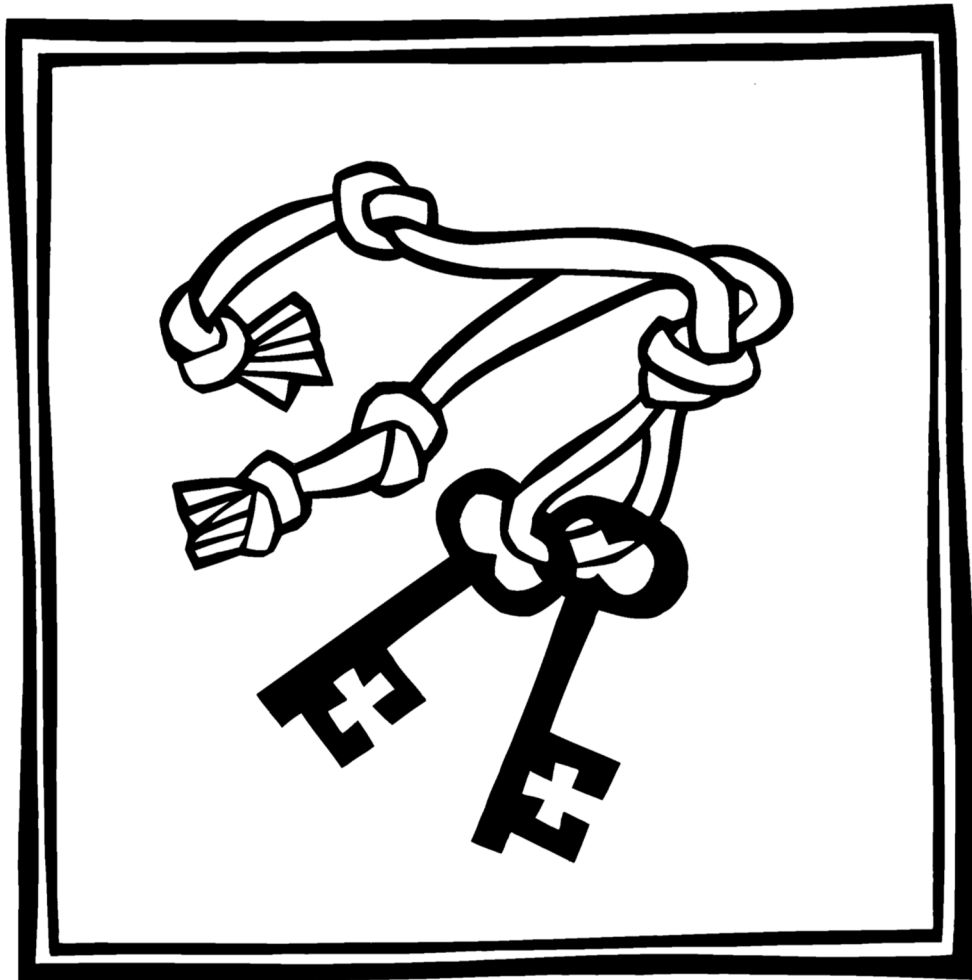


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**Prelude:** *“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”* - arr. Anne Krentz Organ  
*Handbell Ensemble*

## 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: “The Church’s One Foundation” ELW #654, verses 1,3,5**

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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6**

*Lector: Steve Jungst*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Lector: Steve Jungst

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

## Children at Heart Sermon

### Gospel Acclamation



## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20**

The Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: "Built on a Rock" ELW #652, verses 1,3,5**

### **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:** *“Greet the Rising Sun”* - arr. Anne Krentz Organ

*Handbell Ensemble joined by Youth Ringers Liam Lynch, Danny Golden, Becker DeVos, and Michaela Kinyon*

## 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

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" ELW #596

## 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 Savior, Precious Savior" ELW #820**



## Dismissal

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

**Postlude:** *"Built on a Rock"* - arr. Jan Bender  
*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.

*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*

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

## 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](http://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!*

## **Important Reminder Regarding Giving to Special Projects**

We so appreciate gifts received for special projects such as “A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place” (heating and cooling) and “Drive for the Drive” (pavement). If you would like to support these projects, please make sure to specify the project name with your gift. This ensures that your gift goes directly to the project and helps us keep an accurate record of funds received / still needed. Thank you for your support!

## **Bishops RAGBRAI Ride has raised over \$70,000 to Fight Hunger**

The Bishops' RAGBRAI Team completed an awesome week biking across the state. Supported by the hospitality and generosity of you and your congregations (and so much pie!) The current team total is over \$70,000 with more donations arriving at the synod offices daily.

The three synods will continue adding to the total until September 1, so it's not too late to join the cause! Be on the lookout for highlights of 50 ministries fighting hunger across Iowa and photos and videos from the ride in the coming weeks. **THANK YOU!**

## **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.

## **Memorial Music Ministries Resume Rehearsals This Week!**

HANDBELLS: Tuesday, August 29, 6:00 - 7:15 pm.

MEMORIAL CHOIR: Tuesday, August 29, 7:30 - 8:45 pm

It's not too late to support the music ministries of Memorial by participating in one of their handbell or vocal choirs. Contact Lois Theesfield for more information about how to use the talents God has entrusted to you. "Life without music would Bb!"

## **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 Drive for the Drive pavement project!



## *Save the Date*

### **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, 6:30—7:30pm

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

When: Thursday, August 31st, 8:30—9:30 am  
Where: MLC Chapel

### **Memorial Serves Food at First**

When: Thursday, August 31st

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

When: Thursday, September 7th, 6:30 pm  
Where: Old Chicago (Ames)

### **God's Work Our Hands Sunday**

When: Sunday, September 10th

### **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  
"Drive for the Drive" pavement project.

### **Camping with Memorial**

When: September 23rd - 24th  
Where: Hickory Grove

### **Nevada CROP Walk for Hunger**

When: Sunday, October 1st

### **Blessing of the Animals**

When: Saturday, October 7th



**Trunk-or-Treat**

When: Saturday, October 28th

**Rite of Confirmation**

When: Sunday, October 29th during 9:00 worship

**Ministry Endowment Fund Reception**

When: Thursday, November 9th



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