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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: *“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”* - setting by Michael Burkhardt
Lois Theesfield, organ

Welcome

Opening Litany for Pentecost: “The Holy Spirit in Creation”

First Reader (pouring water):

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was without form and void,
and darkness was upon the face of the deep;
and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Gen. 1: 1-2)
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters. (Psalm 29: 3)

Second Reader (with wind chimes):

The wind blows where it chooses,
and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!" (Psalm 29:9)

Third Reader (carrying/ pouring soil):

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104:30)
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

Fourth Reader (with candle):

I baptize with you water;
but one more powerful than I is coming
who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Luke 3:16)
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. (Psalm 29: 7-8)

Leader:

May the Lord give strength to the people!

May the Lord bless the people with peace! (Psalm 29:11)

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Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was

no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Choir sings verses, all sing refrain

Refrain



Lord, send out your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Refrain

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Refrain

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children at Heart Sermon

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Gospel according to John
Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Spirit of Gentleness” ELW #396

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: *"Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me"* - K. Lee Scott
Memorial Choir

Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
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.

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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,". The second staff contains: "heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.". The third staff contains: "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fourth staff contains: "san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.".

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, 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

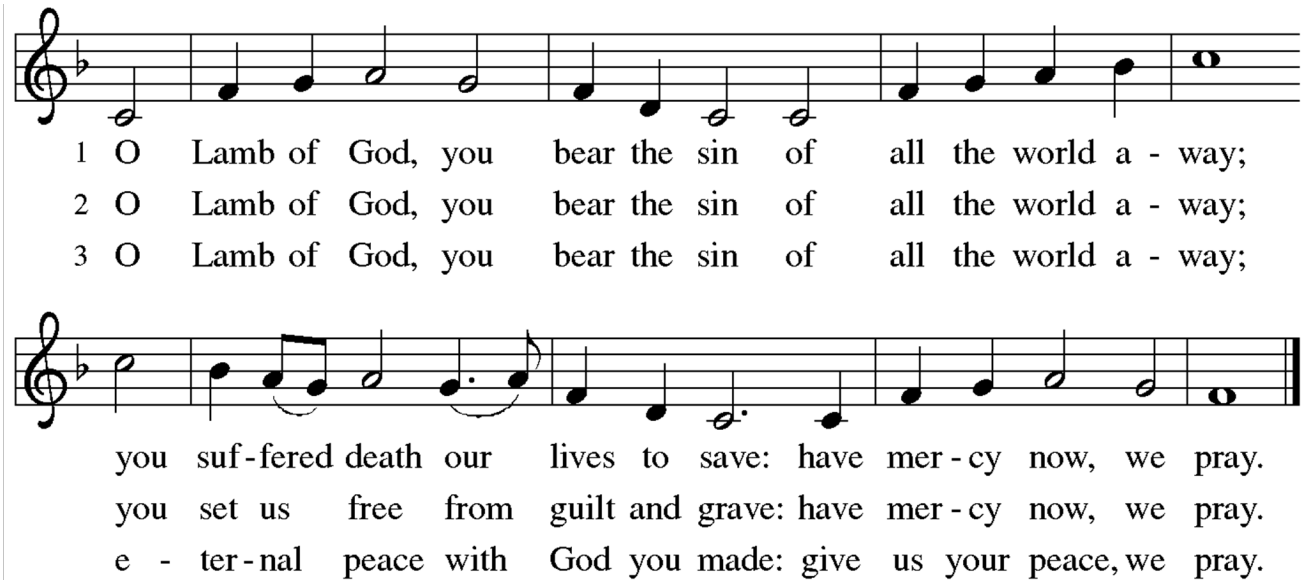
The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 10

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" - ELW #800

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
+ bless you now and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" ACS #942

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933
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Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" - setting by Wayne Wold
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 the family +Meghan McIntosh, daughter of Brenda and Kelly McIntosh, niece of Teresa Krebs and Stacie and Carl Link, in your prayers following her death

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

Chuck Ray	Kim Elliott	Janice Hartz
Pam Kirkhart	Marsha Kane	Jackie Byers
Katie Bass <i>niece of Judy Coverdale</i>	Pr. Marcia Kisner	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>
Wayne Johnson	Marlene Waddell <i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	Donna See
Steve Halverson	John Bass <i>son-in-law of Ron & Gloria Jacobson</i>	Norma Danna <i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Troy Vincent	Carol Vincent	Jami Tharp
Kati Stieler <i>sister-in-law of Dan Stieler</i>	Cassie Harrell	Fred Samuelson
Johann Thiel	Jean Smith	Jaylee Bartleson
Mike Neal	Janet Jacques	George Forsyth
Christina King	Easton Farrington	Janeen Driscoll
Sherry Kluever		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

Church Yard Cleanup Day—Saturday, May 25

Join us in beautifying and cleaning up the church property on Saturday, May 25! We'll be filling in the ruts in the front yard, cleaning up around flowers, picking up sticks, planting flowers, and more!

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School - “Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light” June 3—July 3

Nevada’s Central Presbyterian, Memorial Lutheran, and St. Patrick’s invite all kids who have completed preschool through 5th grade to join us in Vacation Bible School this summer! Cost is \$10 per family; more details coming soon!

Another fun summer opportunity!

Do you know a student still looking for something fun to do this summer? Camp Invention is still accepting registrations and we have been made aware of a scholarship opportunity for families. The Overdeck Family Scholarship will cover \$200 towards the cost of registration. This would require that families cover the remaining \$70 in registration cost. The details are below.

Date: Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21

Time: 8:45 - 3:30

Location: Nevada High School

Breakfast and Lunch are provided.

These are available to families on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested please speak with Pastor Kathleen.

Volunteer Opportunity: “Feed Haiti’s Kids” June 7—June 8

Volunteers are needed to help pack 140,000 meals for kids in Haiti. Shifts are available at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Ames the evening of June 7 and throughout the day on June 8 —more information and a link to sign up are available on amesnpc.org.

Caregiver Workshop June 17

A workshop for caregivers designed to support and enhance caregiving skills will be held at Central Elementary School on June 17 from 5:30—8:00 PM. Topics will focus on addressing common challenges faced by caregivers of children aged 3 to 7.

Specialized skills will be introduced to help:

- Enhance relationships between caregivers and children
- Increase child compliance with daily routines and activities
- Establish appropriate limit-setting and consequences

Please RSVP by June 10 by emailing Erin Murphy at emurphy@nevadacubs.org

Calling All Bakers!

Do you enjoy baking? Looking for a new way to serve? Sign up to bake bread to be used by our congregation during Holy Communion! You can sign up on the calendar in the Sacristy. We will provide the recipe. Interested or have any questions? Please speak with Denise Rehor or 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.

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

Church Yard Cleanup Day

When: Saturday, May 25, beginning at 8:00 AM

Senior Recognition Sunday

When: Sunday, May 26 (part of usual 9:00 AM worship service)

Memorial Volunteers Needed at Harmony Clothing Closet

When: Monday, June 3, 4:00—7:00 PM

Vacation Bible School - “Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light”

When: June 3—July 3

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, June 6, 6:30 PM

Where: Old Chicago

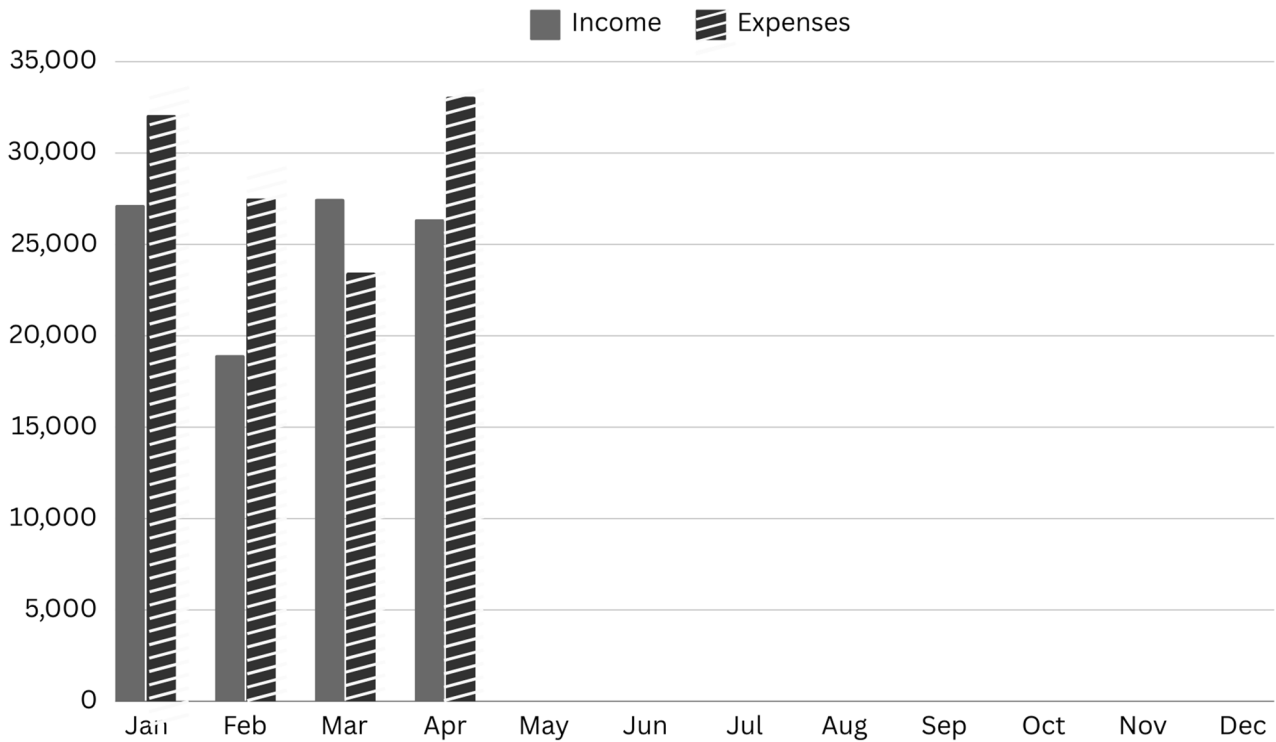
General Fund 2024

Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of April 30, 2024

Income: \$100,004

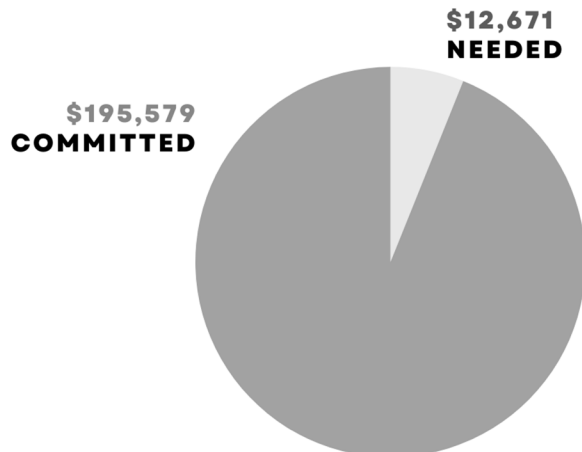
Expenses: \$116,166

Current Deficit: (-\$16,162)



A Welcoming Space A Welcoming Place

HEATING & COOLING PROJECT



PLEGGED OVER 3 YEARS
\$107,929
+
UN-PLEGGED GIFTS RECEIVED
\$87,650
=
COMMITTED TO THE LOAN TO DATE
\$195,579

\$12,671 STILL NEEDED
TO MEET THE
TOTAL PROJECT COST OF
\$208,250

If you would like an update on the current status of your pledge, please contact the church office.

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