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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: "Old Hundredth" - Piet Post

Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Gathering Song: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" ELW #883, verses 1,4, 5

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

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.

Hymn of Praise

Congregation sings all





Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

Lector: Steve Lekwa

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

The Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Congregation reads responsively

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.
- 3 Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
- 4 Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.
- 5 Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Lector: Steve Lekwa

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

Children at heart sermon

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35—10:8

The Gospel according to Matthew Glory to You, O Lord

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW #712, verses 1-3

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: "I Love to Tell the Story" - Charles Ore 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.**

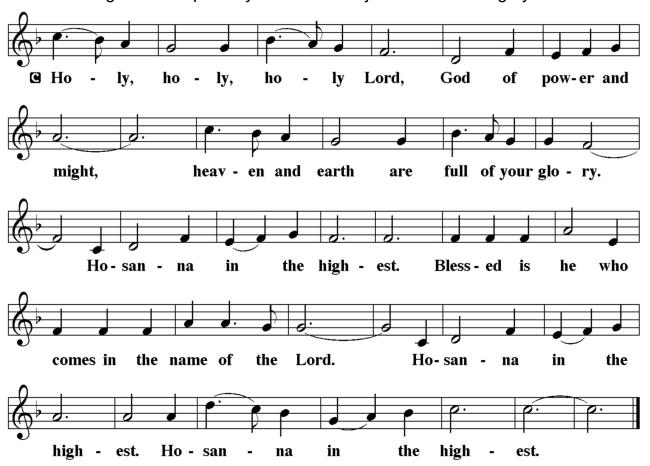
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

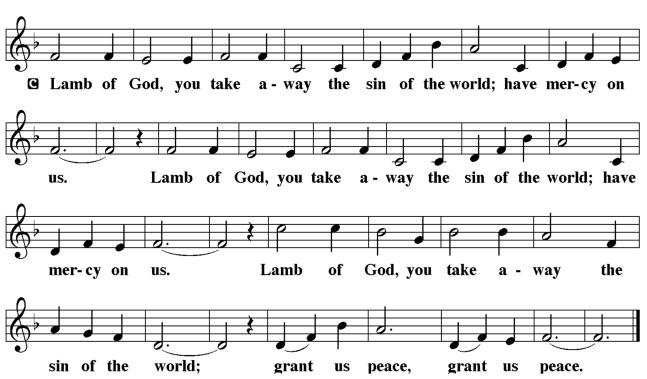
Invitation to Communion

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

Hymns during Communion

"Lamb of God" WOV Setting 5
"I Love to Tell the Story" ELW #661

Lamb of God



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: "May the God of Hope Go with Us" ACS #984

Soloist Steve Lekwa sings first time through; All sing on repeat



Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt. Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Old Hundredth" - Michael Burkhardt

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 +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

Dick Settle

Kim Elliott

Tina Palmisano Sister-in-law of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch

Jenny Adelmund

Jan Seibel

Jeanie & Jerry Gibson

Marsha Kane

Pr. Marcia Kisner

Marlene Waddell friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch

Sandy Muesburger friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch

John Bass son-in-law of Ron & Gloria Jacobson

Carol Vincent

Cassie Harrell

Jean Smith

Annette Dalthorp

Ellie Lynch

Ernie Ruhde

Sierra Parr cousin of Kim Stieler

Janet Jacques

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Connie Krupp

Randy Matthews friend of Mike Coverdale

Jackie Byers daughter of Shellie Black

Donna See

Katie Brockmeier granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier Norma Dannan friend of Betty Runge

Michael Neal

Jami Tharp

Fred Samuelson

Larry Christian

Jaylee Bartleson

Sheila Collingwood mother of Lyndsey De Vos

Judy Coverdale

Family and friends of +James Stephens

George Forsyth

Janeen Driscoll

Lynn Harris

Julie Sutherland

Jan Cook

Announcements

We want your project to succeed! Apply today for a grant from the Ministry Endowment Fund.

We are now accepting applications for 2023 grants from our Mission Endowment Fund! We are interested in supporting creative and innovative projects to serve the community and world. Following the example of Jesus of Nazareth, we have a bias for projects that serve the overlooked and the neglected. We also value:

- small projects, (because they are often seeds of change);
- projects that are built on collaboration with others;
- projects that draw diverse people together;
- and projects that evoke simplicity and self-giving generosity.

Applications are due **Friday**, **August 4**, **2023**, **at 12 Noon (CDT)**. For more information and to apply, see the details and application here: <u>bit.ly/3Cm6v8M</u> There are also applications available in the Narthex.

"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

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 22nd, 8:30—9:30 am

Where: MLC Chapel

Beer & Theology (first Thursday of every month)

When: Thursday, July 6th, 6:30 pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

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