

# Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

## Prelude

*Kevin Masemann, piano*

## 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: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” - ELW #763

### Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Job 38:1-11

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—  
<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

## **Children at Heart Sermon**

### **Gospel Acclamation**



### **Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41**

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

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.”  
<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”  
<sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ELW #773**

## **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**

*Kevin Masemann, 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.**

## 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

*"Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me"* - ELW #767

### 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: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" ELW #756**

### **Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

*Kevin Masemann, 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 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 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*

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

## Stay Connected with Memorial

Keep up-to-date with Memorial and community events, prayer requests, volunteer opportunities, and more; sign up to receive emails and/or periodic texts at [bit.ly/memorialconnect](https://bit.ly/memorialconnect) or by using the QR code.



## Save the Date!

Make sure you're in worship on Sunday, July 14 to hear important updates on ongoing and upcoming projects from our Council and Property Team. See you there!

## We want your project to succeed! Apply today for a grant from the Ministry Endowment Fund.

We are now accepting applications for 2024 grants from our Ministry Endowment Fund! We are interested in supporting creative and innovative projects to serve the community and world. Following the example of Jesus of Nazareth, we have a bias for projects that serve the overlooked and the neglected. We also value:

- small projects, (because they are often seeds of change);
- projects that are built on collaboration with others;
- projects that draw diverse people together;
- and projects that evoke simplicity and self-giving generosity.

***Applications are due Friday, August 9, 2023, by 12 Noon (CDT).*** For more information and to apply, see the details and application here: <https://bit.ly/MLCEndowmentGrants2024>  
There are also applications available in the Narthex.

## Help Wanted!

Do you have musical gifts to share? Our Faith Formation Team is looking for a flexible volunteer or a team of flexible volunteers to teach and lead simple Christian songs and music activities with students in preschool - 6th grade during Wednesday Night Live. Wednesday Night Live meets on Wednesday evenings during the school year from 6:30 - 7:30 pm with some exceptions. If you would be willing to either help or lead in any way please contact Pastor Kathleen at [Pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:Pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org). Thank you for considering!

## ***“Blast Back to School”—School Supplies Needed!***

Did you know that on average, families spend over \$100 per child to purchase necessary school supplies? For many families this is just not possible on limited budgets. Story County’s Blast Back to School Event aims to relieve the burden of back to school expenses for local families of K–12 students through the donation of supplies and backpacks. You can help by bringing supplies (see the list below) to Memorial this summer, which will then be distributed to schools. Please leave the supplies outside the front office—thank you for your help!

### ***Supplies needed:***

- Headphones
- #2 Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Black Pens
- Blue Pens
- Red Pens
- Highlighters
- Pencil Pouches
- Box of 10 Broad Line Markers
- 24 Pack of Crayola Colored Pencils
- 24 Pack of Crayola Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Bottles
- Plastic (no paper please) Pocket Folders
- 1-inch Binders
- Plastic School Supply Boxes
- Wide-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- College-ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Backpacks (most of the monetary funds donated go towards purchasing backpacks)

## **Card Shower for Johann Thiel**

Johann Thiel is turning 90 on June 29, and he would love to receive some birthday cards! Cards can be mailed here:

Attn: Johann Thiel  
Bethany Life  
Christine's House, Room 18  
212 Lafayette Ave.  
Story City, IA 50248

## **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.

## **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>

## **Share Your Favorite Hymns**

We all have a favorite hymn or two (or three or four...). Be sure to add your favorite(s) to the Music Notes bulletin board on your way to coffee and donuts. We hope to use this list in future worship hymn sings.

## **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*

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

When: June 30—July 3, 6-8 PM

Where: St. Patrick’s

#### **Important updates on projects from our Council and Property Team**

When: July 14 during 9:00 AM worship service

#### **“Christmas in July”**

When: July 14 during 9:00 AM worship service

#### **Homemade Ice Cream Social**

*Free will donations benefit mission projects of the St. Paul Women of the ELCA*

When: July 14, 4—7 PM

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center



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