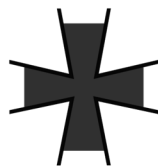


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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Choral Prelude: *“An Easter Chant”* - Gordon Young

Memorial Choir

Welcome

Call to Worship

The tomb is dark, but empty

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

The stone has been rolled away

The one you are looking for has overcome death

The burial clothes are put aside

The one you are looking for is alive!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Let us worship our Risen Savior!

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”* ELW #365

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of God the Creator, Savior, and Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. At the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the waters, Your word calling out into the deep and creating everything there is. Your Spirit continues to move through the story of your people: Crossing the Red Sea with Moses and the Israelites, Delivering them into safety. Sweeping across the lands in the great flood, Making way for a new beginning when all seemed lost. Washing over us in the waters of baptism, Making us new. In these waters, we hear God proclaim: “You are my beloved.” And that is our truth forever.

I am God’s beloved.

I am loved.

I am forgiven.

Nothing can separate me from this love.

Thank you, God, for water.

Thank you, God, for baptism.

Thank you, God, for loving me. **Amen**

The Lord be with.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “*We Welcome Glad Easter*” - James Clemens

Memorial Choir with handbells: Emilia Stage, Cathy Carsrud, Shanna Lynch, Emily Dalthorp

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" ELW #364, verse 1



M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

The Gospel according to Mark

Glory to You, O Lord

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "This Joyful Eastertide" ELW #391

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you.
And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Music Voluntary: "What Joy! He Lives!" - Robert Wetzler
Memorial Choir

Offering Prayer

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

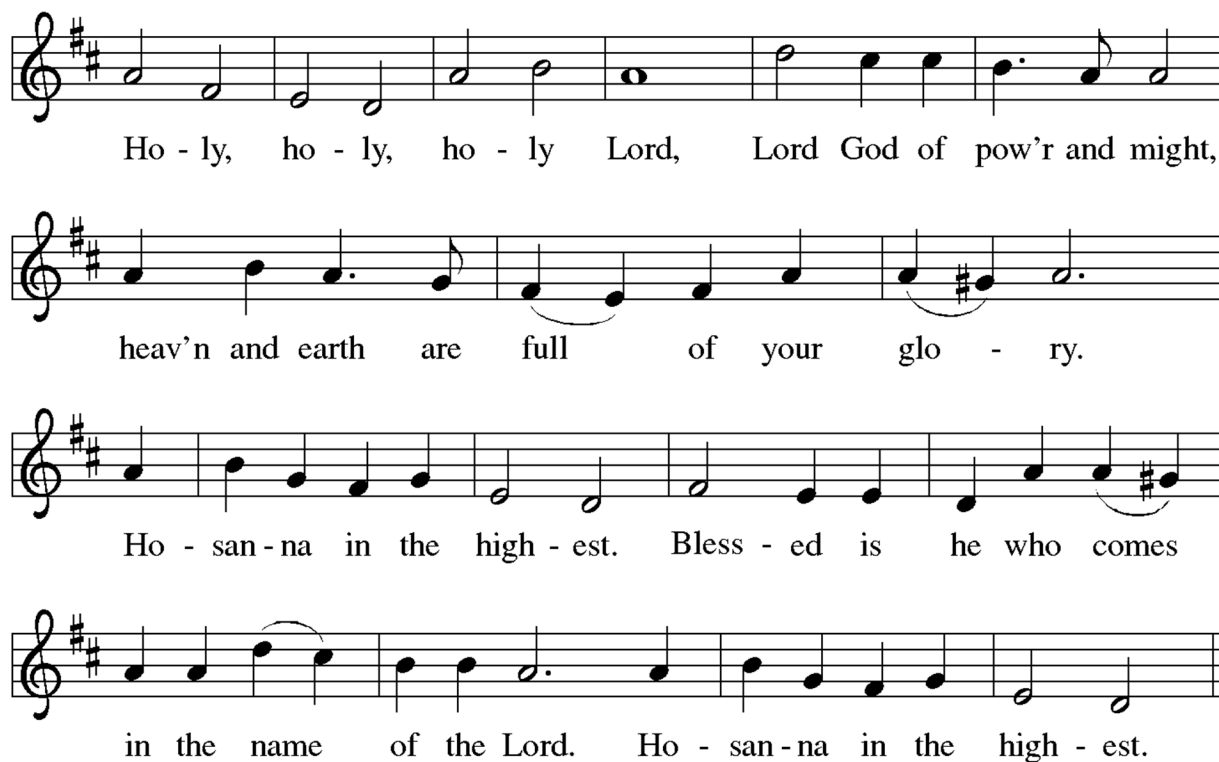
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

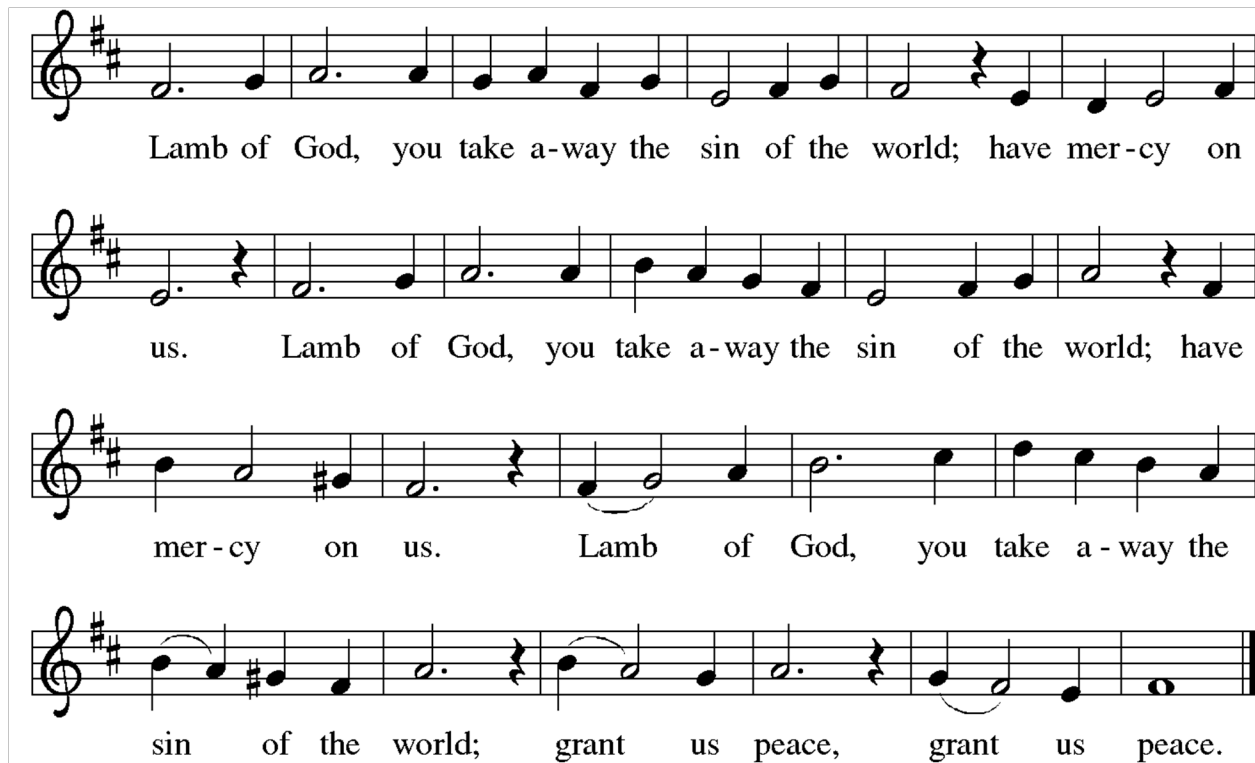
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Commune

Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

Communion Hymns: *"Lamb of God" ELW Setting 4*
"Now the Green Blade Rises" ELW #379
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!" ELW #369

Lamb of God



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.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of all,
who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: *"Thine is the Glory" ELW #376*

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer!" - Hugh Livingston, Jr.
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.

Please keep Julie and Brad Samson and their family in prayer following the death of Brad's father

Please keep the family of +Brett Anderson in your prayers following his death

Prayers for Bonnie Storey and her daughters Mindy Farmer, Amanda DeMoss, and Tina Skei following the death of her brother, +Doug Harrison

Please keep Linda Mjelde and family in your prayers following the death of her husband, +Gregg Mjelde

Please keep Lyndsey DeVos and family in your prayers following the death of her mother, +Sheila Collingwood

Please keep the family of +Bob Klopping in your prayers following his death

Please keep the family of +Ernie Ruhde in your prayers following his death

Please keep the family of +Dick Settle in your prayers following his death

Katie Bass
niece of Judy Coverdale

Kathy Bergmann

Wayne Johnson

Steve Halverson

Troy Vincent

Kati Stieler
sister-in-law of Dan Stieler

Johann Thiel

Mike Neal

Christina King

Sherry Kluever

Kim Elliott

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

Ellie Lynch

Janet Jacques

Easton Farrington

Janice Hartz

Jackie Byers
daughter of Shellie Black

Donna See

Norma Dannan
friend of Betty Runge

Jami Tharp

Fred Samuelson

Jaylee Bartleson

George Forsyth

Janeen Driscoll

Julie Sutherland

Jan Cook

Hospitalizations: *If you are in the hospital or are going to be in the hospital and want us to be aware of it, please call the church office or have someone call on your behalf. Unless directed otherwise, your name will be placed on the prayer list and included in electronic notifications.*

Announcements

YSS Presentation: “Vaping: What All Parents Need to Know”

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00—7:00 PM; MLC Fellowship Hall

Parents are invited to a presentation and Q&A session from YSS (Youth & Shelter Services) focused on the effects of vaping, spotting vaping devices, and how to help youth quit.

Pizza-Pie-Looza

The Pizza Pie Looza activities committee is switching things up a bit this year. The committee is planning to rent some games and inflatables and is looking for people to run them. The hope is that the churches will help provide volunteers for this and a few other games that are planned for the day. The date is Mother's Day weekend - Saturday, May 11, from 2-5 pm downtown. If you are interested and would like to help please contact Pastor Kathleen. Thank you!

Calling all Prayer Warriors

Memorial is developing a Prayer Team and is looking for individuals that would like to commit to praying for prayer requests as they arise. Prayer requests will be shared with the group primarily through email. If you would be interested in serving in this way please contact Pastor Kathleen.

Have you designated your Thrivent Choice Dollars? A special message from Jim Pappas of Memorial’s Thrivent Choice Committee:

*“Hey Memorial, just a reminder: if you haven’t already designated your Thrivent Choice Dollars, the deadline of **March 31, 2024** is fast approaching. Also, we are looking for new committee members! Please see me if you would like more details. Thank you for your consideration!”*

Donations Needed for Crisis in Middle East

A word from our wider church body: *“Due to escalating conflict in Gaza and Israel, a severe humanitarian crisis is rapidly unfolding in the Holy Land. The ELCA has a longstanding relationship with partners in the region, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Augusta Victoria Hospital. Lutheran Disaster Response has a history of providing support for our partners and will be prepared to answer calls for assistance when the time comes.*

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts designated for “Middle East Crisis” will be restricted to and used in full (100%) for those affected by disasters in the region.”

Please go here to donate: <https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis>

A Special Note Regarding Tithe.ly Fees

We so appreciate all that give using the online/mobile giving platform Tithe.ly! If you haven't already, please consider including Tithe.ly processing fees as part of your one-time and recurring gifts. To do this, simply check the "Cover Fees" box when setting up your gift. If you have already set up a recurring gift and would like to start including the fees, you'll need to delete this gift and set it up again with "Cover Fees" checked.

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!

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 Volunteers Needed at Harmony Clothing Closet

When: Monday, April 1, 4:00—7:00 PM

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, April 4, 6:30 PM

Where: Cubbies on Main

Bowling with Memorial

When: Monday, April 7, 2:00 PM

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