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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Prelude: “*Fantasy on Hymntune, Ellacombe*” - arr. Jantz A. Black
Handbell Ensemble: Emily Dalthorp, Jeanie Ferneau, Pr. Kathleen Lotz, Eileen Miller
Cathy Carsrud, Emilia Stage

Welcome

Confession and 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.

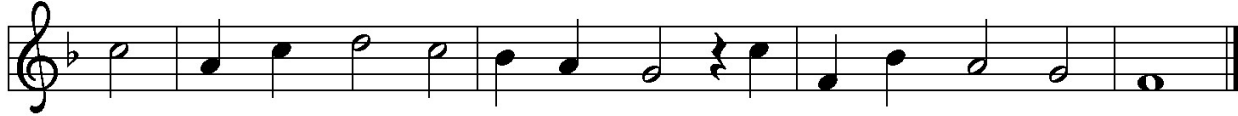
Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God’s mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Gathering Song: "Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" - ELW Setting 10



- 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

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1-10

Congregation reads verses in unison and sings refrain

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat. Come,
give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

All sing refrain

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.
- 3 Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

All sing refrain

- 4 for this is a statute for Israel,
a law of the God of Jacob.
- 5 God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt,
where I heard a voice I did not know:
- 6 "I eased your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.
- 7 You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of
Meribah.

All sing refrain

- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

All sing Refrain

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

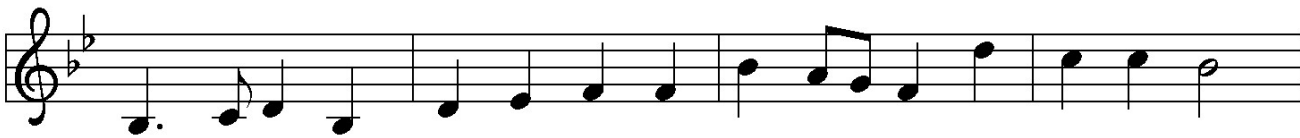
⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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: Mark 2:23-3:6

The Gospel according to Mark

Glory to You, O Lord

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath;

²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “O Day of Rest and Gladness” ELW #521

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: *Joyful Dance on “O Day of Rest and Gladness”* - Michael Burkhardt
Lois Theesfield, organ

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.

The 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,
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'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

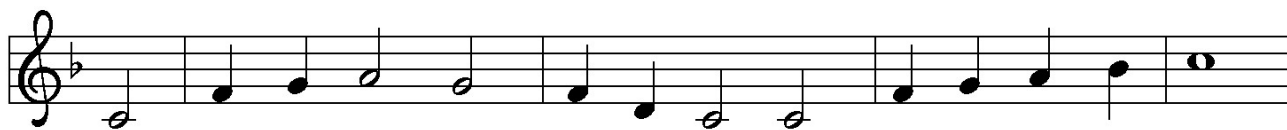
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God" - ELW Setting 10

"There is a Balm in Gilead" - ELW #614

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

Jesus, Bread of life,
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: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" ELW #398

Dismissal

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

Postlude: "Toccata in C Minor" - Johann Walther
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 Jo Rod and family in your prayers following the death of her husband, +Bob Rod

Please keep all those impacted by recent severe weather including Memorial families and other community members

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

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

Congratulations, Lutheran schools of the ELCA scholarship recipients!

Each year, Memorial awards \$500 scholarships to students attending Lutheran colleges and universities of the ELCA. These scholarships are funded from our Doris Feight Scholarship fund, and are matched by the recipient's school. Students can apply each year up to four years. For 2024/2025, we congratulate the following scholarship recipients:

Ayden Rhodes, Augustana University

Ella Check, Augustana College

Sarah Miller, Luther College

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>

Good Samaritan Fundraiser June 19—Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers for the annual Good Samaritan Fundraiser meal at St. Patrick's on June 19. Volunteer opportunities include prepping and serving food, cleaning tables, and bringing food donations for the meal. Sign-up sheets can be found on the bulletin board on your way to Fellowship Hall. *Thank you!*

Nevada CROP Walk Meeting June 11

All those interested in helping plan this year's Nevada CROP Walk are invited to a planning meeting Tuesday, June 11, at 11:00 AM in Memorial's lounge.

MLC Faith Formation Meeting June 3

Help shape future Faith Formation activities at Memorial for all ages (kids and adults)! Our next meeting will be held Monday, June 3, at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

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.

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

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

Faith Formation Meeting

When: Monday, June 3, 7:00 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

Memorial Volunteers Needed at Harmony Clothing Closet

When: Monday, June 3, 4:00—7:00 PM

Beer & Theology

When: Thursday, June 6, 6:30 PM

Where: Old Chicago

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