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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

*Today we welcome back Pastor Rachel Thorson Mithelman as our presiding minister.*

*Pastor Rachel will also be with us next Sunday, July 23rd.*

**Prelude:** "Hallelujah, What a Savior" - Philip P. Bliss

"The Love of the Lord" - Michael Joncas

"As We Gather" - Mike Fay and Tom Coomes

*Sue Lekwa, piano*

## Welcome

## Gathering Song: "What is this Place" ELW #524

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;



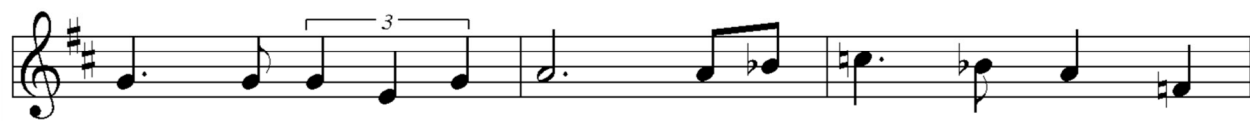
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**☐** 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 God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13**

*Lector: Jim Stage*

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

## **Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

*Lector: Jim Stage*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

## 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 13:1-9, 18-23

The Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: "As Rain from the Clouds" ELW #508**

## **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:** *"You Are My All in All"* - Dennis L Jernigan, arr. Lloyd Larson  
*Steve Lekwa and Dave Lekwa, vocal duet*

### **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**

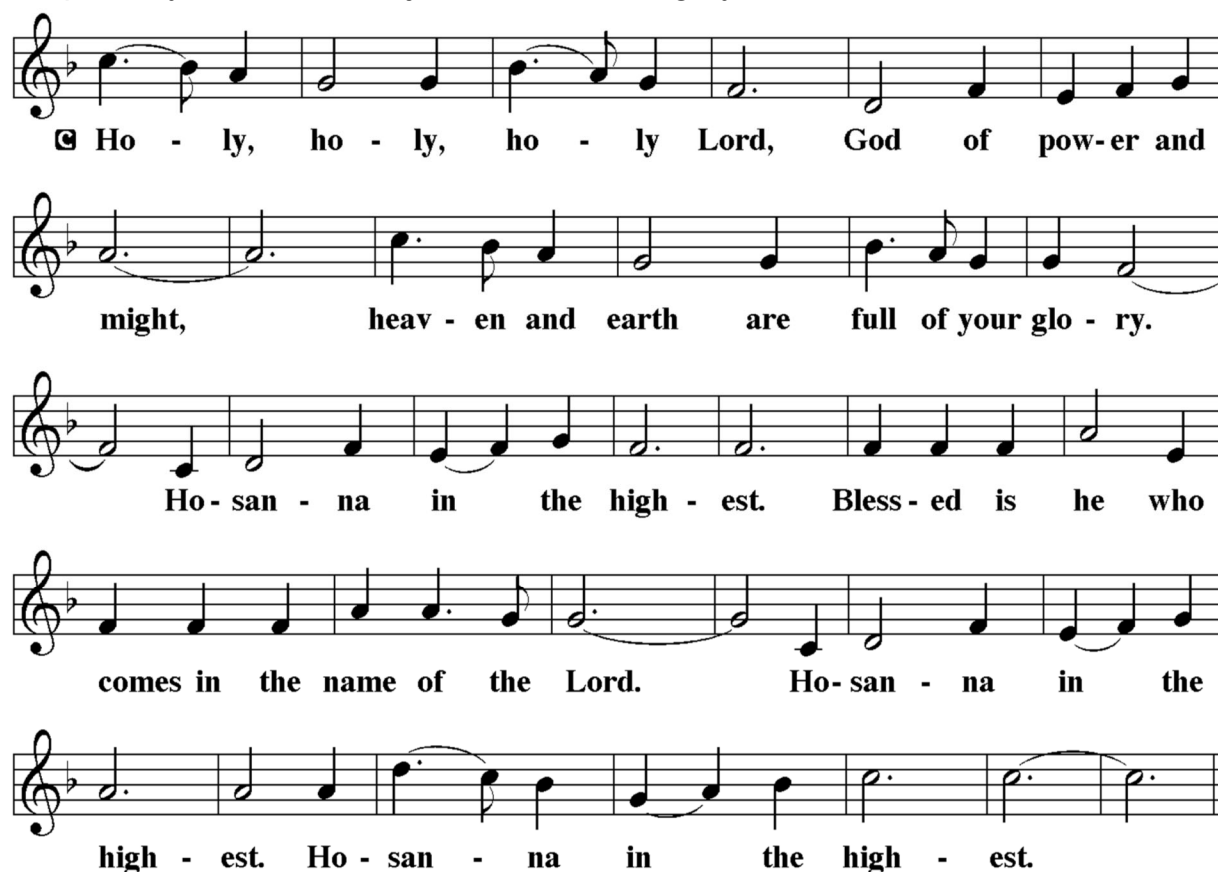
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
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*

*"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW #512*

☐ 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square symbol (☐) before the lyrics. The second staff has a fermata over the word 'us.' The third staff has a fermata over the word 'us.' The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

### **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: *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"* ELW #547**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"To God be the Glory"* - Mark Hayes  
*Sue Lekwa, piano*

## 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 +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*

Sherry Kluever	Carol Vincent	<i>Brockmeier</i>
Christina Yeo <i>(cousin of Diane Eilers)</i>	Cassie Harrell	Norma Dannan <i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Dick Settle	Jean Smith	Jami Tharp
Kim Elliott	Annette Dalthorp	Fred Samuelson
Jenny Adelmund	Ellie Lynch	Larry Christian
Jan Seibel	Ernie Ruhde	Jaylee Bartleson
Jeanie & Jerry Gibson	Sierra Parr <i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	Sheila Collingwood <i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>
Marsha Kane	Janet Jacques	Judy Coverdale
Pr. Marcia Kisner	Easton Farrington	Family and friends of +James Stephens
Marlene Waddell <i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	Janice Hartz	George Forsyth
Sandy Muesburger <i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	Connie Krupp	Janeen Driscoll
John Bass <i>son-in-law of Ron &amp; Gloria Jacobson</i>	Randy Matthews <i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	Lynn Harris
	Jackie Byers <i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Julie Sutherland
	Donna See	Jan Cook
	Katie Brockmeier <i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth</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](https://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](http://bit.ly/3Cm6v8M) There are also applications available in the Narthex.

## **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.



***Did you know?*** In Tithe.ly, you can select to give to the General Fund, A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place (heating and cooling project), or the Capital Improvement Fund for the concrete project!

## *Save the Date*

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

When: Thursday, July 20th, 8:30—9:30 am

Where: MLC Chapel

### **Beer & Theology (first Thursday of every month)**

When: Thursday, August 3rd, 6:30 pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

### **Camping with Memorial**

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When: September 23rd - 24th

Where: Hickory Grove



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