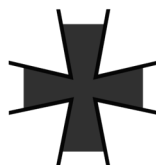
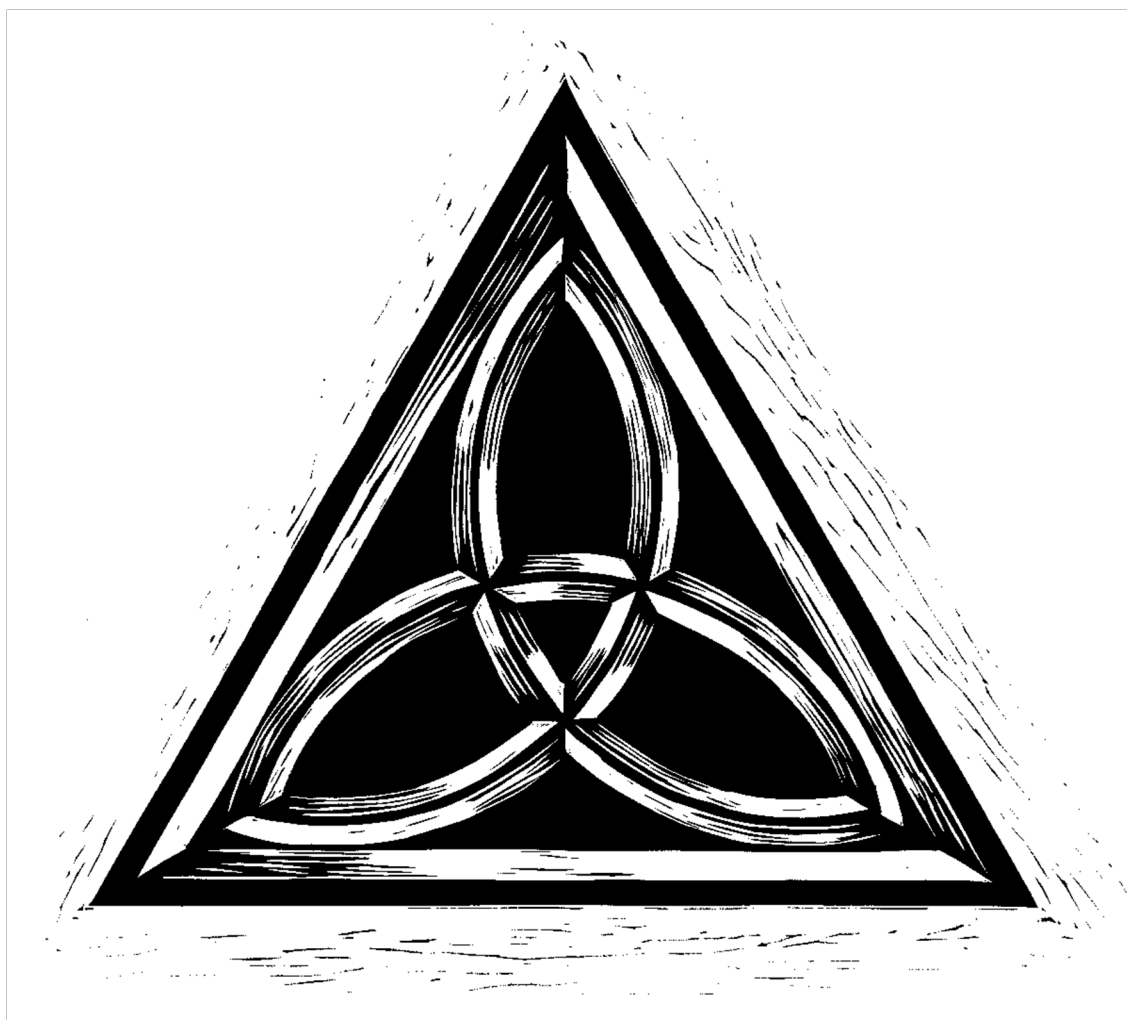


# The Holy Trinity

## First Sunday After Pentecost

May 26, 2024



MEMORIAL  
**LUTHERAN**  
CHURCH

**The Holy Trinity**  
**First Sunday After Pentecost**  
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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

**Prelude:** *“Children of the Heavenly Father / Baptized and Set Free ”* - arr. Anne Frentz Organ  
*Lois Theesfield, piano*

## **Welcome**

## **Confession & Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,  
you are shown God’s mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Song:** “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty” ELW #413

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Order for Holy Baptism - Sonny Duke Cross**

### **Presentation**

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P As you bring Sonny to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with him among God’s faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that Sonny may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made  
and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help Sonny grow in Christian faith and life? Then answer “I do”  
R I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Sonny and pray for him in his new life in Christ?  
C **We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

*The minister addresses the baptismal group and the assembly.*

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, the ways of sin that draw you from God?  
R I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?  
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
C **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**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

C **Amen.**

### **Baptism**

P Sonny Duke, you are baptized  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through the water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Sonny Duke with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Sonny Duke, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C Amen.**

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Danielle and Alex. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Sonny. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given hi,, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **Welcome**

*A lighted candle is given to the baptized by a representative of the congregation who says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C We welcome you into the body of Christ  
and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word  
to all the world.**

## **First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 3:1-17

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

## **Sermon**

### **Blessing of High School Graduates**

*Kennedy Long*

*Jackson Reid*

*Connor Sampson*

*Gavin Skaggs*

*Paige Vincent*

*Sydney Wierson*

### **Hymn of the Day: "Borning Cry" ELW #732**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** "Here I Am, Lord" - arr. John Carter

*Lois Theesfield, piano*

### **Offering Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

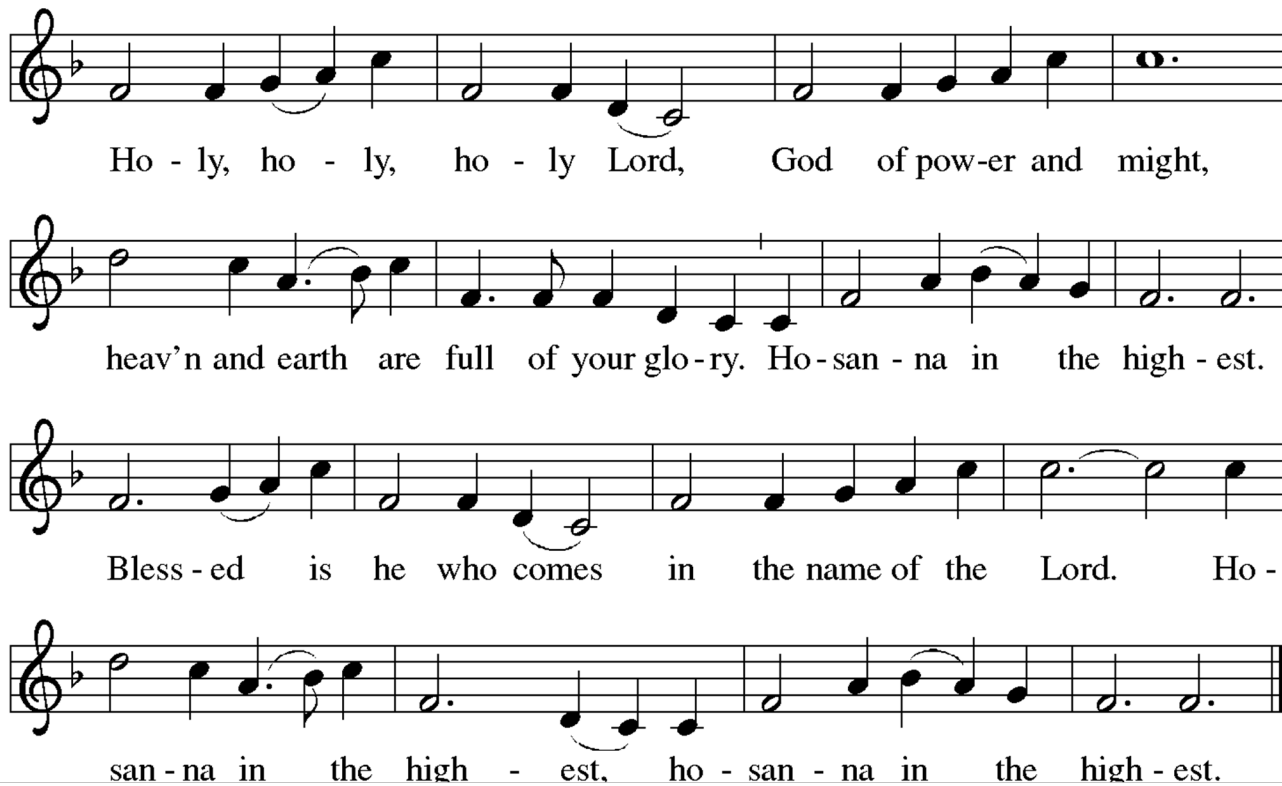
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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.  
 You reveal your glory  
 as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
 equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
 ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

## Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 10

"Here I Am Lord" - ELW #574

### 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

we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

### Blessing

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
+ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" ELW #412

### Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" - arr. Jerry Ray  
Lois Theesfield, 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.

*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 &amp; Gloria Jacobson</i>	Norma Dannan <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

### Help Needed for Iowa Storm Victims

We continue to pray for all those affected by the recent storms. If you would like to help, donations can be given through the Lutheran Disaster Response website, as well as through the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and food and water drop-offs near Greenfield. Links with details can be found in the KCCI article here: <https://bit.ly/3wLeRb9>

### Save the Date: Bishop Current Visit & Ewan Lotz Baptism

We are excited to welcome Southeastern Iowa Synod Bishop Amy Current **Sunday, June 9**. In addition to leading our worship that Sunday, Bishop Current will also be baptizing Ewan Lotz, son of Pr. Kathleen and Josh Lotz.

### Save the Date: Vacation Bible School - *“Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light”* June 30—July 3, 6-8 PM at St. Patrick’s

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 at St. Patrick’s this summer! Cost is \$10 per family.

### 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](http://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](mailto:emurphy@nevadacubs.org)

## 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, June 3, 4:00—7:00 PM

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

When: June 30—July 3, 6-8 PM

Where: St. Patrick’s

#### **Bishop Current Visit & Ewan Lotz Baptism**

When: Sunday, June 9

#### **Beer & Theology**

When: Thursday, June 6, 6:30 PM

Where: Old Chicago

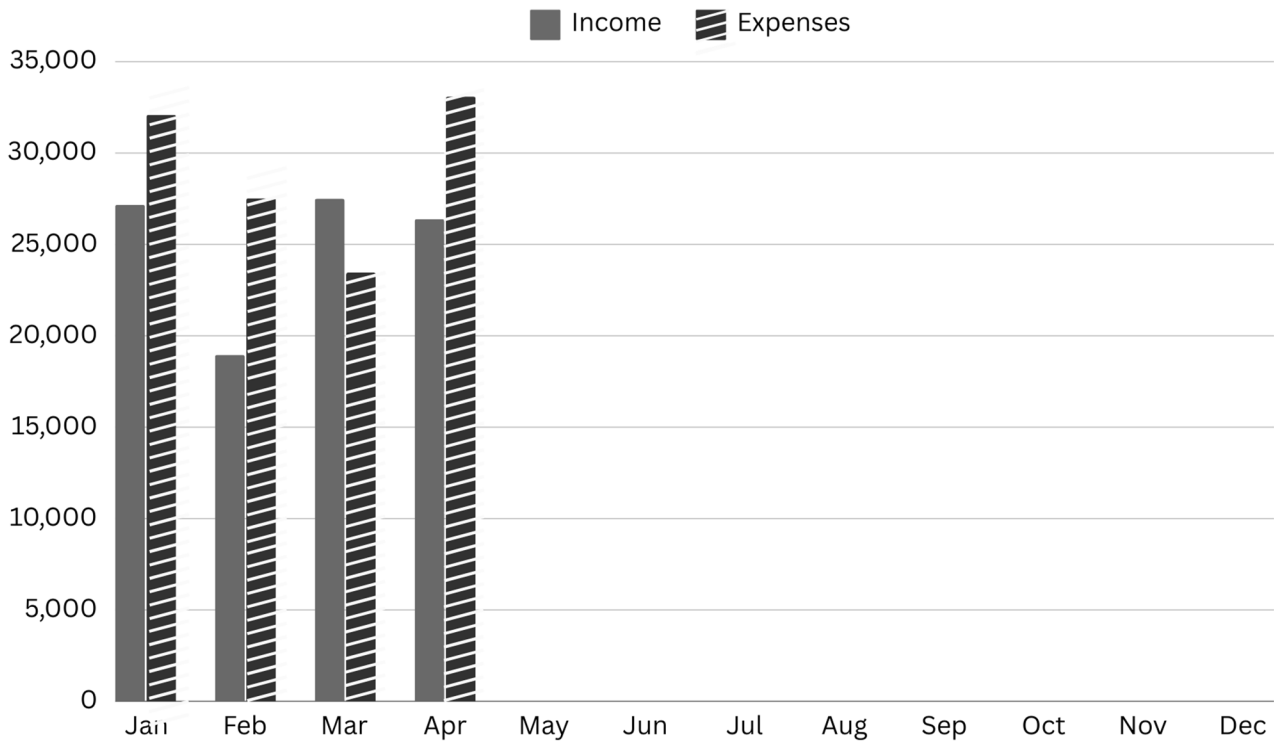
# General Fund 2024

## Cumulative Income vs Expenses as of April 30, 2024

Income: \$100,004

Expenses: \$116,166

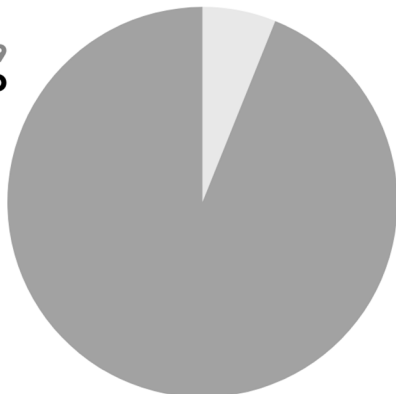
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## A Welcoming Space A Welcoming Place

HEATING & COOLING PROJECT

**\$195,579  
COMMITTED**



**\$12,671  
NEEDED**

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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