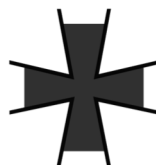


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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: “*Simple Gifts*” - arr. Bruce Chase
Emilia Stage, violin; Gretchen Theesfield, violin

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.

Gathering Song: “*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*” ELW #763

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.

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Lector: Kenzie Alderson

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Lector: Kenzie Alderson

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there

is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

The Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to You, O Lord

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” ELW #755

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 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: “Be Thou My Vision” - Traditional Irish Melody
Emilia Stage, violin; Gretchen Theesfield, violin

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

"We Come Now to Your Table" ACS #970

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW #773

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.



You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:



and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

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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: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" ELW #632

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Bourree" - G.F. Handel

Emilia Stage, violin; Gretchen Theesfield, violin

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.

*Please keep Nancy Christian and family in your prayers
following the death of her husband, +Larry Christian*

*Please keep Norma Jean Smith and family in your prayers
following the death of her son, +Darrel Smith*

*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

Wayne Kinyon	Carol Vincent	Norma Dannan
Kathy Lynn Johnson	Cassie Harrell	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Christina King	Jean Smith	Jami Tharp
Sherry Kluever	Annette Dalthorp	Fred Samuelson
Dick Settle	Ellie Lynch	Jaylee Bartleson
Kim Elliott	Ernie Ruhde	Sheila Collingwood
Jenny Adelmund	Sierra Parr	<i>mother of Lyndsey</i>
Jan Seibel	<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	<i>De Vos</i>
Jeanie & Jerry Gibson	Janet Jacques	Judy Coverdale
Marsha Kane	Easton Farrington	Family and friends of
Pr. Marcia Kisner	Janice Hartz	+James Stephens
Marlene Waddell	Connie Krupp	George Forsyth
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-</i>	Randy Matthews	Janeen Driscoll
<i>Goettsch</i>	<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	Lynn Harris
Sandy Muesburger	Jackie Byers	Julie Sutherland
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-</i>	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Jan Cook
<i>Goettsch</i>	Donna See	
John Bass	Katie Brockmeier	
<i>son-in-law of Ron & Gloria</i>	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth</i>	
<i>Jacobson</i>	<i>Brockmeier</i>	

Announcements

Attention Youth and Families: Introducing *Wednesday Night Live!*#

Calling kids and youth of all ages of Memorial Lutheran! **You're invited!** This year we are starting something new... We want to invite you to bring a friend and join us for *Wednesday Night Live!* Come and engage with God, Scripture, and other young people each Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 PM beginning August 30.

What will each night look like?

We'll all gather together in the Sanctuary for a time of opening before going into more age-specific groups. After the opening we will head into our small groups to go deeper with the Bible lesson for the day in various ways. We're looking forward to a variety of activities including art, games, service activities, and more. The plan is for the groupings to be as follows: pre-K/K, 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, and 5th/6th, 7th-9th grade Confirmation students will go with Pastor Kathleen and remaining High Schoolers will go to Youth Group. Before the evening wraps up we'll head back to the big group to close our time out together.

Do I need to bring anything?

For most of you the answer is "Nope, just yourself and hopefully a friend!" If you are a Confirmation student, however, please bring your Bible with you.

What if I can't make it every single Wednesday?

No problem. We just hope you'll make it as often as you can. Activities tend to be more fun when more people show up. If we try to show up for each other we'll all help each other to have a positive experience.

Will there be anything happening for kids on Sunday mornings this year?

Yes! After kids have had an opportunity to enjoy a treat in the Fellowship Hall after church, they will be invited to watch the Whirl video based on the week's lessons in the Chapel. There will be conversation about the day's Bible readings and what it means for us today.

How do I get signed up for Wednesday Night Live?

You can grab a registration form at church or you can fill out the online form here: <https://bit.ly/459i0xu> or by visiting mlcnevada.org.

*There will be a raffle at our first gathering on August 30. Each student present will get one ticket for a chance to win a prize. Each student with their registration form submitted by Wednesday, August 23 will have a second ticket in the drawing on that first evening. Can't wait to welcome you at Wednesday Night Live!
See you Wednesday, August 30!*

CROP Walk at Lincoln Highway Days Parade

Watch for the CROP Walk float on Saturday, August 26th at 10am. Want to walk with us? Contact Pr. Kathleen at pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org or call the office at 515-382-6509.

“Dive in to Fall” Pool Party

The Faith Formation team is inviting all Memorial family and friends to dive in to Fall with a pool party at Chris Nady's house (1207 H Ave., Nevada, IA 50201) the evening of Wednesday, August 16th. Come on out any time after 5:30pm and beat the heat as we welcome in another school year. Food will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Golf Outing at Indian Creek Country Club

We have reserved some Tee Times between 2pm and 3pm on Sunday, September 17th, 2023 at Indian Creek Country Club. The format will be 9 hole best shot so it doesn't matter if you are a golfer or not. We just want folks to come out for the fellowship and enjoy a nice fall day outside. The cost is \$25 per person to golf 9 holes with a cart, and we will also be accepting donations for Memorial's "Drive for the Drive" pavement project. Please contact Emily at the church office at 515-382-6509 to sign up or just show up Sunday, September 17th at 2pm and we will put you with a group if you don't have one.

There's room for YOU in our handbell and vocal choirs!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Memorial's music rehearsals have moved to TUESDAYS, beginning August 29th: Handbells meeting from 6:00 - 7:15 pm, Memorial Choir meeting from 7:30 - 8:45 pm. Please contact Lois Theesfield if you would like to be a part of the music ministry of Memorial. There is room for YOU and we'd love to welcome YOU into our family of ringers and singers!

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

“Dive in to Fall” Pool Party

When: Wednesday, August 16, 5:30pm

Where: Chris Nady’s house: 1207 H Ave., Nevada, IA 50201

Thursday Morning Bible Study

When: Thursday, August 17th, 8:30—9:30 am

Where: MLC Chapel

CROP Walk at Lincoln Highway Days Parade

When: Saturday, August 26th 10am

Memorial Handbell and Vocal Choir Rehearsals Resume

When: Tuesday, August 29th: Handbells meets from 6:00 - 7:15 pm,
Memorial Choir meets from 7:30 - 8:45 pm.

Wednesday Night Live

When: Wednesday, August 30th, 6:30pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

Beer & Theology (first Thursday of every month)

When: Thursday, September 7th, 6:30 pm

Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

Golf Outing

When: Sunday, September 17th (tee times between 2:00 and 3:00)

Where: Indian Creek Country Club

Cost: \$25/person for 9 holes with a cart; we will also be accepting donations for the driveway project.

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When: September 23rd - 24th

Where: Hickory Grove

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