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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"* - arr. Paul Manz
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

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.

Gathering Song: “All Are Welcome” ELW #641

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Lector: Jody Melcher

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Lector: Jody Melcher

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10:40-42

The Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” ELW #802

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: “*At Peace*” - Brian Childers
Emily Dalthorp, handbell solo

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

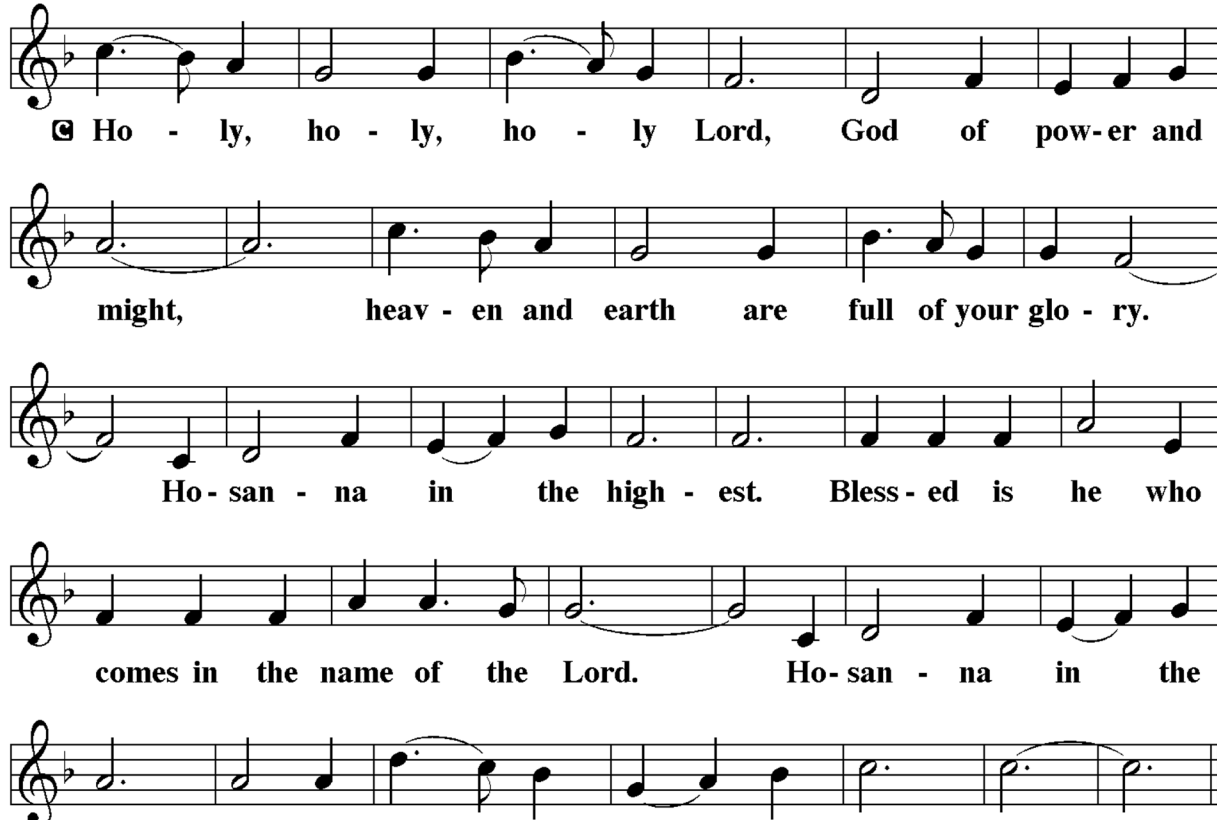
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

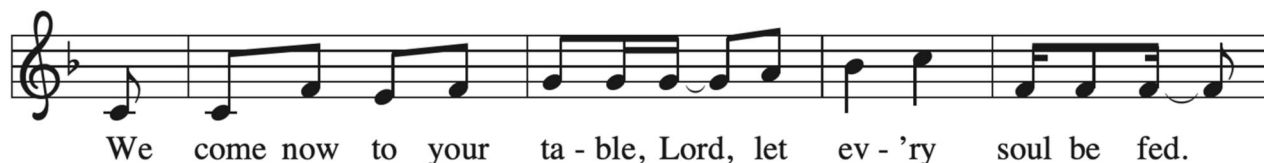
All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

Hymns during Communion

"We Come Now to Your Table" ACS #970

"Spirit, Open My Heart" ACS #1043

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord



Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop

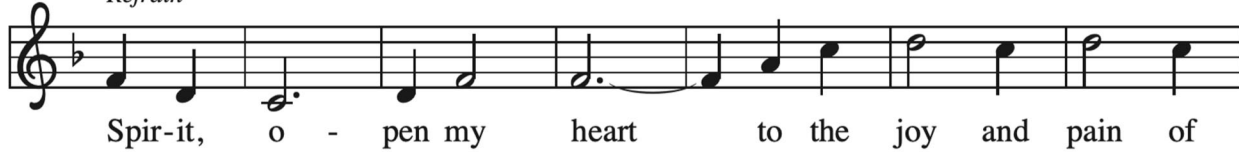
Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013

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Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



- 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
- 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
- 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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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: *"The Church of Christ in Every Age"* ELW #729, stanzas 1,3,5

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *"Simple Gifts"* - arr. 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 +Tina Palmisano following her death
(sister-in-law of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch)*

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

Dick Settle	Annette Dalthorp	Michael Neal
Kim Elliott	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 & Gloria Jacobson</i>	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Julie Sutherland
Carol Vincent	Donna See	Jan Cook
Cassie Harrell	Katie Brockmeier	
Jean Smith	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier</i>	
	Norma Dannan	
	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>	

Announcements

Bishops Riding Across Iowa to Raise \$50k to Fight Hunger

Iowa's three ELCA bishops will be riding the 50th Annual RAGBRAI, riding 50+ miles together each day, celebrating and highlighting 50+ anti-hunger ministries in our three synods, and raising \$50K for ELCA World Hunger.

Celebrate being Iowa ELCA Lutherans with teamwork and fellowship across our state. Our bishops are peddling for a cause, so join them in raising money to fight hunger here in Iowa and throughout the world.



Make a donation at seiasynod.org/ragbrai - 100% of your donation goes directly to hunger without any administrative fees!

“Blast Back to School”—School Supplies Needed!

Did you know that on average, families spend over \$100 per child to purchase necessary school supplies? For many families this is just not possible on limited budgets. Story County's Blast Back to School Event aims to relieve the burden of back to school expenses for local families of K–12 students through the donation of supplies and backpacks. You can help by bringing supplies (see the list below) to Memorial this summer, which will then be distributed to schools. Please leave the supplies outside the front office—thank you for your help!

Supplies most needed are:

- Headphones
- Earbuds
- #2 Pencils
- Pens (Black, Blue, and Red)
- Highlighters
- Pink Erasers
- Pencil Pouches
- Box of 10 Broad Line Markers
- 24-pack Colored Pencils
- 24-pack Crayola Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Bottles
- Glue Sticks
- Plastic (no paper please) Pocket Folders
- 1-inch Binders
- Plastic School Supply Boxes
- Wide-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- College-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Backpacks

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: bit.ly/3Cm6v8M 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, July 6th, 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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