christ Jesus watches the creating,  
and steps out into creation:  
becoming, living, dying, and rising, all for us.  
All humankind, no exceptions, no reservations;  
all of us just as we are, God's beloved.

In a time before all knowing the Spirit is,  
and moves through every part of creation:  
consoling, interceding, leading, and refreshing all the world, including us.  
All humankind, no exceptions, no differentiations;  
all of us just as we are, God's beloved.

*"Copyright Lisa Frenz. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission."*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Offering**

**Music Voluntary: "Holy, Holy, Holy" - Jeffrey Honore**

*Lois Theesfield, organ*



## Offering Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

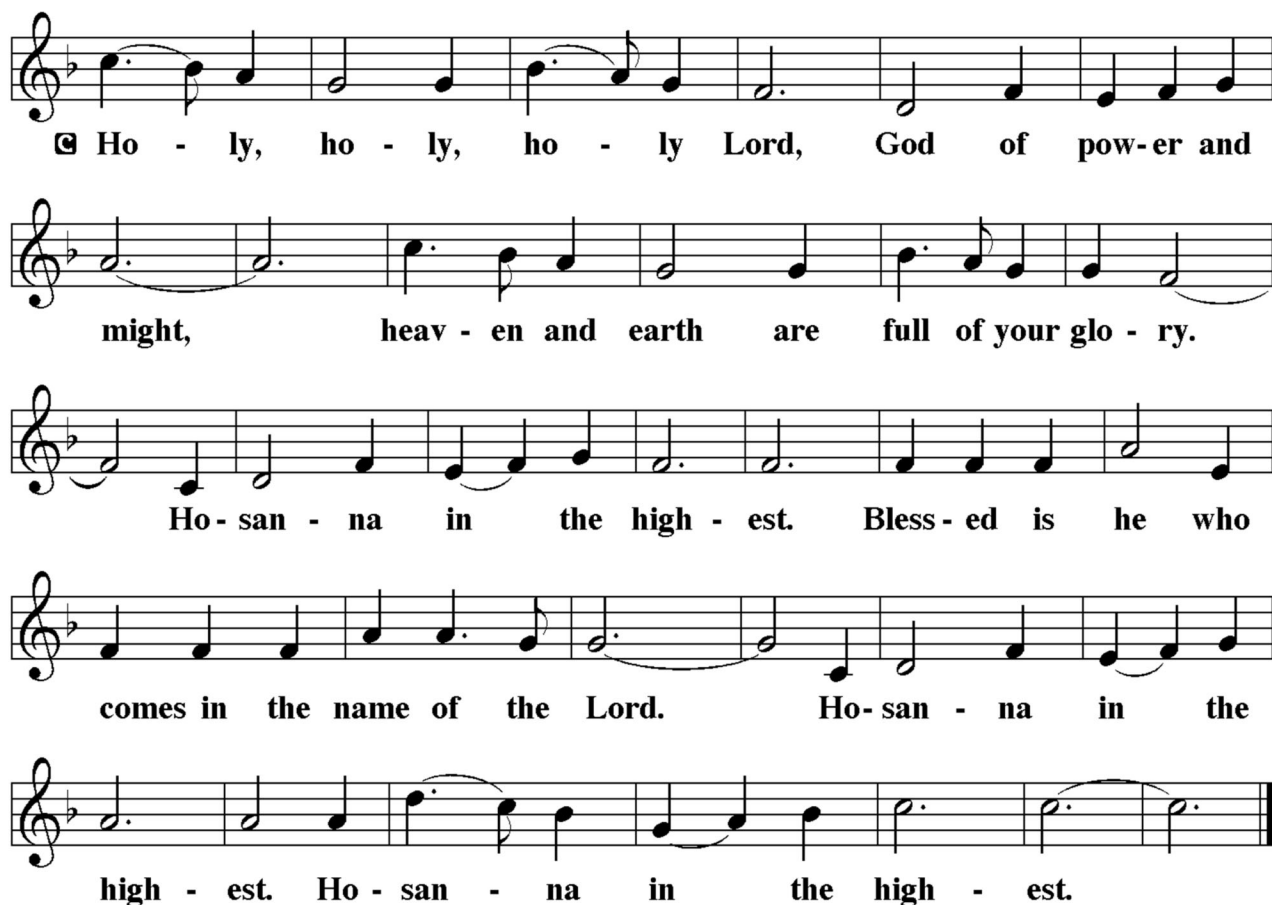
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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-er 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. 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

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

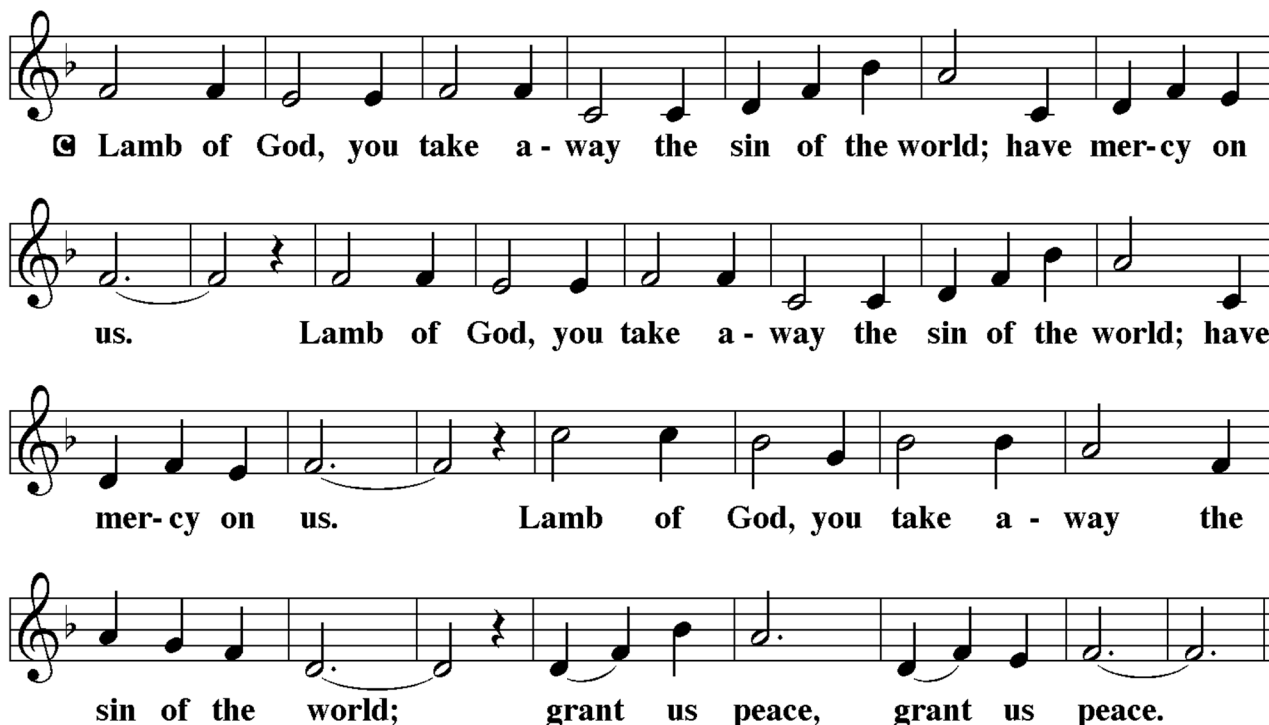
### Hymns during Communion

*"Lamb of God"* WOV Setting 5

*"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"* ELW #684

*"Rise, Shine You People"* ELW #665

### 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.

## Prayer after Communion

We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
+ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: "Go to the World!" ACS #991



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

Music © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *“Grand Choeur”* - Gordon Young

*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 the family and friends of +Georgiann Grant following her death*

*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*

Gloria Jacobson	Cassie Harrell	Norma Dannan
Kim Elliott	Jean Smith	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Tina Palmisano	Annette Dalthorp	Michael Neal
<i>Sister-in-law of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	Ellie Lynch	Jami Tharp
Jenny Adelmund	Ernie Ruhde	Fred Samuelson
Jan Seibel	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>	Connie Krupp	Family and friends of +James Stephens
Sandy Muesburger	Randy Matthews	George Forsyth
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch</i>	<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	Janeen Driscoll
John Bass	Jackie Byers	Lynn Harris
<i>son-in-law of Ron &amp; Gloria Jacobson</i>	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Julie Sutherland
Carol Vincent	Donna See	Jan Cook
	Katie Brockmeier	
	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier</i>	

## Announcements

### **An Invitation to Learn About Mental Health Services and Supports in Story County—June 11th following worship**

Did you know that 1 in 4 adults will have a diagnosable mental illness in their lifetime? This year so far in Story County, 13% of adults surveyed reported 14 or more days a month where they rated their mental health as poor. In the 2021 Iowa Youth Survey, 40% of 11th graders in Story County said “yes” to the question of feeling sad or hopeless for 2 weeks or more in a row and 32% said they had thought about killing themselves. We are experiencing very difficult times for adults and children and reports of depression and anxiety are commonplace. We all need to know what to do when we or those we care about are struggling with feelings that are overwhelming and we have many supports and services in Story County that can assist.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after service on Sunday, June 11th when Kathy Johnson and Nikki Sprecher, Service Coordinators in the Central Iowa Community Services (CICS) Story County office, talk to us about what specific crisis services and ongoing treatments are available and how to navigate what can be a very confusing system.

### ***“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

### **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](https://seiasynod.org/assembly)

### **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.



### *Save the Date*

#### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

When: Thursday, June 8th, 8:30—9:30am

Where: MLC Chapel

#### **CICS Mental Health Forum**

When: Sunday, June 11th, 10:15am

Where: Fellowship Hall

#### ***“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


#### **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

**Memorial Lutheran Church**  
701 11th Street, Nevada, IA 50201  
Phone 515-382-6509  
pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org  
emily@mlcnevada.org  
www.mlcnevada.org

@memluthnevada    Memorial Lutheran    Memorial Lutheran ELCA

Kathleen Lotz, Pastor | Lois Theesfield, Director of Music Ministry  
Emily Dalthorp, Parish Administrator for Outreach & Engagement  
Mike Coverdale, Custodian